

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
COLUMBIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, October 21, 2014, 7 pm
Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room
323 Route 87, Columbia, CT

Members Present: First Selectman Carmen Vance; Selectman Steven Everett; Selectman William O'Brien; Selectman Robert Hellstrom; Selectman Robert Bogue.

Also Present: Town Administrator Jonathan Luiz and others.

CALL TO ORDER: C. Vance called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **MINUTES:** 10/7/14 Regular Meeting: W. O'Brien MOVED to approve the BOS regular meeting minutes of 10/7/14. MOTION CARRIED 4:0:1 with R. Hellstrom abstaining.
3. **AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:** None.
4. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - 4.1 **Draft Anti-Blight Ordinance:** Discussion took place among the BOS regarding the draft ordinance. J. Luiz reviewed a "citation timeline" that he created for the BOS. C. Vance suggested that the BOS continue to review the draft and bring suggestions back to the next BOS meeting.
 - 4.2 **Draft changes to Ordinance Establishing Citation Procedures and Fines Municipal Code Violations:** This ITEM has been TABLED.
 - 4.3 **Facility use forms and policies:** This ITEM has been TABLED.
5. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - 5.1 **Monuments:** At the request of First Selectman Vance Jan Thibodeau of 1 Beach Road and Louis Scotti of 273 Route 87 spoke to the BOS about the purchase and placement of a Vietnam monument on the Town Green. J. Thibodeau explained that the monument would consist of black polished granite with a picture of a fallen soldier on the front and the back of the stone would read POW-MIA, and the bottom of it would state "All gave some, some gave all." J. Thibodeau stated that she received quotes from the following companies: Tri County (\$6,405) and Quintana (\$3,466). The BOS concurred that Quintana would be the best company to purchase from. J. Thibodeau stated that a letter of acceptance and a deposit equal to half of the purchase price would be required prior to the end of November or else the quote from Quintana would increase. S. Everett stated that he would like to see the names of the Veterans on the monument. L. Scotti stated that he feels that is a good idea but doing so is not feasible for various reasons. L. Scotti would appreciate it if this project is completed as soon as possible. Discussion took place regarding the placement of a monument representing the Korean War on the Green as well. J. Luiz explained that funds have not been allocated for the monument/s therefore a transfer will have to be approved by the BOS and FiPAC. S. Everett MOVED to approve the proposed monument project presented by J. Thibodeau and L. Scotti. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

5.2 **Property tax exemption on horses:** Discussion ensued. The BOS were in agreement that the town should stop assessing property taxes on horses and ponies. W. O'Brien MOVED that the town's property taxes on horses and ponies end next fiscal year. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

6. **COLUMBIA LAKE / DAM / BEACH**

6.1 **Application for Constructing Structures on or over the Lake by Derway Trust:** This ITEM has been TABLED.

6.2 **Application for Constructing Structures on or over the Lake by Cooke:** S. Everett MOVED to approve the application of Stephen and Louise Cooke contingent upon the recommendations made by Lake Management Advisory Committee (LMAC). MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

6.3 **Application for Constructing Structures on or over the Lake by Herpst:** S. Everett MOVED to approve the application of Bernard and Carol Herpst contingent upon the recommendations made by LMAC. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

7. **APPOINTMENTS / RESIGNATIONS:** None.

8. **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:** J. Luiz stated that a Town Meeting will be held Thursday, October 23, 2014 at 7:30 pm in Yeomans Hall to discuss the Referendum vote on Library expansion and renovation. J. Luiz spoke about the CCM Convention he attended. J. Luiz shared details of the Erdoni Road meeting that took place last week. He informed the BOS that the C-PACE contract has been signed by C. Vance and that the dam renovation project is proceeding as scheduled. J. Luiz stated that he is still in the process of getting pricing on a new concrete dock at the Lake Beach. He also stated that Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield, the Town and the School District have decided that the wellness funds being provided by Anthem will be split with \$1,000 going to the town and \$4,000 going to the school.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE**

9.1 10/7/14 letter from Lt. Eric Murray to C. Vance

10. **BUDGET**

10.1 Transfers: C. Vance MOVED to approve the following transfers:

AMOUNT	FROM A/C #	TO A/C #
\$796	10-4132-500, Assessor, Prof/Tech	10-4132-770, Assessor, Transportation
\$599	10-4132-500, Assessor, Prof/Tech	10-4132-010, Assessor, Salaries

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

S. Everett MOVED to approve the following transfer:

AMOUNT	FROM A/C #	TO A/C #
\$3,600	10-4800-900, Contingency	10-4610-300, Public Celebrations, General Supplies

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

10.2 Refunds: R. Bogue MOVED to approve the following refunds:

AMOUNT	FROM	TO
\$41.10	Town of Columbia	Deborah or John Bailey
\$26.70	Town of Columbia	Michele Ozark
\$15.95	Town of Columbia	Jon Stephens
\$60.01	Town of Columbia	Christopher Fiore

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

10.3 Planning Tools: No discussion.

11. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS: R. Bogue MOVED to approve the FY 13-14 emergency bills in the amount of \$486.39. MOTION CARRIED 5:0. C. Vance MOVED to approve the FY 14-15 regular payment of bills in the amount of \$48,094.58. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: None.

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 Statutes Section 1-200(6)(A); None.

14. ADJOURNMENT: C. Vance MOVED to adjourn at 8:32 pm and the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 4, 2014 at 7 pm in the Meeting Place.

Respectfully submitted by Kimberly A. Bona.