

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
COLUMBIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

7:00 PM

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

Beverly Ciurylo is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: BOS Meeting

Time: Mar 19, 2024 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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For public input before the meeting, please email your comments to PublicInput@columbiact.org prior to 24 hours before the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER:

- 1. RULES OF CONDUCT FOR HYBRID VIRTUAL MEETING:** *This meeting will be held both in-person and virtual. This session is being both video and audio recorded. Board members and staff who are joining virtually will generally remain on mute except when speaking or voting and will generally be keeping video of themselves on throughout the meeting. If a member of the public joining virtually creates an audio or video disruption, they may be manually ejected from the meeting upon recommendation of staff or the First Selectman. If attending virtually, public comments during the meeting can be submitted through the "Chat" feature in or wave your hand and request your mic to be un-muted. PLEASE INCLUDE IN BOTH METHODS YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS.*
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- 4.1 BOS Regular Meeting with Budget Workshop Minutes for March 5, 2024.

5. AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:

6. OLD BUSINESS:

- 6.1 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.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- 7.1 Rec Park Baseball Field Requested Repairs and Maintenance.
7.2 Discussion Regarding Gate Access and Keys.
7.3 Request from Connecticut Cycling Advancement Program to use Columbia Roads for The Breakaway Benefit on May 18, 2024.
7.4 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.

8. COLUMBIA LAKE / DAM / BEACH:

9. APPOINTMENTS / RESIGNATIONS:

- 9.1 Resignation of Melissa McKim-Cuevas, Animal Control Officer.
9.2 Re-appointment of Mike Olzacki, Animal Control Officer.
9.3 Re-appointment of Allison Leue, Assistant Animal Control Officer.
9.4 Resignation of Marjorie Golden-Mossberg from CONA

10. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

- 10.1 Early Voting March 26th through March 30th from 10 am - 6 pm, Yeomans Hall.
10.2 Tax and Business Incentive Program Ordinance.
10.3 TextMyGov officially launching the week of April 1, 2024.
10.4 Final Town of Columbia Audit Report for FY 2022-2023.
10.5 Update on Hunt Road Bridge Culvert.
10.6 Hop River Road Bridge is Closing April 1, 2024.

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

- 11.1 The Willimantic Chronicle
 - Series of guided hikes in area this month.
- 11.2 Calendar of Columbia FY 24/25 Budget Process.
11.3 CT State Trooper Monthly Report for February 2023.
11.4 Letter from Tax Office recognizing Dan Johnson.
11.5 Letter from Registrar of Voters Regarding April 2, 2024 Republican & Democratic Primaries.
11.6 Thank you Letter from Greg & Leslie Brand for DPW Tree Cleanup at 6 Woodward Road.

12. BUDGET:

- 12.1 Transfers:
12.2 Refunds:

13. **APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS:**
14. **AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:**
15. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**
16. **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 Statutes Section 1-200(6)(A).**
17. **ADJOURNMENT:**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
COLUMBIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN
With BUDGET WORKSHOP**

Tuesday, March 5, 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; Beverly Ciurylo, Finance Director.

Also Present Remotely: Barbara Wilson, Horace Porter School Superintendent.

CALL TO ORDER: S. Everett Called the Meeting to Order at 7:00 pm.

1. **RULES OF CONDUCT FOR HYBRID VIRTUAL MEETING:** S. Everett read the rules of conduct for a hybrid virtual meeting.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** S. Everett MOVED to Approve the Agenda as Presented.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - 4.1 **BOS Regular Meeting Minutes for February 20, 2024.** S. Everett MOVED to APPROVE the Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes for February 20, 2024 and to add in attendance Beverly Ciurylo, Finance Director. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.
 - 4.2 **BOS Special Meeting Minutes for February 27, 2024.** S. Everett MOVED to APPROVE the Board of Selectmen Special Meeting Minutes for February 27, 2024. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.
5. **AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:** None.
6. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - 6.1 **2024-2025 Budget Review Workshop.** M. Walter reviewed the Board of Selectmen's total expense budget of \$297,112 with a 5.91% increase from last year. The appropriation request for FY 24/25 Capital budget is \$1,005,820. This is a reduction of the Capital request from last year of \$44,676.

