

## COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education/Joint Select Board Meeting  
Colchester Meeting House

Tuesday, November 11, 2008  
8:00 p.m. (General Session)

The Colchester Board of Education held a joint meeting with the Select Board on Tuesday, November 11, 2008 at the Colchester Meeting House. Those in attendance were: Chair, Dirk Reith; Directors: Dan Carver, Dick Pecor, Mike Rogers, and Paul Smith; Superintendent, Larry Waters; Business and Operations Manager, George A. Trieb, Jr.; Town Manager, Al Voegele; Select Board: Roger Derby, Marc Landry, Brian McNeil, Mickey Palmer, and Dick Paquette.

### MINUTES (General Session)

#### **I. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Reith called the meeting to order at 8:20 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **II. Update on Town/School Facility**

The Select Board discussed their potential use of the current police department building. At this time, no final decisions have been made about its use by the Colchester Police Department. They have received estimates for renovations to bring it up to code and use. The town manager will update the superintendent regarding its use in the near future.

The town manager expressed that he believes the district property on the east side of Laker Lane will not pass the permitting process for Act 230 due to agricultural restrictions. The district is not aware of any restrictions related to that parcel. Further, it is not part of the "set aside" property for the development of the athletic fields. It was mentioned that a future Colchester Police Department building might be able to locate on that parcel. There was no further discussion about moving the Colchester Alternative Program (CAP) or central office in the near future.

#### **III. New Sport Fields**

The Director of Parks and Recreation provided each board with an excellent overview of the use of district buildings and fields by the Recreation Department throughout the year. Essentially, the district and town would mutually benefit from the construction of the new athletic fields to be located on the west side of Laker Lane. The fields have received all their permits to proceed with construction. The total cost is about \$675,000. The Select Board clearly indicated that they are not able to provide any funding for the construction of the new fields for a variety of reasons.

#### **IV. Sewer/Septic**

The town manager provided the district with an overview of the current plan in increase sewer capacity with Burlington and South Burlington. There were no decisions made based on the information.

**V. Sharing Existing Services**

The boards discussed the possibility of merging some aspects of their financial services (accounts payable, accounts receivable, payroll, etc.). We currently use the same platform (Munis). The superintendent and town manager would look into the possibility of using a paperless timesheet format for their employees. The boards also discussed the idea of sharing I.T. personnel at some time in the future, however, both are currently short staffed at this time.

**VI. Adjourn**

Chair Reith moved, seconded by Director Pecor to adjourn the school district meeting at 9:38 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Recorder:

Board Clerk:

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Larry Waters  
Reporting Secretary

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Paul Smith  
Board Clerk