REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
COLUMBIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, June 2, 2015 - 7 pm.
Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room
323 Route 87, Columbia, CT

CALL TO ORDER

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. MINUTES: BOS Regular meeting minutes of 5/19/15 and Special Site Walk minutes of 5/19/15

3. AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

4. OLD BUSINESS:
4.1 Korean Memorial
4.2 Blight Ordinance – Citation Officer
4.3 Re-allocate $1,000 from Fund 39 (Farmer's Market) to Fund 29 (Recreation Department – "Columbia Market")

5. NEW BUSINESS
5.1 Recycling Incentive Grant Program
5.2 Increase Rec Park Pavilion rental fee

6. COLUMBIA LAKE / DAM / BEACH

7. APPOINTMENTS / RESIGNATIONS:
7.1 Hire 2 additional Marine Patrol Officers for the 2015 season (Jacob Derring and Lucy Drabek)

8. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

9. CORRESPONDENCE
9.1 "Mega Mandate" SB 593 – Police mental health & Fire cancer presumption
9.2 8th Grade Graduation 6.22.15 @ 4pm
9.3 DARE Graduation 6.11.15 @ 2pm
9.4 Columbia Lions Club Annual Fourth of July Parade

10. BUDGET
10.1 Transfers
10.2 Refunds

11. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS

12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

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);

14. ADJOURNMENT

TOWN OF COLUMBIA
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, May 19, 2015 6 pm.
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
SITE WALK

Members Present: First Selectman Carmen Vance; Deputy Selectman Steven Everett; Selectman Robert Hellstrom; Town Administrator Natasha Nau.

Also Present: LMAC Chairman Mark Coleman, Angela Sposito and others.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** C. Vance called the special meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

2. **NEW BUSINESS:**

2.1 **Site Walk: 23 Upper Woodland Terrace:** Discussion ensued regarding the boathouse roof/cover. The permitted dimensions per LMAC are 20' x 10'. The current dimensions of the structure are 22' x 10.5'. The width variance (10.5 feet) was previously approved by the Board of Selectmen but not the length. Esposito will remediate the length violation in a timely manner and notify LMAC. LMAC will then inspect and report back to the Board of Selectmen.

3. **ADJOURNMENT:** C. Vance MOVED to adjourn at 6:35 pm and the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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COLUMBIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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Members Present: First Selectman Carmen Vance; Selectman William O'Brien; Selectman Robert Hellstrom.

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

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

C. Vance MOVED to discuss item 5.1 entitled, 2015 Boat Mooring Lottery at this time. MOTION CARRIED 3:0.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

5.1 **2015 Boat Mooring Lottery:** The 2015 Boat Mooring Lottery consisted of three individuals whom were randomly picked as follows:
1. Mike Scalise
2. Lisa Catanese
3. Jeff Lynds

2. MINUTES: **BOS Regular meeting minutes of 5/5/15:** W. O'Brien MOVED to approve the BOS regular meeting minutes of 5/5/15. MOTION CARRIED 3:0.

3. AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS: None.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

4.1 **Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program - Guest speaker Peter Huckins:** P. Huckins stated that there will be program income and a bank account would need to be set up if the town wants to retain that income. Discussion took place among the BOS regarding funding and fee waiver requests pertaining to the program. The BOS was in agreement to move forward and set up the account and waive the copy and deed recording fees.

4.2 **Blight Ordinance – Citation Officer:** N. Nau stated that she has discussed appointing a permanent Citation Officer with interim Citation Officer George Murphy. She explained that there is $8,000 budgeted for the position of a Citation Officer but there is no way of predicting the volume of blight issues that may arise. N. Nau would like to have the Zoning Enforcement Officer assume the position rather than hiring an outside individual. Discussion followed. No decisions were made. This item will be discussed further at a future BOS meeting.

4.3 **Library expansion project: Wieber Powell & Grunigen (WP & G) - next phase approval:** C. Vance MOVED to authorize WP & G to continue with Phase II of the renovation and expansion of the Saxton B. Little Free Library which is anticipated to cost approximately $53,465.00. MOTION CARRIED 3:0.

5. NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED):

5.2 **Discussion of Deputy Fire Marshal – Mike Lester:** M. Lester stated that he feels a Deputy Fire Marshal is needed in the instance he may be at work, out of town, sick, etc. Discussion followed. N. Nau stated that she will look into this with M. Lester.

5.3 **Hamilton property (Hennequin Road) drainage issue:** Discussion took place regarding the drainage issue on the Hamilton Property located on Hennequin Road. C. Vance MOVED to authorize the town to pay Nathan L. Jacobsen & Associates engineering firm up to $500 to help resolve the drainage issue on the Hamilton Property. MOTION CARRIED 3:0.

5.4 **Clean Energy Communities Municipal Pledge:** N. Nau stated that she met with an Eversource representative to discuss the proposed Pledge. She explained that the town is eligible for a grant $5,000 - $15,000 contingent upon the funding being spent on projects related to energy efficiency and reduction of consumption. N. Nau explained that there is no disadvantage if the town were to participate in the Pledge. Discussion followed. The BOS was in agreement to authorize C. Vance to sign the Clean Energy Communities Municipal Pledge.

5.5 **Agreement between Columbia and Bolton re: Building Official:** N. Nau stated that the Building Official is currently working 10 hours per week in Columbia which is not

adequate time for him to tend to the high volume of inspections that are going through the Building Department. The agreement proposes 15 hours per week versus the current 10 hours per week. W. O'Brien MOVED to authorize C. Vance to enter into the proposed agreement with the town of Bolton to increase the Building Officials' hours from 10 to 15 hours per week. MOTION CARRIED 3:0.

5.6 **24th Annual Steeple Chase Bike Tour (SCBT):** W. O'Brien MOVED to allow the 24th annual SCBT to travel through Columbia on August 15, 2015. MOTION CARRIED 3:0.

5.7 **Highway Safety Grant Application:** N. Nau spoke with Resident State Trooper Gregory DeCarli regarding the Highway Safety Grant, and stated that he highly recommended that the town apply for this grant. The grant totals $4,000 for specialized speed enforcement operations beyond the towns routine patrol activities. C. Vance MOVED that the town apply for the Highway Safety Grant. MOTION CARRIED 3:0.

5.8 **AXA Resolution:** C. Vance MOVED to add N. Nau as an authorized signer and new plan administrator for the 401A and 457 retirement accounts. MOTION CARRIED 3:0.

6. COLUMBIA LAKE / DAM / BEACH

6.1 **Letter from M. Coleman dated May 16, 2015 re: Lake status**

7. APPOINTMENTS / RESIGNATIONS:

7.1 **Hire of Marine Patrol 2015 season:** W. O'Brien MOVED to appoint the following individuals as Marine Patrol officers for the 2015 season:
Carmen Vance (alternate)
Janice Thibodeau (alternate)
Robert Powell
Thomas Griffith
Steve Postemsky
George Lewandowski
Jason Ferrigno
Nick Wrana
Sharon Smith
MOTION CARRIED 3:0.

7.2 **Resignation of Grant Bombria effective June 1, 2015:** The BOS recognized the resignation of G. Bombria.

