

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
COLUMBIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, January 6, 2015, 7 pm
Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room
323 Route 87, Columbia, CT

Members Present: Deputy Selectman Steven Everett, Selectman William O'Brien, Selectman Robert Hellstrom. Selectman Robert Bogue arrived at 7:08 pm.

Also Present: Interim Town Administrator Mark Paquette, Finance Director Bev Ciurylo and others.

CALL TO ORDER: S. Everett called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **MINUTES:** 12/16/14 Regular Meeting; 12/17/14 Special Meeting (Tri-Board): W. O'Brien MOVED to approve the Regular meeting minutes of 12/16/14 and the Special Tri-Board meeting minutes of 12/17/14. MOTION CARRIED 3:0.

W. O'Brien MOVED to add item 7.4 entitled, "Appointment of Maureen Allen (R) to the Youth Services Committee" to the agenda. MOTION CARRIED 3:0.
3. **AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:** Leslie Kittle of Thompson Hill Road read his resignation letter as Columbia's Fire Marshal in to the record. He expressed his disappointment with the way the BOS and former Town Administrator handled personnel issues that concerned him while he was employed for the town. On behalf of the BOS, S. Everett wished L. Kittle the best of luck in the future and with his retirement.
4. **OLD BUSINESS:** None.
5. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - 5.1 **Final report - Ad Hoc Committee on Zoning and Preservation of Columbia Lake:** S. Everett stated that Final Report from the Ad Hoc Committee is for BOS review at this time. He asked the BOS to please read the report and bring any suggested changes, issues, etc. they may have to the next meeting for discussion purposes.

R. Bogue arrived at 7:08 pm.
 - 5.2 **Draft Pump-Out Ordinance as recommended by the Ad-Hoc Committee:** S. Everett stated that Draft Pump-Out Ordinance presented from the Ad Hoc Committee is for BOS review at this time. He asked the BOS to please read the report and bring any suggested changes, issues, etc. they may have to the next meeting for discussion purposes.
 - 5.3 **Establishment of Special Town Meeting for purposes of financial transfers:** M. Paquette discussed the three transfers with the BOS. W. O'Brien stated for the record that the BOS did not make a decision regarding "the concrete dock purchase looking less feasible due to cost consideration" as stated in a portion of the explanation for Clause 1. S. Everett concurred. Discussion followed. R. Bogue MOVED to establish a Special Town Meeting on January 20, 2015 at 6:45 pm in the Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room for the following purposes:
Clause 1 - Transfer \$3,500 from Capital Account #20-6190-001 entitled "Rec Area Improvement" to Capital Account #20-6403-011 entitled "Boathouse & Murphy House Renovations."
Clause 2 - Transfer \$272,000 from Capital Account #20-6206-999 entitled "Capital Project Reserve" to Capital Account #20-6206-009 entitled "Bridge on Baker Hill Road.

Clause 3 – Transfer \$15,000 from Capital Account #20-6206-999 entitled “Capital Project Reserve” to new Capital Account #20-6206-016 entitled “Bridge on Latham Hill.” MOTION CARRIED 4:0.

6. COLUMBIA LAKE / DAM / BEACH

6.1 Spósito boat cover: S. Everett stated that he has been in contact with Angela Spósito in regards to the boat cover and would like to see it prior to voting on the applicant’s for a permit. This ITEM has been TABLED.

7. APPOINTMENTS / RESIGNATIONS

7.1 Hire of Jason Ferrigno as substitute Facilities Maintainer: R. Hellstrom MOVED to hire Jason Ferrigno as substitute Facilities Maintainer. MOTION CARRIED 4:0.

7.2 Resignation of Fire Marshal Les Kittle: The BOS thanked L. Kittle for his time serving the town and accepted his resignation.

7.3 Appointment of Michael Lester as Acting Fire Marshal: W. O’Brien MOVED to appoint M. Lester as Acting Fire Marshal for a term lasting no longer than July 5, 2015 or until a permanent Fire Marshal is hired. MOTION CARRIED 4:0.

7.4 Appointment of Maureen Allen (R) to Youth Services Committee: W. O’Brien MOVED to appoint M. Allen to the Youth Services Committee. MOTION CARRIED 4:0.

8. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: M. Paquette stated that everything is going well and that staff has been helpful and great to work with. He explained that Jonathan Luiz spent a lot of time helping him prepare for his interim term. M. Paquette stated that he will focus on recruiting a permanent replacement for the Town Administrator and will assist with the FY 15-16 budget process. He plans on ensuring that town projects continue to move forward and that overall, things in town remain on track.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 Letter from St. Columba Church re donation to Fuel Assistance Fund

S. Everett shared recent correspondence received via mail with the BOS.

BUDGET

10.1 Transfers: None.

10.2 Refunds: R. Bogue MOVED to approve following refund:

AMOUNT	FROM	TO
\$278.41	Town of Columbia	CAB EAST LLC

MOTION CARRIED 4:0.

11. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS: W. O’Brien MOVED to approve the total payment of bills in the amount of \$198,836.82. MOTION CARRIED 4:0.

12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: R. Hellstrom stated that he is going to make a point to look at Szegda field.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

13.1 Real estate per State Statutes Section 1-200(6)(D); Pending Litigation per State Statutes Section 1-200(6)(B); Personnel per State Statues Section 1-200(6)(A): None.

14. ADJOURNMENT: S. Everett MOVED to adjourn at 7:39 pm and the MOTION CARRIED 4:0.

Respectfully submitted by Kimberly A. Bona