

May 21, 2025

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York was held on Wednesday, May 21, 2025.

Present:	Arthur M. Merrill	Supervisor
	Gregory L. Lavorgna	Councilman
	Julie A. Markert	Councilwoman
	Daniel J. Pinner	Councilman
	Janet Champlin	Councilwoman
	Kenneth Eck Jr.	Highway Superintendent
Recording Secretary:	Allison R. Gill	Town Clerk

Others present: Rob Hafele, Elizabeth DeFalco (The Reporter) , Dawn D'Addezio, Cindy Conrow, and Officer Bell.

The Meeting was called to order at 5:04PM by Supervisor Arthur M. Merrill and he led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the last regular meeting on May 7, 2025 had been distributed earlier. Greg Lavorgna made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Dan Pinner. Greg Lavorgna-aye, Dan Pinner-aye , Julie Markert-aye, Janet Champlin-aye, motion carried.

GUEST- None

VISITORS COMMENTS- Cindy Conrow asked Supervisor Merrill about the ditching and cleaning the Highway Department was doing on Cooks Falls Road. She commented that there were 2 places in front of her properties. She inquired if the Town would be paving that road. Supervisor Merrill stated that they are cleaning it now for water run-off to be better and to prepare the road for oil and stone. Cooks Falls Road is one of the roads listed to be chip sealed this year.

Cindy then asked if when they are there in Cooks Falls, would it be possible to apply some stone on the parking area at the Cooks Falls Court? Supervisor Merrill will talk to Highway Superintendent Eck about this. Cindy also asked about adding a room to the court building in Cooks Falls and for a roof that extends out on the building. Supervisor Merrill stated that he would get together with Cindy to discuss what it is she wants, and then would have to put it out to bid for the work. Further discussion will be made after more planning is complete.

CORRESPONDENCE: Antoinette Vessey, Tax Collector reported that 92% of the Town of Colchester taxes have been collected.

A letter was received from NYSDOT stating that they are doing the pavement on Main Street in Downsville. It does not give a date as of yet, the sidewalk they have repaired seem to be complete now.

Supervisor Merrill will speak to Rich Haiser in regards to a few of the other sidewalks in town that need repair. Supervisor Merrill will find out who is responsible to repair those.

REPORTS- written reports on file at Town Clerk's Office:

Officer Rich Bell explained to the Board how the reports would be coming from the Police Department. There is Incident Reports, Arrest Records, Electronic Blotter, and now a schedule that will be posted for a month. Officer Bell will give the members of the board badge assignment numbers, so that the reports will be understood. Officer Bell has also started an electronic

scheduling program. This program can be sent to Supervisor Merrill and the Town Clerk, so that they will know who is on and when.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS :

- Downsville Water System Improvement Project DWSR #17537: Meters & Installation – Brian Bush has installed a few
- Public Safety Building: Split Units are installed. Electric was done and Kennedy will return to make final connection on June 3rd.
- Park Paddle Project – Highway crew will work on this again next week.
- Town of Colchester Comprehensive Plan- Meeting on 5/22 to go over the survey results.
- Cemetery Drainage Project- Soil and water will do the survey work we need for this project.
- Fire Hydrant on Clark Street- Materials have arrived for this. Ron will need some of the Highway Department crew to complete this.
- Knox Avenue and Montgomery Avenue Intersection- Highway Superintendent has ordered the signs, waiting for delivery of those.

NEW BUSINESS :

There were two more applications brought in for employment at the pool for the summer. Supervisor Merrill will wait to speak to Jody Reed about the applications for her recommendation.

Dan Pinner has spoke to Shelly Johnson at the Delaware County Planning Board about the possibility of getting some students or interns to help with the transfer of all of our cemetery records on to the computer. Shelly has said there is the Youth Bureau, DCO, or even DCS. There are grants available and the Delaware Co. Planning Board will help to write the grants. The grants are to be handed in by the end of June and would have results by December 2025. The Board discussed this and would like to follow through with the application of some grants. Dan Pinner will contact Shelly Johnson again tomorrow to see what it is they will need specifically for the grants, and what it is she will need from the Town to complete the grants.

NO. 52-2025 05/21/2025 Sale of Ferris Zero Turn Mower to Downsville Central School

Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town purchased a Ferris Zero Turn Mower in 2020; and

WHEREAS, the mower is not heavy enough for use by the cemetery crew on our cemeteries, and is still in great condition,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorizes the sale of this Ferris Zero Turn Mower to the Downsville Central School District in the amount of \$3500.00.

Resolution seconded by Dan Pinner , Greg Lavorgna-aye, Dan Pinner-aye , Julie Markert-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Janet Champlin-aye, resolution declared adopted

GENERAL/FINAL DISCUSSION:

PERSONNEL: Executive session needed for personnel.

Executive Session called to order at 5:36PM by Janet Champlin, seconded by Greg Lavorgna.

Out of Executive Session at 5:58PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Supervisor Merrill made the following announcements

- Next Town Board Meeting will be June 3, 2025
- June 18, 2025 Meeting will be at 3PM (Please note the time change)

SUBMISSION OF BILL/EXPENSES: Julie Markert made the motion, seconded by Janet Champlin that the vouchers be approved, subject to any corrections or deletions, Dan Pinner-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, motion carried. Abstract No. 10-2025 Voucher No. 324-359 in the amount of \$87,109.14.

Respectfully Submitted:

Allison R. Gill, Town Clerk