W. O'Brien MOVED to add item 7.3 entitled, "Appointment of Substitute Facilities Maintainer" to the agenda. MOTION CARRIED 3:0.

7.3 **Appointment of Substitute Facilities Maintainer:** C. Vance MOVED to hire John Ciurylo as Substitute Facility Maintainer. MOTION CARRIED 3:0.

8. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: N. Nau discussed the Town Administrator report with the BOS (SEE ATTACHED). N. Nau also notified the BOS that DPW has begun basin repairs on Heritage Drive and Wildwood Road in preparation for milling in June. The dam project is almost complete; all that remains is the fencing for the gate and the driveway paving. N. Nau spoke about two fires in town and a safety hazard at 7 Cherry Valley Road. Last, N. Nau stated that the Tax Sale is scheduled for Thursday, May 21, 2015 at 10 am. She informed the BOS that four out of the five properties that are up for auction have been paid at this time.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 **Verizon Wireless Proposal for Small Cell Lease Agreement, CVFD**

9.2 **CCM Prescription Discount Card Program RESULTS for Columbia**

9.3 **CT State Police – April 2015 Report**

9.4 **NECASA 25 years of service**

9.5 **Columbia Crossroads:** N. Nau stated that Alyson Cranick, Susan Smith and Ann Marie Drury have volunteered to see that Columbia Crossroads continues going forward.

10. BUDGET

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

AMOUNT	FROM A/C #, DESCRIPTION	TO A/C#, DESCRIPTION
$50	10-4133-300, Tax Collector/General Supplies	10-4133-500, Tax Collector/Prof/Tech

MOTION CARRIED 3:0.

C. Vance MOVED to approve the following transfer:

AMOUNT	FROM A/C #, N	TO A/C #, DESCRIPTION
$800	10-4250-540, CONA Celebrations	10-4250-811, CONA Mach/Equip.

MOTION CARRIED 3:0.

W. O'Brien MOVED to approve the following transfer:

AMOUNT	FROM A/C #, DESCRIPTION	TO A/C #, DESCRIPTION
$710	10-4132-500, Assessor, Prof/Tech	10-4132-010, Assessor, Salaries

MOTION CARRIED 3:0.

R. Hellstrom MOVED to approve the following transfer:

AMOUNT	FROM A/C #, DESCRIPTION	TO A/C #, DESCRIPTION
$500	10-4132-500, Assessor, Prof/Tech	10-4132-770, Assessor, Transportation

MOTION CARRIED 3:0.

R. Hellstrom MOVED to approve the following transfer:

AMOUNT	FROM A/C #, DESCRIPTION	TO A/C #, DESCRIPTION
$600	10-4112-040, Admin, Group Insurance	10-4112-240, Admin, Fuel

MOTION CARRIED 3:0.

10.2 **Refunds:** W. O'Brien MOVED to approve the following refunds:

AMOUNT	FROM	TO
$27.12	Town of Columbia	Rowley, Gregory
$200.03	Town of Columbia	Honda Lease Trust

MOTION CARRIED 3:0.

10.3 **Suspense List:** C. Vance MOVED to approve the Suspense List as presented. MOTION CARRIED 3:0.

11. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS: C. Vance MOVED to approve the payment of bills in the amount of $27,880.57. MOTION CARRIED 3:0.

12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: C. Vance reminded everyone about the annual Chamber of Commerce "Business of the Year" dinner taking place on Wednesday, May 20, 2015. She stated that Columbia's Business of the Year is "Certified Auto Repair."

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 8:22 pm and the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted by Kimberly A. Bona

TRIAL BALANCE - SUMMARY
Funds 39 to 39
From July 2014 to June 2015
All Accounts Included - Without Subsidiary Transactions

d: 39 Columbia Farmers Market **** Tenative Closing Transactions Included

ccount Class	Account Number and Description	Beginning Bal	Debit Amt	Credit Amt	Ending Bal
ets	Cash	0.00 ..	0.00	0.00	0.00 ..
"	Accounts Receivable	0.00 ..	0.00	0.00	0.00 ..
"	Due From	1,022.78 DB	0.00	0.00	1,022.78 DB
"	Other Assets	0.00 ..	0.00	0.00	0.00 ..
"	Estimated Revenue	0.00 ..	0.00	0.00	0.00 ..
"	Revenue	0.00 ..	0.00	0.00	0.00 ..
bilities	Accounts Payable	0.00 ..	0.00	0.00	0.00 ..
"	Due To	0.00 ..	0.00	0.00	0.00 ..
"	Other Liabilities	0.00 ..	0.00	0.00	0.00 ..
d Equity	Appropriations	0.00 ..	0.00	0.00	0.00 ..
"	Expenditures	0.00 ..	0.00	0.00	0.00 ..
"	Encumbrances	0.00 ..	0.00	0.00	0.00 ..
"	Fund Balances	1,022.78 CR	0.00	0.00	1,022.78 CR
"	Reserve for Encumbrance	0.00 ..	0.00	0.00	0.00 ..
"	Budgetary Fund Balance	0.00 ..	0.00	0.00	0.00 ..
	TOTALS	0.00 ..	0.00	0.00	0.00 ..

Columbia Farmers Market is being resurrected by the Recreation Department. The Rec Dept needs start up funds to cover expenses such as advertising. Need a motion to re-allocate the Fund 39 funds (proceeds of prior Columbia Farmer Markets) to Fund 29 Recreation Department - Columbia Market; a new fundraiser for the Rec. Dept.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Recycling Incentive Grants
NOTICE OF AVAILABLE FUNDS
May 13, 2015

The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) is pleased to announce the availability of funding for municipalities and regions through the Recycling Incentive Grants Program. This RFP describes funding opportunities for the following programs

Section 1 – Recycling Rewards (awards may range between $2,000 and $25,000)
Section 2 – Unit-Based Pricing (UBP) Program (maximum award is $50,000)
Section 3 – Waste Reduction Initiatives (maximum award is $20,000)

Each Section requires a separate submission including a cover page and relevant application form (Appendices 1 – 4). A municipality may submit one proposal per year for each of the three funding opportunities listed above.

Funding is currently available for FY2016 and additional funds may become available for FY2017 and beyond. Applicants are encouraged to apply for projects on an ongoing basis and awards will be made as projects merit and funding is available.

□ **PROPOSAL DEADLINES:**

1. Recycling Rewards deadline is June 29, 2015 at 3:00 PM for FY 2016 and February 1 at 3:00 PM for future years. Subsequent rounds of rewards will be distributed via this RFP as they become available. Announcement of revisions to this RFP will be posted to DEEP's Municipal Recycling Resource Center webpage (or www.ct.gov/deep/MuniRecyclingResources) and posted to the CT Recyclers Listserve
2. UBP Program is ongoing and grants will be awarded on a first-come first-serve basis for as long as funds are available.
3. Waste Reduction Initiatives is ongoing and grants will be awarded on a first-come first-serve basis for as long as funds are available.

□ Mail **one (1) original and two (2) copies** (faxed and e-mailed applications will not be accepted) to:
Maritza Pagan, Agency Contact
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
Bureau of Materials Management and Compliance Assurance
Waste Engineering and Enforcement Division
79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106-5127

□ All applicants will be notified regarding a decision on their application following DEEP's review.

