

**REGULAR MEETING MOTIONS
COLUMBIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Tuesday, April 2, 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; Lisa Napolitano, Selectman.

Members Absent: Chris Lent, Selectman.

Also Present: Mark B. Walter, Town Administrator, Ann Dunnack, Mary Roickle, Justin Reindeau, Henry Beck, Jim Blair, Lions Club Member; Matt Sternat, Columbia Lions Club President; Phyllis Dunn, LMAC Member, Mike Scalice, LMAC Member; Mike Gnazzo, Chairman of LMAC.

- **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** S. Everett MOVED to APPROVE the AGENDA as presented with the addition under Appointments and Resignations, 9.4 Appointment of Jacob Plitt as Recreation Director. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.
- **BOS Regular Meeting Minutes for March 19, 2024.** S. Everett MOVED to APPROVE the Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes for March 19, 2024. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.
- **AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:** Ann Dunnack, 103 Lake Rd. Hop River Trail Alliance attended the meeting. Provided the map of the – identifies the signage of which they got a grant. Great prototype for the Airline Trail. At the meeting it was mentioned that the Columbia portion was not well maintained between Lake Rd and Andover and Hop River Road.
- **FY 24/25 Budget Discussion on Amendments to the Proposed Budget.** S. Everett MOVED to APPROVE the Revised FY 24/25 Proposed Budget with a \$75,000 reduction to the proposed FY 24/25 Town Capital Plan. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.
- **Columbia Lake Revised Town Ordinances Update & Next Action Steps.** S. Everett MOVED to Schedule a Public Hearing concerning the changes in the Town Ordinances for Article II Vessels on Columbia Lake Town Ordinance, Article III Safety Regulations on Columbia Lake, and Article IV Conduct At Town Beach as presented on April 16, 2024 at 6:30 pm. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.
- **Approval to use the Balance of the Brand Account to Apply Towards the New Dugouts & Baseball Field Upgrades.** S. Everett MOVED to APPROVE using the balance of the Brand Funds towards the replacement of the dugouts, as well as baseball field upgrades at the Rec Park Upper Field. MOTION CARRIED 4.0
- **Memorandum of Agreement for DEMHS Region 4 Homeland Security Grant Program.** S. Everett MOVED to ADOPT the Amendment of Memorandum of Agreement between the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public

Protection/Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security and the Town of Columbia. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.

- **Approval for the placement of a Memorial Bench for Peter & Gertrude Naumec located on the lawn facing the lake at the Murphy House.** S. Everett MOVED to APPROVE Peg Barrea's Request and donation of a memorial bench for Peter & Gertrude Naumec placed in the agreed upon designated area on the lawn facing the lake at the Murphy House. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.
- **Columbia Lions Club Seeking Permission to Update Landscaping and Lighting around the Town Green Gazebo and around the Town Green Sign.** S. Everett MOVED allow Columbia lions club update the landscaping and lighting around the town green gazebo and around the town green sign.
- **Completion of 6-month probation for Kyle Pelletier, DPW Highway Foreman.** S. Everett MOVED to Remove Kyle Pelletier from the 6-month probation and place him as a full-time employee. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.
- **Appointment of Guy Wanegar to the Hop River Preserve Committee.** S. Everett MOVED to APPOINT Guy Wanegar to the Hop River Preserve Committee. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.
- **Appointment of Jacob Plitt, Recreation Director.** S. Everett MOVED to APPOINT Jacob Plitt, Recreation Director. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.
- **Refunds:** S. Everett MOVED to APPROVE Refunds Totaling \$159.28. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.
- **APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS:** S. Everett MOVED to APPROVE the Payment of Bills Totaling \$118,552.33, consisting of 2023/2024 Emergency, 2023/2024 Regular, Credit Card and Paychex. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.
- **EXECUTIVE SESSION: 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.
- **ADJOURNMENT:** S. Everett MOVED to ADJOURN at 8:11 pm. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully Submitted by Jennifer C. LaVoie