M. Walter said we just received good news that the state reduced the health insurance from 5% increase to 2% increase.

B. Ciurylo said there was an increase of \$3,500 in salaries for transfer station attendants and animal control officer.

6.2 Motion to Move the BOS 24/25 Operating Budget and Capital Budget to FiPAC. S. Everett MOVED to APPROVE sending to FiPAC the FY 24/25 as presented for the BOS budget with corrections to group insurance from 5 % to 2% to include capital and grants. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

7. NEW BUSINESS: None.

8. COLUMBIA LAKE / DAM / BEACH: None.

9. APPOINTMENTS / RESIGNATIONS:

9.1 Appointment of Austin Roser, Parks and Recreation Director. S. Everett MOVED to APPROVE the Appointment of Austin Roser to the position of Parks and Recreation Director. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

9.2 Appointment of Michele Manas, Tax Collector. S. Everett MOVED to APPROVE the Appointment of Michel Manas as the Tax Collector. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

9.3 Notice of Hire of Brittany Dalessio, Part-time Dispatcher/Program Assistant.

10. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: M. Walter explained that the CDC has changed the isolation period for COVID. There is no longer mandatory five days isolation period.

M. Walter reported that there was a good turnout for the Sustainability CT meeting.

M. Walter said that we had a surprise inspection from OSHA on Monday, March 4th and it went very well. We will be following up for corrective actions on Thursday, 3/14/24.

S. Everett said the Hunt Road box culvert has been installed and work is progressing on the project. S. Everett explained that the town met with the UCONN CT Circuit Riders to evaluate the problem road sites. The representative believes we can add our own signage on a town road that approaches a state road and will not need to get state approval. The representative is looking into getting more speed signs for the town and he will look at the issues on Old Willimantic Rd.

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

11.1 The Willimantic Chronicle

- **Café takes a leap of Faith.**

11.2 Thank you letter from Greg & Leslie Brand for DPW crew tree cleanup.

12. BUDGET:

12.1 Transfers: None.

12.2 Refunds: None.

13. **APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS:** S. Everett MOVED to APPROVE the Payment of Bills Totaling \$82,341.07, Consisting of 2023/2024 Regular, Credit Card, and Paychex. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.
14. **AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:** None.
15. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** S. Everett said he will be working with Titan Energy to get an evaluation on adding additional solar panels at the back of the school to help with utility costs. B. Wilson said that they received the quote for the fence between Dartmouth Village and the school, and it came in lower than anticipated.

C. Lent gives a warm welcome to Austin, Michele and Brittany in joining Columbia.

L. Napolitano said she noticed there are not a lot of speed signs on our back roads.
16. **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.
17. **ADJOURNMENT:** S. Everett MOVED to ADJOURN 7:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer C. LaVoie

Connecticut Cycling Advancement Program
353 Main St
Middletown, CT 06457

January 27th, 2024

First Selectman, Mr. Steven M. Everett
Town of Columbia

Formal Request for Use of Local Roads

I am writing on behalf of the Connecticut Cycling Advancement Program, a local 501 (c)-3 non-profit organization whose mission is to better the lives of youth through the sport of cycling and ensure that kids in Connecticut have access to the sport of cycling. Our program provides a clear path for the youth to develop as far as their ambition, skills, and abilities can take them.

Since its inception in 2013, more than 50 Connecticut school districts and towns have created CCAP-registered cycling programs or are in the process of establishing cycling clubs and teams, which currently serve 547 kids. The CCAP is nationally recognized as the USA Cycling Club of the Year and a Center of Excellence. For the purpose of validation, I have also provided our EIN Number and a link to our website.

- EIN: 46-1774656
- Website: <https://www.ctcyclingadvancement.org/>

The Breakaway Benefit is the CCAP's flagship fundraising ride and allows us to provide youth with the many different opportunities we offer. These opportunities include school and regional cycling teams, school specific races, grants for school teams, and bikes for those interested in our programs.