□ Grants awarded by DEEP are administered through a grant contract. Grantees will request reimbursement from DEEP for eligible expenses in accordance with the contract.

□ This application and all attachments may be found on DEEP's Municipal Recycling Resource Center webpage (or www.ct.gov/deep/MuniRecyclingResources).

□ For further information, contact: Maritza Pagan at (860) 424-3095 or Maritza.Pagan@ct.gov

OVERVIEW

The Recycling Incentive Grants Program offers funding to municipalities and regional organizations actively engaged in reducing solid waste, reducing disposal costs and increasing reuse and recycling. This grants program is one component of the Municipal and Regional Recycling Assistance Program which supports Connecticut's Solid Waste Management Plan to increase diversion from disposal by 60% through targeted technical assistance and incentives. The grants are divided into three categories: Section 1 – Recycling Rewards, Section 2 – Unit-Based Pricing Programs, and Section 3 –Waste Reduction Initiatives.

MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for funding, applicant must:

- Be a Connecticut municipality or Connecticut regional entity (e.g. council of governments, quasi-government agencies, regional planningagencies, resource recovery authorities, recycling operating committees, etc.)
- Offer parallel collection of recycling if trash collection is offered curbside or at transfer stationper C.G.S Sec. 22a-241j (Section 2 – UBP program grants excluded)
- Be in compliance with relevant DEEP solid waste and recycling reporting requirements (Annual Municipal Recycling Report, Municipal Transfer Station Quarterly Reports, etc)

Compliance status with other environmental regulations or statutes may impact eligibility.

GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS

Submission of complete and accurate information will enhance the possibility of the application being selected for funding. Applicants must:

- Meet Minimum Eligibility Requirements(see previous section)and Review Criteria (below);
- Submit a complete application for the category of funding you wish to be considered (Attachment 1, 2 and/or 3) and include one cover page for each category applied for(Attachment 4);
- Agree to report on the progress of the UBPProgram or Waste Reduction Initiative including and a description of challenges andresolutions, on a quarterly basis

Grants are awarded only to municipalities or regions based on meeting the above criteria and subject to the Commissioner's discretion. Approved projects will receive awards in the form of a contract, and work may not proceed until such time as the contract is fully executed. Applicants are encouraged to implement the project within one year of contract start date. The recipient will have two years to use allocated funding and all reports and documentation of expenses must be submitted to DEEP not later than 90 days following the expiration date of the grant contracts.

The suggested upper limit for Section 2 – UBP Programs is $50,000 and Section 3 – Waste Reduction Initiatives is $20,000. Requests for larger grants will be considered, but only for exceptional and well-justified proposals. Projects may be approved for funding at amounts which may differ from proposals at the Commissioner's discretion. For projects which are more expensive or in order to guarantee the continuation of the proposed project beyond the initial year of its implementation, matching funds should be considered. Proposals which demonstrate a commitment to maintain and continue the project beyond the initial year in which it is implemented without DEEP support are encouraged and will receive additional consideration. Any seasonal constraints which may prolong the project duration must be specifically discussed in the proposal.

More than one proposal may be submitted for consideration by an individual applicant. For those applicants who have previously received fundingthrough the Department ofEnergy and Environmental Protection, past performance will be a factor considered in theapproval process.

Timeline

Event Date	Event
May 13, 2015	RFP released
June 15, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.	Deadline for submitting questions to Agency Contact
June 18, 2015	Questions and responses will be posted on DEEP website
June 29, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.	Section 1, Recycling Rewards application deadline
July 2015	Notice of Recycling Rewards recipients
May 2015 – ongoing	Ongoing review of applications for Section 2 UBP programs and Section 3 Waste Reduction Initiatives

Review Criteria

Applications will be ranked and ultimately selected based upon a set of review criteria listed below. Section 1 Recycling Rewards includes a separate review method with a table of criterion and points to be earned and therefore Review Criteria numbers 3 – 7 below do not apply to that program.

1. Satisfaction of the Minimum Eligibility Requirements listed above;
2. Environmental compliance status of applicant (including Electronics Recycling Law)
3. Sustainability of project, including ability to demonstrate funding and resource availability over the long term.
4. Ability to demonstrate program is likely to be successful in reducing waste and/or increasing recycling based on other successful applications and research
5. The applicant's realistic and well thought out methodology and implementation plan, including but not limited to the:
    - Strength of implementation plan;
    - Strength of education and promotion plan;
    - Percent of households, or residents served and/or number of businesses/institutions served;
    - Estimated diversion of materials;
    - Progress to date and demonstrated support from key stakeholders
6. As applicable, the extent to which the project would be matched by other sources of revenue or municipal services;
7. Timeline for implementation of project - applicants are encouraged to implement program within one year of contract execution;

Submission of complete and accurate information will enhance the possibility of the application being selected for funding.

MULTIPLE SUBMISSIONS

A Proposer may submit a maximum of three (3) proposals annually in response to this RFP, one for each Section. Include a cover page for each category applied for (Attachment 4).

INQUIRY PROCEDURES

Applicants may submit questions about the RFP to the Official Agency Contact on or before June 15, 2015 at 3 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Questions must be in writing and submitted by US mail or e-mail to the Agency Contact. Questions will not be accepted over the telephone. Anonymous questions will not be answered. The agency reserves the right to provide a combined answer to similar questions. Responses to questions will be added

as an amendment to original RFP and will be posted by June 18, 2015 on DEEP's Municipal Recycling Resource Center webpage.

DEEP will also maintain a running list of FAQs on the Municipal Recycling Resource Centerwebpage.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Proposers are advised not to include in their proposals any proprietary information. The Connecticut Freedom of Information Act generally requires the disclosure of documents in the possession of the State upon request of any citizen, unless the content of the document falls within certain categories of exemption. An example of an exemption is a "trade secret," as defined by statute (C.G.S. § 1-19(b)(5)). If the information is not readily available to the public from other sources and the Proposer submitting the information requests confidentiality, then the information generally is considered to be "given in confidence." Confidential information must be isolated from other material in the proposal and labeled CONFIDENTIAL.

STYLE REQUIREMENTS

Proposals must conform to the following requirements: (1) be word processed or typewritten, (2) be not more than 8 pages in length for each Section, including any attachments, (3) be printed double sided, and (4) preferably be printed on paper having a minimum of 30% post-consumer recycled content.

SECTION ONE: Recycling Rewards
(See Attachment 1 for Application)

OVERVIEW

Municipalities with outstandingwaste reduction and recycling programsmay receive a payment in the form of a Recycling Reward. This grant seeks to reward municipalities that have strong waste prevention, reuse, recycling and composting programs and encourage such municipalities to continue to advance their waste diversion efforts. Rewardsmay be used towards designated activities and equipment that enhance existing solid waste reduction and recycling programs. To qualify, municipalities must complete the Recycling Rewards application (Attachment 1) by providing a description of activities that municipality administers from the list of modelprogram activities and policies below.

DEADLINE: Fiscal year 2015 applications are due by June 29, 2015 and subsequent applications will be due on February 1 of the next fiscal year as long as funds are available. Applications will be scored based on the Review Criterion listed below. Each criterion has a value ranging from 0 -5.

