

**TOWN OF COLEBROOK
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
Special Meeting
Monday August 1st, 2022
5:00PM
Selectman's conference Room**

Board Members Present:
Christopher Johnstone
Kate Kennedy
Ernie Marmer

Board Members Absent:
(none)

Others Present:

- 1) Meeting called to order at 5:05PM.
- 2) The minutes of the 11 July 2022, meeting were distributed and read. There being no changes, the minutes were approved as written.
- 3) Road Foreman's report: Tabled, report was not available.
- 4) Ernie Marmer moved that the Board of Selectman request that the Board of Finance approve a supplemental appropriation of \$849,770.00 representing the Town's remaining share of repairs to the Creamery Road and Sandy Brook Road Bridges. Seconded by Kate Kennedy. Motion passed, unanimous.
- 5) Kate moved that the Board of Selectman request the Board of Finance establish a "Line of Credit" of \$500K at Iron Bank in the event of reimbursement delays or contingencies. Seconded by Ernie Marmer. Motion passed, unanimous.
- 6) Ernie moved that the Board of Selectman appoint Edward Bascetta as Fire Marshall and Marc Melanson as Deputy Fire Marshall. Seconded by Kate Kennedy. Motion passed, unanimous.
- 7) Ernie Marmer moved that the Board of Selectman approve the request from the Colebrook Historical Society to research and make application for funding for the installation of Granite Curbing in front of the Colebrook Historical Society. Seconded by Kate Kennedy. Motion passed unanimous.
- 8) Chris Johnstone discussed his meeting with the Mercury Construction company for the installation of a two station Electric Vehicle charging station. The meeting was held on July 20th, 2022. He has not received an estimate for the installation as of this date.
- 9) Kate Kennedy made the motion as follows: "In as much as the Colebrook Senior and Community Center (CSCC) no longer receives funding from the Western Connecticut Area Agency on Aging (WCAAA) and is thus no longer required to maintain an Advisory Board and Advisory Board By-Laws, that the Board of Selectman dissolve the existing Advisory Board and its By-laws.
And secondly, pursuant to the dissolution of the current Advisory Board, the Board of Selectman hereby grants the CSCC Director the authority to create an Advisory Committee under the Director, which shall consist of one Selectman and four to six (4 – 6) active CSCC members. Advisory committee member will be given a clear

- understanding of the responsibilities of the position by the CSCC Director". Motion seconded by Ernie Marmer. Motion Passed, unanimous.
- 10) Ernie Marmer moved to hire William R. Volovski as Building Inspector for the Town of Colebrook. A part time position with an annual salary of \$15,370 per year effective 1 August 2022. Seconded by Kate Kennedy. Motion passed, unanimous.
 - 11) Chris Johnstone moved to forward the recommendation of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Committee to utilize the full amount of ARPA funds that the town will receive \$414,330.82 for the purchase of a Pumper Fire Truck to the Board of Finance for their review. Seconded by Ernie Marmer. Motion passed, unanimous.
 - 12) Ernie Marmer moved/resolved, that First Selectman Christopher L. Johnstone be, and hereby is authorized to accept on behalf of the Town of Colebrook a 2022 Connecticut STEAP Grant in the amount of \$500,000 for Paving of Rock Hall Road, Fritz Road, and Town Hall parking lot.
Further resolved, that First Selectman Christopher L. Johnstone is hereby authorized to enter into and execute any and all agreements, contracts, and documents necessary to obtain said 2022 STEAP Grant with the State of Connecticut." Seconded by Kate Kennedy. Motion passed, unanimous.
 - 13) The FY 22/23 budget was reviewed.
 - 14) The FY 21/22 budget was reviewed.
 - 15) Ernie Marmer moved to approve a tax refund for Tara Thompson of \$178.33 payable to the Colebrook Tax Collector. Seconded by Kate Kennedy. Motion passed, unanimous.
 - 16) Ernie Marmer moved to pay bills as presented. Seconded by Kate Kennedy. Motion passed unanimous.
 - 17) On a motion by Chris Johnstone seconded by Ernie Marmer meeting adjourned at 6:25PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Christopher Johnstone
First Selectman