Upon your approval, can you please provide written clearance for use of the roads outlined in the attached map and in accordance with the information provided in this proposal? Please don't hesitate to call or email me with any questions or concerns and thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Brian Wolfe
Acting Executive Director
Connecticut Cycling Advancement Program
(860) 295-4028
brian@ctcyclingadvancement.com



Outlined Proposal including a Map of the Course

Ride information:

- Ride Date: Saturday, May 18th, 2024
- Riders will start and end at A Villa Louisa in Bolton, CT
- Riders will pass through Columbia, CT from 10:00 am – 12:00pm
- Small groups of 3-5 riders riding in single file formation and separated incrementally.
- 2 Support Vehicles. All personnel will obey local and state traffic laws.
- No alcohol will be consumed before or during this ride.
- For even more information on the event, please visit our events website and click on “Breakaway Benefit”: <https://www.ctcyclingadvancement.org>

We are requesting permission for the use of the following list of roads, in accordance with the information provided above (please see the highlighted section of the attached map for an overview):

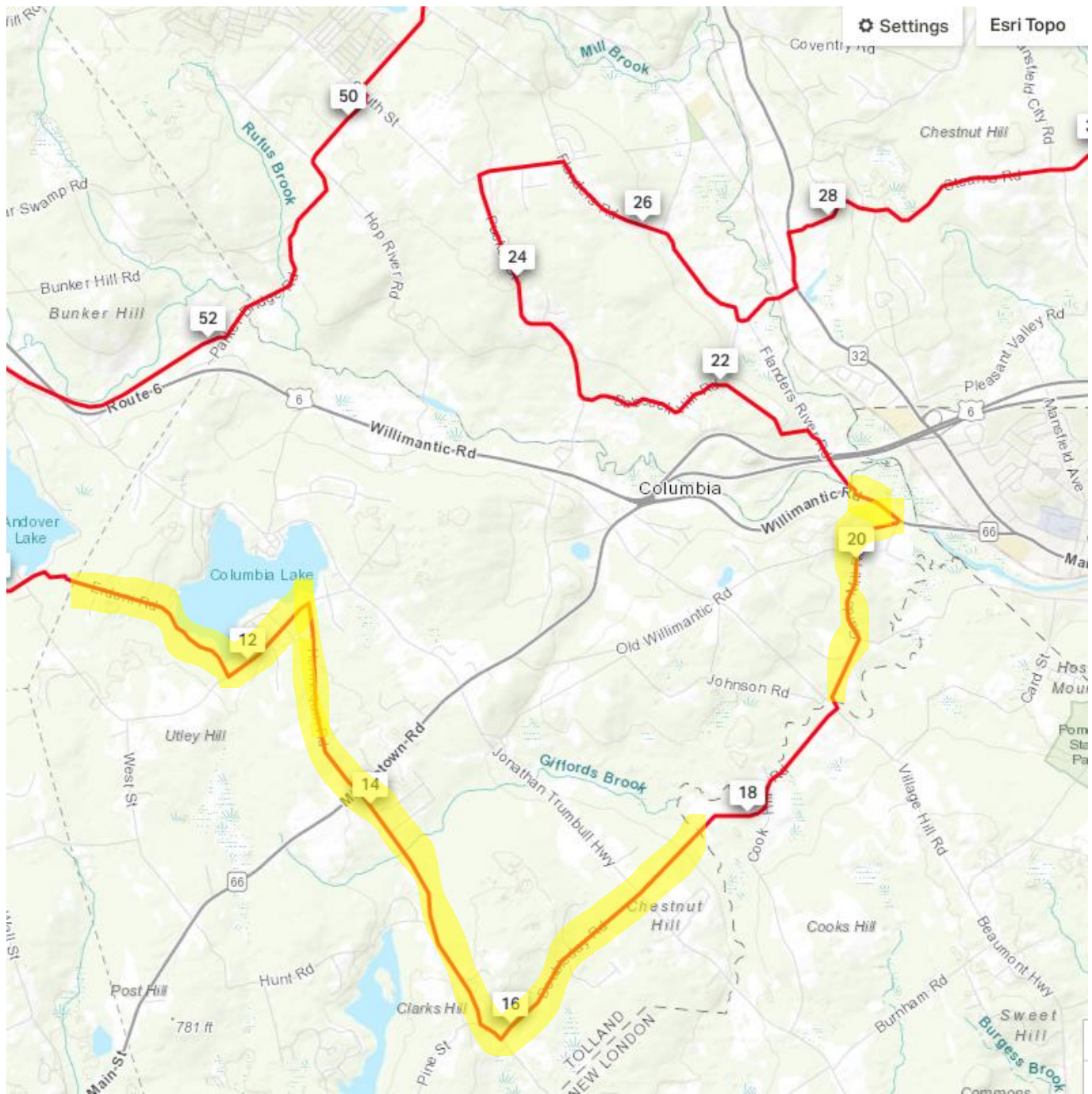
- **Erdoni Rd** from Andover Town Line to Lake Rd.
- **Lake Rd** from Erdoni Rd to Hennequin Rd
- **Hennequin Rd** from Lake Rd to Pine St
- **Pine St** from Hennequin Rd to Chesbro Bridge Rd
- **Chesbro Bridge Rd** from Pine St to Doubleday Rd
- **Doubleday Rd** from Chesbro Bridge Rd to Latham Hill Rd
- **Latham Hill Rd** from Doubleday Rd to Lebanon Town Line