Criterion	Maximum Potential Points*
Existing UBP program (curbside or transfer station)	5
Residential or institutional / commercial / industrial (ICI) food scrap collection or drop-off	3
Active recycling enforcement program for ICI sectors and/or residents	3
Swap shack	1
Collection or drop-off for hard to recycle materials (bulky plastics, books/media, textiles, wood, other)	3
School recycling programs	3
Municipal building recycling programs	3
Recycling outreach and technicalassistance to industrial, commercial, and/orinstitutional sectors	3
Promote backyard composting andgrasscycling	1
Program to purchase recycled contentand reusable instead of disposableproducts	1
Successful innovative recycling programs	3
Support and set-up of a "repair café" or material share/exchange (i.e., tool library)	1
Mini disposal audit to assess success of keeping recyclables and potential reusable products out of the disposalwaste stream	3
Update of municipal recycling ordinance to: a) reflect recent state wide changes in recycling requirements; b) provide greater clarity regarding responsibility of landlords to provide for recycling services for tenants if they provide for trashservices for tenants; c) allow for unit-based pricing or managedcollection to function in municipality	3
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* If a criteria does not apply to a municipality that criteria will receive zero (0) points.

GRANT AWARD AMOUNT

Municipalities will earn points basedupon the criteria outlined above and then ranked in order from municipalities with the most numberof points to municipalities with the least number of points. The grants will be awarded to the topranking municipalities (by points)as far down the list as resources allow

(i.e. the cut-off point will be determinedby the point at which the total available funding has been committed). Grant amounts will be calculated for each municipality based on population, with a baseline reward combined with an additional payment for each point earned above andbeyond the minimum of 10 points. See table below. The last municipalityto make the cutoff may only receive a partial amount depending on availability of funds.

Population	Baseline Reward for a minimum of 10 points earned	Value of Each Additional Point	Maximum Reward
1 - 4,999 (41 towns)	$2,000	$200	$7,200
5,000 - 9,999 (33 towns)	$3,000	$300	$10,800
10,000 - 24,999 (53 towns)	$4,000	$400	$14,400
25,000 – 69,999 (33 towns)	$5,000	$500	$18,000
70,000 + (8 towns)	$7,000	$700	$25,200

To receive rewards in subsequent years, the municipality must make improvements in their waste reduction and recycling programs resulting inmore points earned.

USE OF GRANT FUNDS

Recycling Rewards funds may be used towards items designated underAttachment 5 unless alternative options are approved bythe Commissioner.

SECTION TWO: Unit-Based Pricing Programs

(See Attachment 2 for Application)

OVERVIEW

These grants are designed for Connecticut municipalities and regional entities seriously considering the implementation of a unit-based pricing (UBP) program or the expansion of an existing UBP program to involve additional households and/or businesses. UBP is a method of charging for trash disposal based on the amount disposed in the same way that residents are charged for electricity, gas and other utilities. This provides incentives for residents to not only increase the amount they recycle, but also to think about ways to generate less waste in the first place. UBP programs are flexible and can be implemented curbside or at transfer stations or drop-off centers and works with municipally funded trash pick-up programs as well as private subscription programs.

To apply, municipalities and regional entities must complete the UBP Program application (Attachment 2). Grant funds will be awarded to municipalities or regional entities with the strongest UBP program application and timeframe for implementation. Grant funds may be spent on a number of pre-approved solid waste and recycling program expenses related to improving municipal recycling and waste reduction, with the contingency that the municipality adopts UBP.

DEADLINE

The UBP Program is ongoing and grants will be awarded on a first-come first-serve basis for as long as funds are available.

GRANT AWARD AMOUNT

Applications will be accepted and reviewed on an ongoing basis. Grants will be calculated based on number of households participating in the UBP program. Requests for larger grants will be considered only for exceptional and well-justified applications.

Municipal awards will be basedon the following:

- Base funding point is $10,000;
- Add an additional $1.00 to $2.00 per household participating in the UBP program; and
- Maximum award of $50,000.

Regional awards will be calculated using the above formula for each municipality participating in the UBP program. In addition, regional awards may also be eligible for up to a 10% bonus incentive.

USE OF GRANT FUNDS

UBP program implementation funds may be used to cover the costs of bags and tags for solid waste, educational materials, customer helpline, cameras to ensure UBP bags are being used, program staff, containers for solid waste (48 gallons or less), recycling containers, and other UBP start-up expenses pre-approved by DEEP.

Up to 20% of awarded funds may be used towards unit-based pricing activities deemed necessary prior to implementationof the program, such as free bags for residents, education, outreach, or consulting services, as

approved by DEEP. These expenses may be reimbursed prior to implementationof the program.

Any funds not used for implementation of a UBP program may also be used towards items designated under Attachment 5 as long as the UBP has been operating for at least 6 months.

REQUIREMENTS FOR UBP PROGRAM

If grant funds are awarded, municipalities and regions will be required toacknowledge and agree to the terms and conditions below. These specifications will be included in the contract with DEEP.

- Operate the UBP program as an established and enduring program.
- Implement the UBP program preferably within a one year from date of contract
- For curbside cart programs, set a fee structurefor multiple variable sized containers that effectively incentivizes smaller sized containers for trash For example, the *per gallon* cost for a 32 gallon container should be preferably lower or equal to the*per gallon* cost of a 64 gallon container, eliminating the "super-size" advantage of the larger container.
- For programs utilizing bags at the curb or transfer station, set a fee structurthat incentivizes waste reduction in a manner similar to cart example above.
- Tipping costs and a portion of the collection costs should be covered by the variable revenue from the containers. Fixed costs of operating the program and a portion of the collection costs should be covered by a flat fee
- If a municipality makes provision for a degree of free disposal, the program may provide no more than one free 35 gallon bag or container per householdper week.
- Provide a detailed implementation planand timeline for the UBP program and written verification that the program has been approvedand budgeted for by the appropriate decision-making body (e.g., Board of Selectmen, Town Meeting, and City Council).
- Comply with C.G.S Sec. 22a-241j requirement that municipalities offering curbside collection of trash must provide curbside collection of recyclables. Size of recycling collection containers must be equal to or greater than trashcontainers and large enough to contain the volume of recyclables that are generated at each household.
- Comply with C.G.S Sec. 22a-241j requirement that collectors include recycling collection charges integrated in the charge for solid waste collection(i.e., one bundled price for trash and recycling collection). This applies to private collectors operating within the municipality.

SECTION THREE: Waste Reduction Initiatives

(See Attachment 3 for Application)

OVERVIEW

These grants are designed to support municipal and regional initiatives that will result in additional materials diverted from disposal with the goal of reaching 60% recycling by 2024. These funds should be used to implement new or enhance existing waste prevention, reuse and recycling programs such as those listed in Attachment 5. Projects with matching funds, strong implementation plans, and have the potential for measurable diversion will score favorably. To apply, municipalities must complete the Waste Reduction Initiatives application (Attachment 3).

DEADLINE

Waste Reduction Initiatives is ongoing andgrants will be awarded on a first-come first-serve basis for as long as funds are available.

