

**REGULAR MEETING MOTIONS  
COLUMBIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**Tuesday, March 19, 2024**

**7:00 PM**

**Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room & Virtual  
323 Route 87, Columbia, CT**

**Members Present:** Steven M. Everett, First Selectman; Judy Ortiz, Deputy First Selectman; William O'Brien, Selectman; Christopher Lent, Selectman; Lisa Napolitano, Selectman.

**Also Present:** Mark B. Walter, Town Administrator, Ann Dunnack, Mary Roickle.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** S. Everett MOVED to APPROVE the Agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

**BOS Regular Meeting with Budget Workshop Minutes for March 5, 2024.** S. Everett MOVED to APPROVE the Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes with Budget Workshop for March 5, 2024. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

**Authorize the creation of the Columbia Garden Club and approval to set up the Columbia Garden Club fund to maintain funds raised through both fundraising by the club and transfers by the Town.** S. Everett MOVED to AUTHORIZE the creation of a Columbia Garden/Beautification Fund to cover the costs to maintain the Town gardens and public areas. This will be funded through fundraising efforts by the committee and Town Appropriations. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

S. Everett MOVED to APPROVE the transfer from Contingency \$2,000 as a start for the funding of the Columbia Garden/Beautification Committee Fund. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

**Request from Connecticut Cycling Advancement Program to use Columbia Roads for The Breakaway Benefit on May 18, 2024.** S. Everett MOVED to APPROVE the Request from Connecticut Cycling for The Breakaway Benefit Bike Race through Columbia. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

**Discussion of supporting LMAC's recommendation for a pilot program in the town beach cove to repair damages to the lake bottom resulting from erosion.** S. Everett MOVED to create a town subcommittee that will advise the Board of Selectmen and the Public Works Director on both road drainage and erosion issues, and issues with recreation areas and advise back to the Board of Selectmen. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

**Re-appointment of Mike Olzacki, Animal Control Officer.** S. Everett MOVED to Re-appoint Mike Olzacki as Animal Control Officer. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

**Re-appointment of Allison Leue, Assistant Animal Control Officer.** S. Everett MOVED to Re-appointment of Allison Leue as Assistant Animal Control Officer. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

**Refunds:** S. Everett MOVED to APPROVE the Refunds as Presented, Totaling \$1,705.03. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

**APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS:** S. Everett MOVED to APPROVE the Payment of Bills Totaling \$288,742.14, consisting of 2023-2024 Emergency, 2023-2024 Regular, Credit Card, and Paychex. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

**ADJOURNMENT:** S. Everett MOVED to ADJOURN at 8:01 PM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer C. LaVoie