

Government 101



Overview of Your Local Government

Town of Colchester

- Town Meeting – First Selectman form of government established and governed by Town Charter and Ordinances
- Town Meeting is the Legislative Body
- First Selectman is the Executive, with specific and limited authority



Elected Boards

- **Board of Selectmen**

- Rosemary Coyle, Denise Mizla, William Curran, Kurt Frantzen, Stan Soby

- **Board of Finance**

- Rob Tarlov, Rob Esteve, Art Shilosky, Tom Kane, John Ringo, James McNair

- **Board of Education**

- Ron Goldstein, Don Kennedy, Mary Tomasi, Brad Bernier, Michael Egan, Mitchell Koziol, Michael Voiland

- **Board of Assessment Appeals**

- Denise Turner, Torri Buchwald, John Malsbenden



Elected Officials

- Town Clerk – Gayle Furmann
- Tax Collector – Don Philips
- Treasurer – Greg Cordova
- Registrars - Dot Mrowka, Diana Giles



Appointed Officials

- Assessor – John Chaponis
- Building Official – Reed Gustafson
- Fire Marshall – Reed Gustafson
- Fire Chief – Walter Cox
- Animal Control Officer – Bill Paul



Appointed Boards

By Charter:

- Police Commission
- Sewer and Water Commission



Appointed Boards

By Ordinance:

- Planning and Zoning Commission
- Zoning Board of Appeals
- Economic Development Commission
- Parks and Recreation Commission
- Commission on Aging
- Fair Rent Commission
- Conservation Commission



Appointed Boards

- Historic District Commission
- Ethics Commission
- Charter Review Commission
- Flood and Erosion Control Board
- Police Retirement Board
- Agriculture Commission
- Open Space Advisory Committee



Appointed Boards

- Blight Ordinance Task Force
- School Building Committee
- Youth Services Advisory Board
- CHVFD Tax Exemption Commission
- Housing Authority



Town Departments

- Finance
- Public Works
- Planning and Zoning
- Public Health
- Parks and Recreation
- Code Administration
- Engineering
- Youth and Social Services
- Senior Services
- Cragin Library
- CHFD
- Police



Regional Entities

- Chatham Health District
- Joint Facilities – Colchester/East Hampton
- Colchester Emergency Communications – KX Dispatch
- Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (SCCOG)



Access

- All meetings are open except as provided for in the Freedom of Information Act
- Meetings are generally audio-recorded
- Email, Telephone, Visit
- Email blasts: Weekly Update on Monday, Happy Weekend on Friday, Special Topics as needed
- www.colchesterct.gov (Town)
- www.colchesterct.org (Board of Education)
-  FirstSelectmansOffice
-  @SelectmanStan