GRANT AWARD AMOUNT

Applications will be accepted and reviewed on an ongoing basis and scored based on the Review Criteria section (page 3 of this RFP). Grant applications will be considered for up to a maximum of $20,000.

USE OF GRANT FUNDS

Waste Reduction Initiative funds are to be used towards items designated under Attachment 5 unless alternative options are approved by the Commissioner

Memorandum
To: Board of Selectmen
From: Natasha R. Nau, Town Administrator
Date: June 1, 2015
Re: Rec Park Pavilion Fee Increase

Dear Board,

I noticed that the pavilion rental fee at Rec Park was rather low and feel that the Town is losing out on revenue. I had Kim conduct research and complete a miniature survey of six surrounding towns that possess a pavilion and rent it out to the public. These include Hebron, Mansfield, Glastonbury, Marlborough, Coventry, and Colchester. Please see the attached chart for the results. Some have similar amenities while others have more than Columbia. Some require deposits while others don't. Some allow non-residents while others don't.

I propose that we raise our fee from $25 for unlimited hours (curfew 11pm) for residents only to: $100 deposit required at time of reservation (to insure against damage, garbage, etc.) plus hourly fees…Residents: $50 for 4 hours and $100 for 8 hours; Non-Residents: $75 for 4 hours and $150 for 8 hours. 75 person maximum. This includes the following amenities: covered pavilion, picnic tables, rest rooms (port-o-pottis), recreation fields (if no little league conflicts), water pump, hiking trails and garbage pick-up.

PAVILLION / PARK FEE SURVEY

May/June 2015

TOWN	FACILITY	HOURS	LIABLITY INSURANCE Required?	AMENTITIES	FEES/COST
Columbia	Pavilion	11pm curfew	NO	Covered Pavilion, picnic tables, rest rooms, recreation fields, hiking trails	$25 fee unlimited hours. Residents only. 11pm curfew.
Hebron	Pavilion	7 am - sunset	YES	Covered Pavilion, picnic tables, rest rooms, recreation fields	Application must be submitted with $125 deposit in form of cash, *separate* check/bank check (other than check submitted for use of facility). Fee of $10 with 2 hour minimum - for non profit organizations $7.50 per hour (additional fee of $10 if electricity is required.
Mansfield	Lion's Club Park Pavilion	N/A	N/A	Covered Pavilion, picnic tables, rest rooms, serving kitchen, overlooks Bicentennial Pond	$50 deposit. RESIDENT: $50 for 4 hrs. Addt'l $20 for use of kitchen. NON-RESIDENT: $75 for 4 hrs. Addt'l $40 for use of kitchen.
Mansfield	Schoolhouse Brook Park Pavilion	N/A	N/A	Covered Pavilion, picnic tables, rest rooms, overlooks Bicentennial Pond	$50 deposit. RESIDENT: $20 for 4 hrs. plus daily fee for all persons, group rates available. NON-RESIDENT: $30 for 4 hours plus daily fee for all persons, group rates available.
Glastonbury	J.B. Williams Park Pavilion	May 1 - October 31	N/A	Covered Pavilion, rest rooms, kitchen, BBQ, recreation fields, horseshoes, hiking trails	$130 fee.
Marlborough	Pavilion	N/A	YES	Covered Pavilion, rest rooms, lake, picnic tables	Residents only. $60 for 4 hours. $100 for 8 hours. MAX of 75 PEOPLE UNLESS SPECIAL PERMISSION IS GIVEN. 50% deposit required at time of reservation, $75 deposit required for ALL rentals to insure against damage, garbage, etc. Deposit will be refunded if no issues.
Coventry	Pavilion	N/A	YES	**Creaser Park Pavilion** (covered Pavilion, pond, hiking trails) **Patriots Park Pavilion** (covered Pavilion, lake) **Lisicke Beach** (covered Pavilion, picnic tables, lake)	RESIDENTS $10 per hr. NON-RESIDENTS $20 per hr. (non profits $5 per hr).
Colchester	Pavilion	N/A	YES	Covered Pavilion, rest rooms, picnic tables	DEPOSIT $125. RESIDENTs $40 for 4 hrs, $80 for 8 hrs. NON-RESIDENTS $80 for 4 hrs, $160 for 8 hrs.

TOWN OF COLUMBIA
323 Jonathan Trumbull Highway, Columbia, CT 06237
(860) 228-0110 FAX: (860) 228-1952

OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

TO: Columbia Board of Selectmen

FROM: Natasha Nau, Town Administrator

DATE: May 21, 2015

RE: PERSONNEL HIRE

RECOMMENDATION OF THE COLUMBIA TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

I recommend that the Columbia Board of Selectmen make the following personnel hire:

Name: Lucy Drabek **Tel #:** (860) 614-7577

Address: 209 Route 87 West, Columbia, CT 06237

Position/Title: Marine Patrol Officer
Starting Date: May 22, 2015

Benefits: _ FT (benefits) __ PT (no benefits)
_ PT (benefits) x Temp/Seasonal (no benefits)

Pay Info: $13.01 per hour through 6/30/15; $13.27 per hour 7/1/15 through end of season

Comments: Will be working according to schedule set by head of Marine Patrol.

Signature: _____ **Date:** May 21, 2015
Natasha Nau, Columbia Town Administrator

AUTHORIZATION OF THE COLUMBIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN

At its regular meeting of May 19, 2015, the Columbia Board of Selectmen voted in favor of hiring Lucy Drabek *in accordance with the specifications listed above.*

Signature: _____ **Date:** June 2, 2015
Carmen L. Vance, First Selectman

TOWN OF COLUMBIA
323 Jonathan Trumbull Highway, Columbia, CT 06237
(860) 228-0110 FAX: (860) 228-1952

OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

TO: Columbia Board of Selectmen

FROM: Natasha Nau, Town Administrator

DATE: May 21, 2015

RE: PERSONNEL HIRE

RECOMMENDATION OF THE COLUMBIA TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

I recommend that the Columbia Board of Selectmen make the following personnel hire:

Name: Jacob Derring **Tel #:** (860) 645-0612

Address: 114 Daly Road, Hebron CT 06248

Position/Title: Marine Patrol Officer
Starting Date: May 22, 2015

Benefits: _ FT (benefits) _ PT (no benefits)
_ PT (benefits) x Temp/Seasonal (no benefits)

Pay Info: $13.01 per hour through 6/30/15; $13.27 per hour 7/1/15 through end of season

Comments: Will be working according to schedule set by head of Marine Patrol.

Signature: _____ **Date:** May 21, 2015
Natasha Nau, Columbia Town Administrator

AUTHORIZATION OF THE COLUMBIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN

At its regular meeting of May 19, 2015, the Columbia Board of Selectmen voted in favor of hiring Jacob Derring *in accordance with the specifications listed above.*

Signature: _____ **Date:** June 2, 2015
Carmen L. Vance, First Selectman

May 28, 2015, Number 15-45

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PLEASE DELIVER IMMEDIATELY TO MAYOR, FIRST SELECTMAN, OR TOWN/CITY MANAGER

✓SB 593: Mega Mandate Likely Dead
✓State Budget Negotiations
✓SB 1

SB 593: Mega Mandate Likely Dead

Encouraging news regarding the mega mandate: Speaker Sharkey and House Minority Leader Klarides have both been quoted as saying SB 593, the mega mandate – which passed the senate – will no likely be brought up in the House. Further, the *CT Mirror* blog quoted Speaker Sharkey as saying "I think the proponents of the firefighters' bill make this argument that the science has come a long way, that we can track these things more directly… "I'm also concerned that may not be reflected in the language of the bill." Both leaders said the cancer presumption language is too broad and questioned links to firefighting. **This bodes well for the House not taking up HB 5871, which would provide cancer presumption benefits for firefighters.**

SB 593 would jerry-rig the workers' compensation system by establishing (a) a rebuttable presumption that there's a causal relation to firefighting and certain cancers and (b) mental stress benefits for police officers "visually witnessing the death, or visually witnessing the immediate aftermath of such death".

