

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
COLUMBIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, November 15, 2016 – 7 pm
Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room
323 Route 87, Columbia, CT**

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

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

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**
2. **MINUTES:** BOS Regular Meeting Minutes of October 18, 2016: S. Everett MOVED to approve the BOS 10/18/16 Minutes. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.
3. **AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:** None.

C. Vance thanked W. O'Brien for the recent Opioid Awareness Program that was held on Wednesday, November 9, 2016. She stated that the speakers were wonderful. W. O'Brien thanked M. Walter and K. Bona for the preparation of refreshments. C. Vance feels it would be beneficial to bring this to parents. W. O'Brien agreed and would like to work on arranging this. R. Bogue asked if there are any programs at the school to educate the kids about drugs. S. Everett stated that the DARE Program still takes place, but is targeted towards younger children. He feels that parents would benefit from a program like the Opioid Program. W. O'Brien stated that the Resident Trooper feels the DARE Program gives him an opportunity to interact with the kids. R. Hellstrom discussed the issue with over-prescribing painkillers. There is a drop off for over prescribed medications at AHM and State Police Headquarters.

4. **OLD BUSINESS:** None.
5. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - 5.1 **NECASA – Local Prevention Council Contract:** M. Walter explained that Columbia was awarded the Local Prevention Grant in the amount of \$2,875.50. This is the contract for DARE Program and Esteem Day event at the school that is held every year. W. O'Brien MOVED to authorize the First Selectman to sign the contract with the Northeast Communities Against Substance Abuse (NECASA) for the annual DARE Program and Esteem Day, not to exceed \$2,875.50. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.
 - 5.2 **2017 BOS Meeting Schedule:** C. Vance MOVED to approve the 2017 BOS Meeting Schedule as presented. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.
 - 5.3 **Eversource conversion to LED lighting:** G. Murphy stated that this is part of the Eversource program to reduce energy cost across the country. He feels that it is better to slowly convert the streetlights one by one, versus converting to LED all at once. The LED streetlights in the big cities have been shown to interrupt sleep and also to cause issues with driving because of the brightness. R. Hellstrom asked if there is a different type of LED. GM said he does not know if Eversource can offer a different LED, but he feels that they may be able to lower the lumens. G. Murphy explained that if residents begin complaining when the conversions start, then that will determine whether or not to stop the conversions. C. Vance MOVED to authorize the First Selectman to sign the Eversource Release and Authorization for the Automatic Installation of LED Equipment on Utility Owned Streetlights as presented with the understanding that street lights will be replaced one by one on an ongoing basis and not all at once. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.
 - 5.4 **Region 4 - FY 2016 State Homeland Security Grant:** R. Hellstrom MOVED to authorize the First Selectman to sign the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the FY 2016 Homeland Security Region 4 Grant and to approve the RESOLUTION as presented. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.
6. **COLUMBIA LAKE / DAM / BEACH**
 - 6.1 **Lake draw-down:** G. Murphy explained that discussions were held regarding our seasonal procedure for dropping the lake level given our current draught condition. For that reason the winter lake water level drawdown was reduced to only five and one half feet and not to a minus six feet as outlined in our adopted procedures. He stated that the

town is required to maintain a level between five and five and one half feet for the winter months by those guidelines adopted by the Town of Columbia in 1988. This is done for two reasons:

- First and foremost is potential for property damage to seawalls, boathouses, concrete piers and wooden docks from ice damage.
- Secondly, the lake is dropped to allow property owners around the lake to make any repairs which may be required for those items just mentioned.

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

8. **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:** (See attached)

9. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

9.1 **EHHD Comparative Budget Statement**

9.2 **EHHD Opioid Treatment data 2012-2016**

9.3 **Prescription Drug Savings – September 2016**

9.4 **State Police Monthly Activity Report – October 2016**

9.5 **Thank you note to Rev. Michael Smith, Pastor from C. Vance re: donations to Columbia Food Pantry and Columbia Fuel Bank dated 11/8/16**

10. **BUDGET:**

10.1 **Transfers:** S. Everett MOVED to authorize the following transfer:

AMOUNT / TRANSFER #	FROM A/C #, DESCRIPTION	TO A/C #, DESCRIPTION
\$1,000 / 2017-004	10-4510-130, PZC Legal Notices	10-4550-130, ZBA Legal Notices

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

C. Vance MOVED to establish a Town Meeting on Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 6:45 pm in the Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room for the following purpose: To approve a funds transfer in the amount of \$20,000 from the H.W. Porter Capital Plan from the Annual flooring Replacement and Repair line to a new line item for 2016-17 entitled Potable Water Booster Pump Replacement. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

10.2 **Refunds:** R. Bogue MOVED to approve the following transfers:

AMOUNT	FROM	TO
\$30.42	Town of Columbia	EAN Holdings LLC
\$358.39	Town of Columbia	Hyundai Lease Titling
\$75.18	Town of Columbia	Keith Herzig
\$35.67	Town of Columbia	Brian Batherson
\$52.83	Town of Columbia	Gregory Chamberlain
\$20.71	Town of Columbia	Joan McGuigan
\$46.10	Town of Columbia	David Shaw

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

11. **APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS:** C. Vance MOVED to approve the payment of bills including regular, emergency, paychex and credit cards in the amount of \$211,021.22. 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 Statues Section 1-200(6)(A);** None.

14. **ADJOURNMENT:** C. Vance MOVED to ADJOURN at 7:52 pm and the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kimberly A. Bona