CCM will keep a look out for signs of life in the cancer presumption bill (HB 5871), and will keep you apprised.

State Budget Negotiations

Legislative leaders and the Governor's staff have been meeting and making progress on the budget, in hopes of reaching an agreement and voting on a budget by the June 3 end of the 2015 General Assembly Session.

As you know, the budget approved by the Appropriations and Finance Committees increases municipal aid by $61.2 million, compared to the Governor's budget proposal. While level-funding the major categorical grants to municipalities (PILOT, Pequot-Mohegan, TAR, LoCIP), it (a) restored the 70-30 cost ratio for the Resident State Troopers Program ($4.5 million), (b) restored Priority Schools funding ($4.1 million), and (c) increased ECS funding by $3.6 million. It also restored funding for Youth Service Bureaus.

For the most up-to-date news on legislative issues affecting municipalities — see CCM's *Legislative Action Center* at www.ccmlac.org

CCM urges you to contact your state legislators to urge them support the Appropriations budget aid package for towns and cities. Remind them that you provide indisputably core government services, like public education police and fire services, human services and infrastructure maintenance.

SB 1

SB 1 has the potential to provide hard-pressed property taxpayers with much-needed relief (see attached for a summary of the bill). It would provide towns with much-sought-after revenue and reduce municipalities' over-reliance on the property tax. Towns stand to gain $290 million in FY 17. However, there are areas in the proposed legislation that need further clarity; and other areas where specific additional changes are necessary. CCM is advocating for the Legislature to do the following:

- Clarify whether the tax rate for special districts in towns without a uniform motor vehicle mill rate (MVMR) is excluded from the tax cap.
- Increase the municipal spending cap to 3.0 percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is greater.
- Expand the list of exemptions from the spending cap. In addition to debt service, include:
    a) Pensions and/or health insurance costs
    b) Natural disasters or man-made emergencies
    c) Court orders
    d) Capital expenditures
    e) State aid reductions from previous year (in case the State cuts non-education aid or ECS, or reduces sales tax revenue, etc.)
- Allow municipalities the option of requesting a waiver from OPM for exceeding the spending cap in the event that unforeseen circumstances require an increase in municipal spending.
- **Lockbox.** Expand the override provision: Require a 2/3 vote by the General Assembly to reduce MRSA funding (instead of 3/5 of Finance & Approps committees in bill).
- Allow town/city to override spending cap with 2/3 vote of local legislative body (board of selectmen in town meeting forms of government) -- without a reduction of funds.
- Clarify appropriate ramifications for exceeding the spending cap.

Webinar on 2015 General Assembly Session

Your CCM Advocacy Team will provide you with a legislative wrap-up on Thursday, June 4, the day after the session ends. You will receive registration information shortly.

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If you have any questions, please contact Ron Thomas (rthomas@ccm-ct.org; 203-430-5537) or Bob Labanara (rlabanara@ccm-ct.org; 203-710-0471).

Attachment

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May 20, 2015

Summary of Substitute SB 1

1. PROPOSALS IN THE BILL

A. Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT)

- All towns would be held harmless at FY 15 PILOT amounts.
- Reimbursement rates for both PILOT programs would remain as they currently are.
- In the event that appropriations are not sufficient to cover the reimbursements, this would create a tiered system for PILOT.
- The 10 towns with the most tax-exempt property, and with a mill rate of 25 mills or more, would receive 42% reimbursement for college and hospital property.
- The next 25 towns would receive 37% reimbursement for college and hospital property.
- The remaining towns would receive 32% reimbursement for college and hospital property.
- The system would be the same for state-owned property, with the reimbursement percentages being 32%, 28%, and 24%, respectively.
- These reimbursement rates would apply to the majority of state-owned and college and hospital property.
- The reimbursement for special properties (e.g., correction facilities, tribal lands, etc.) would not fall under the reimbursement schedules above. They would be reduced proportionally if appropriations were insufficient.
- The PILOT: State-Owned Property grants would be extended to cities, consolidated towns and cities, and consolidated towns and boroughs.
- The Pequot-Mohegan grant amounts tied to PILOT payments would be frozen at FY 15 levels. The Pequot grant amounts not tied to PILOT would be unaffected.
- It is estimated that an additional $45.3 million would be provided to municipalities in FY 15 if this proposal was in place.
- Would be effective July 1, 2016.

B. Motor Vehicle Tax

- Allows municipalities to establish a motor vehicle mill rate (MVMR) that is different than the rate for real property.
- Caps the MVMR at 29.36 mills.
- Allows municipalities with more than one taxing district to create a uniform mill rate for motor vehicles, as long as the rate does not exceed 29.36 mills.

- It is unclear what happens in municipalities with more than one taxing district that do not establish a uniform mill rate. The language appears to consider the "municipal mill rate" when considering the cap, which would likely mean that special taxing districts would be excluded.
- The cap would have reduced municipal revenue by an estimated $82.6 million in FY 14 if it was in place.
- Applies to assessment years beginning on October 1, 2015.

C. Municipal Revenue Sharing Account (MRSA) Funding and Distribution

- Provides new funding for MRSA through a portion of the sales tax (0.5%) beginning on October 1, 2015.
- Distributes 90% of MRSA to municipalities.
    1. OPM begins by calculating the per-capita and pro-rata distribution for all municipalities. The pro-rata distribution is based on a "municipal weighted mill rate calculation."
    2. For municipalities with a MVMR of 25 mills or higher, the amount would be the greater of the per-capita or pro-rata distribution.
    3. That amount is then increased based on the difference between the per-capita and pro-rata amounts for municipalities with a MVMR below 25 mills when divided by the sum of both distribution methods for municipalities with a MVMR at or above 25 mills.
    4. For municipalities with a MVMR of less than 25 mills, the amount would be the lesser of the per-capita or pro-rata distribution.
    5. Payments would be reduced proportionally to each municipality if MRSA funding is insufficient.
- Distributes 10% of MRSA to councils of government (COG) on a per capita basis.
- Municipalities that increase spending by more than 2.5% or the rate of inflation, whichever is greater, would be penalized, and their MRSA distribution would be reduced.
- Municipal spending is not clearly defined, but it does explicitly exclude debt service.
- The penalty for exceeding the spending cap is not specified.
- Sales tax payments into MRSA could not be reduced or eliminated without a three-fifths vote from both the Appropriations Committee and the Finance Committee.
- This proposal would generate an estimated $289.8 million for municipalities and COG in FY 17.
- Would be effective October 1, 2016.

D. Property Tax Base Revenue Sharing (Local Option)

- Creates an optional system to share property tax revenue from commercial and industrial property in each COG. A COG would have to have unanimous support from its members to participate, and a decision to participate would have to be made by August 1, 2016.
- Each participating COG would elect an "administrative auditor" to coordinate the program.

- Assessments on commercial and industrial property would be frozen based on October 1, 2013, grant lists to establish a base year.
- A mill rate would be created for each municipality that would be applied to commercial and industrial property in that municipality. The mill rate would be a blend of the local mill rate and a regional mill rate. This would apply to only municipalities that had an increase in their commercial and industrial tax base.
- Municipalities that experienced no increase or experienced a decrease in their commercial and industrial tax base would tax that property at their local mill rate.
- Participating towns would send their COG up to 20% of revenue collected on new commercial and industrial property, above the property in the base year.
- The COG would then distribute the revenue back to municipalities based on each municipality's fiscal capacity.
- Would be effective October 1, 2015.

2. ITEMS REQUIRING FUTHER CLARIFICATION

A. It is unclear what happens in municipalities with more than one taxing district that do not establish a uniform mill rate for motor vehicles. Is the rate for special districts excluded from the MVMR cap?

B. Municipal spending needs to be defined. Can the list of exemptions to the spending cap be expanded beyond debt service?

C. What is the penalty for going above the spending cap?

Town Administrator

From: CCM Public Policy and Advocacy [CPolicyandAdvocacy@CCM-CT.ORG]
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2015 9:43 AM
Subject: CCM Press Conference on Mega Mandate (SB 593) -- Wed., May 27, 11 am
Attachments: Mega Mandage SB 593.pdf

Follow Up Flag: Flag for follow up
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CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES
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TO: CCM-Member Mayors, First Selectman, and Town/City Managers

As you are aware, on May 22, at 12:42 a.m., the Senate passed SB 593, by a 21-14 vote. The bill, as amended, combines two significant unfunded state mandates (1) "mental-mental" benefits for police officers, and (2) special cancer presumption benefits for firefighters. **SB 593 is now before the House with 8 session days remaining in the Legislative Session.** Separately, these two mandates would be very problematic for towns and cities – however, this new mega mandate makes the stakes for property taxpayers twice as high. Attached is a summary of SB 593.

CCM Press Conference: 5/27

CCM urges you to participate in a press conference on SB 593, on Wednesday, May 27, at 11am, State Capitol Building, 4th Floor (outside of press room). Participating in the event will be a coalition of municipal officials and business and insurance partners. Police officers and firefighters are expected to storm the Capitol this week to plead their case. ***We need you to show up on Wednesday*** *as CCM urges State Representatives to consider (a) the huge costs to property taxpayers associated with SB 593, (b) how unwieldy SB 593 would be, (c) how SB 593 is predicated on inconclusive science and (d) the lack of proof that a statewide problem exists to make SB 593 necessary.* Feel free to bring along other municipal officials, and others in your community concerned about rising property taxes.

Please contact Carolyn Ryan at cryan@ccm-ct.org or 203-498-3012, to let us know of your attendance plans.

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If you have any questions, please contact Joe DeLong (jdelong@ccm-ct.org; 203-747-0268), Ron Thomas (rthomas@ccm-ct.org; 203-430-5537); Kevin Maloney (kmaloney@ccm-ct.org; 203-710-3486); or Bob Labanara (rlabanara@ccm-ct.org; 203-710-0491).

Attachment

Summary of Mega Mandate, SB 593

I. Mandated Mental Stress Benefits

- **Would mandate full-wage replacement benefits for police officers diagnosed with mental stress, post-traumatic stress disorder** (PTSD), by a psychologist -- as a result of "visually witnessing" certain crimes involving a death, or visually witnessing the "immediate aftermath" of such crimes, which is defined as up to six hours after a crime scene is "secured."

- **SB 593 does not require any correlation to the use of deadly force** for eligibility for full benefits, nor are the conditions of the bill limited to simply coverage of treatment (medical or therapy) for PTSD -- as the mandate would require towns and cities cover the costs of unlimited lost wages benefits.

- **SB 593 does not define "visually witnessing"**, which could lead to a wide-range of interpretations. It would **apply to off-duty police officers** – and appears to apply to officers at a scene who have not been dispatched there by a municipality. Although the proposal defines "immediate aftermath" as being up to six hours after a crime scene is secured, it **does not define how, when and who officially determines such scenes to be "secure"** in order to establish the thresholds for receiving such benefits. This broad interpretation would leave communities vulnerable to wide-ranging abuse.

- **SB 593 does not address the potential for misdiagnoses, fraud** and tendency for overlap with other existing symptoms of depression, substance abuse, or other anxiety disorders.

- **SB 593 is unlimited with potential severe unintended consequences, as it does not address the fact that long-term PTSD can be linked to other physical health issues**, including, but not limited to, cardiovascular disease. In the event individuals receiving such mental stress benefits develop a physical ailment whose etiology is linked to their emotional distress -- then towns and cities would also be liable for the cost of treating employees' related physical condition.

II. Mandated Cancer Presumptions

- Would create a **rebuttable presumption that a variety of cancers are presumed job-related for paid and volunteer firefighters, despite a lack of consensus among medical experts.** SB 593 is *not* narrowed-down to specific cancers, rather a wide range of cancers (see list below).

- *Eligibility requirements*: SB 593 would apply to (1) paid firefighters having worked at least five years; and (2) certified interior volunteer firefighters having worked at least fifteen years. In addition, **SB 593 would establish unprecedented benefits for such firefighters – for up to five years after they have retired – without any limit or consideration of life experiences or incidents several years after firefighters have retired.**

- SB 593 would require firefighters to submit annual physical examinations as a condition to receive such benefits -- but **does not require any specific cancer screening tests** (e.g., CAT scans).

- SB 593 **would specifically require towns and cities to prove firefighters have smoked cigarettes** or used tobacco products in order to claim ineligibility of such benefits -- yet the bill **does not define any standard of proof, nor would it require firefighters to sign affidavits regarding non-smoking habits**.

List of Mandated Coverage: SB 593 would presume the following categories of cancers are a direct result of being a paid or volunteering firefighter:

1. **Multiple myeloma** (known as Kahler's Disease)
2. **Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma** (including all 30 cancer subtypes)
3. **Brain cancer**
4. **Skin cancer**: including melanoma, basal cell, and squamous cell cancers.
5. **Digestive system cancers**: the digestive system involves the tube from the mouth to the rectum (esophagus, stomach, intestines) as well as various organs that are connected to this tube, such as the liver and pancreas.
6. **Endocrine system cancers**: the endocrine system consists of hormone secreting endocrine glands such as the pituitary, thyroid, adrenal, pancreatic and adrenal glands. An example of endocrine system cancers is thyroid cancer.
7. **Respiratory system cancers**: the respiratory system includes all the organs involved in the breathing process such as the lungs, bronchi and throat. Lung cancer, oral cancer and throat cancer are some examples of respiratory system cancers.
8. **Lymphatic system cancers**: including lymphomas.
9. **Reproductive system cancers**: including cervical, endometrial and ovarian cancers.
10. **Urinary system cancers**: including ureter, bladder and kidney cancers.
11. **Hematological system cancers**: including the four main types of leukemia:
    - Acute myeloid leukemia
    - Chronic myeloid leukemia
    - Acute lymphocytic leukemia
    - Chronic lymphocytic leukemia

State Assistance:

- Recently, the State of Michigan enacted a cancer presumption law for firefighters, but didn't saddle property taxpayers with the bill. Michigan created a statewide fund to adjudicate claims and pay benefits associated with the mandate.

- The State Senate considered an amendment (LCO #8065) which would have required "not later than October 1, 2015, the state shall purchase a workers' compensation insurance policy to provide coverage for any claims for workers' compensation benefits." The Senate rejected this amendment, by a 17-19 vote.

Posted Refund Transaction (s) TOWN OF COLUMBIA Int Date: 05/28/2015 Date: 05/28/2015 Page: 1

Condition(s) :

Bill Dist/Susp/Bank	Name Address	Prop Loc/Vehicle Info. UniqueID/Reason	Paid Date	Tax	Int	L/F	Total Adjusted	Overpaid Tax
2013-03-0053307	LESLIE KATHERINE K	2001/5N1ED28Y01C539505		76.91	0.00	0.00	76.91	
	8 DEER RUN	53329	9/4/2014	102.55	4.61	1.00	108.16	-25.64
	COLUMBIA CT 06237-1535	Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.		**-25.64**	**-1.15**	**0.00**	**-26.79**	**Adjusted**
2013-03-0055859	VAULT TRUST	2011/2CNFLCEC7B6319102		252.80	0.00	0.00	252.80	
	PO BOX 8138	55918	7/21/2014	379.01	0.00	0.00	379.01	-126.21
	COCKEYSVILLE MD	Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.						
TOTAL	2			329.71	0.00	0.00	329.71	
				481.56	4.61	1.00	487.17	-151.85
				-151.85	**-1.15**	**0.00**	**-153.00**	**Adjusted**

REQUEST FOR ABATEMENT OR REFUND OF PROPERTY TAXES

Sec. 12-81(20), Sec. 12-124, 12-125, 12-126, 12-127, 12-127a, 12-128, 12-129 Rev. as Amended

This is to certify that LESLIE KATHERINE K

has presented satisfactory proof that -he is entitled to an exemption on the assessment list of 10/01/2013

- ☐ Sec. 12-81 (20) Servicemen Having Disability Rating.
- ☐ Sec. 12-124 Abatement to poor.
- ☐ Sec. 12-125 Abatement of Taxes of Corporations.
- ☐ Sec. 12-126 Tangible Personal Property Assessed in more than one Municipality.
- ☐ Sec. 12-127 Abatement or Refund to Blind Persons.
- ☐ Sec. 12-127A Abatement of Taxes on Structures of Historical or Architectural Merit.
- ☐ Sec. 12-128 Refund of Taxes Erroneously Collected from Veterans and Relatives.
- ☒ Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.

LESLIE KATHERINE K
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COLUMBIA CT 06237-1535

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To CAROL W. PRICE CCMC Collector of TOWN OF COLUMBIA State of Connecticut.

hereby apply for ~~abatement or~~ refund* of such part of my tax as shall represent:

~~The service exemption or~~ Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments. 2001 Niss. Xterra Util
(State reason -- Cross out service exemption if it does not apply) Junked June 2014
motor vehicle taxes paid in full

		Tax	Interest	Lien	Fee	Total	Overpaid Tax
Total Due	07/01/2014	76.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	76.91	
Total Paid	09/04/2014	102.55	4.61	0.00	1.00	108.16	-25.64 ***
Adjusted Refund		-25.64	-1.15	0.00	0.00	26.79	

PLEASE READ, SIGN, AND DATE BELOW:

I am entitled to this refund because I made the payments from funds under my control, and no other party will be requesting this refund. I understand that false or deliberately misleading statements subject me to penalties for perjury and/or for obtaining money under false pretenses.

X Katherine Leslie
Print Name

X Katherine Leslie
Signature of Taxpayer

X 20 May 2015
Date

COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO THE GOVERNING BODY

To the First Selectman, or _____
It is recommended that refund* of property taxes and interest in the amount of 26.79
be made to the above-named taxpayer in accordance with the provisions of Section (s): 12-129

DATED AT TOWN OF COLUMBIA, CONNECTICUT THIS 19 DAY OF May 2015

Lisa R McDonald Asst
CAROL W. PRICE CCMC
(860) 228-0230

ACTION TAKEN BY GOVERNING BODY

The First Selectman, as authorized by the Board of Selectman, or _____
approved on the _____ day of _____ 20___. It was voted to refund
Property Taxes and Interest amounting to $ _____ to _____.

First Selectman

_____
Other Governing Body

_____
Clerk

**Cross out abatement or refund as required.

REQUEST FOR ABATEMENT OR REFUND OF PROPERTY TAXES

Sec. 12-81(20), Sec. 12-124, 12-125, 12-126, 12-127, 12-127a, 12-128, 12-129 Rev. as Amended
This is to certify that VAULT TRUST

has presented satisfactory proof that -he is entitled to an exemption on the assessment list of 10/01/2013

- ☐ Sec. 12-81 (20) Servicemen Having Disability Rating.
- ☐ Sec. 12-124 Abatement to poor.
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- ■ Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.

VAULT TRUST
Ally Financial
Louisville PPC
PO Box 9001951
Louisville, KY 40290-1951

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To CAROL W. PRICE CCMC Collector of TOWN OF COLUMBIA State of Connecticut.

hereby apply for ~~abatement or~~ refund* of such part of my tax as shall represent:

~~The service exemption or~~ Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments. 2011 Chev Equinox Util
(State reason -- Cross out service exemption if it does not apply)
motor vehicle taxes paid in full ..... Sold May 2014 .....

		Tax	Interest	Lien	Fee	Total	Overpaid Tax
Total Due	07/01/2014	252.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	252.80	
Total Paid	07/21/2014	379.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	379.01	-126.21 ***
Adjusted Refund		-126.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	126.21	

PLEASE READ, SIGN, AND DATE BELOW:

I am entitled to this refund because I made the payments from funds under my control, and no other party will be requesting this refund. I understand that false or deliberately misleading statements subject me to penalties for perjury and/or for obtaining money under false pretenses.

X Samantha Thompson
Print Name
(Taxpayer Representative)

X Samantha Thompson X 5/19/15
Signature of Taxpayer Date
(or agent)

COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO THE GOVERNING BODY

To the First Selectman, or _____
It is recommended that refund* of property taxes and interest in the amount of 126.21
be made to the above-named taxpayer in accordance with the provisions of Section (s): 12-129

DATED AT TOWN OF COLUMBIA, CONNECTICUT THIS 11 DAY OF May 2015

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ACTION TAKEN BY GOVERNING BODY

The First Selectman, as authorized by the Board of Selectman, or _____
approved on the _____ day of _____ 20__. It was voted to refund
Property Taxes and Interest amounting to $ _____ to _____.

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First Selectman

Other Governing Body

Clerk

**Cross out abatement or refund as required.