Ride reenter from Lebanon

- **Cards Mill Rd** Lebanon Town Line to Columbia Ave
- **Columbia Ave/Willimantic Rd** from Cards Mill Rd to Flanders River Rd
- **Flanders River Road** from Willimantic Road to Coventry Town Line

Print Name _____

Local Traffic Authority Signature _____ Date _____



Map of Breakaway Benefit Route through Columbia, CT

From: Marjorie Golden-Mossberg <mgoldenmossberg@hotmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 4:21 PM

To: Steven Everett <severett@columbiact.org>

Subject: Resignation

[You don't often get email from mgoldenmossberg@hotmail.com. Learn why this is important at <https://aka.ms/LearnAboutSenderIdentification>]

This letter is to serve as my immediate resignation from CONA. It has been an honor and pleasure to serve on this commission but I feel that at this point in time there is nothing further that I can accomplish on the commission.

Marjorie Golden-Mossberg

March 5, 2024

Sent from my iPhone

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APRIL 2, 2024

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY ELECTION

A Presidential Preference Primary is an election where voters in a political party vote for the candidate of that party that they would like to be their presidential candidate in the upcoming General Election.

4 DAYS

EARLY VOTING

MARCH 26 27 28 30

10 am - 6 pm

ADDITIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION AND PARTY ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

January 2, 2024

Last day to switch parties prior to the April 2nd election

March 25, 2024 at Noon

Deadline for unaffiliated voters who want to vote during the early voting period to enroll in a party

Voter Registration for Early Voting

If you are not yet registered but want to vote during the early voting period before the Presidential Preference Primary, file your voter registration application (for a party holding a primary) with the registrars of voters in your town by noon on the business day before the day you want to vote

April 1, 2024 at Noon

Deadline for registering in person with the registrar of voters or town clerk in your town of residence to vote on April 2

Deadline for unaffiliated voters to enroll in a party in person for voting on April 2

To find your Early Voting location, and for all you need to know about elections in Connecticut, visit MyVote.CT.gov or call **860-509-6200**



Stephanie Thomas, Connecticut Secretary of the State

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EARLY VOTING

YOUR SAY. YOUR DAY.

WHAT is Early Voting?

Early Voting allows you to vote in person safely and securely before Election Day.

WHICH ELECTION WILL BE THE FIRST to have Early Voting available?

Early Voting will begin with the Presidential Preference Primary. The Early Voting dates for this election have been modified to reflect the Good Friday holiday and Easter Sunday. Early Voting will be held Tuesday, March 26 through Thursday, March 28 and Saturday, March 30. Presidential Preference Primary Day is Tuesday, April 2, 2024.

WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT at the Early Voting location?

When you arrive at the Early Voting location, you will check in and be verified as an eligible voter. You will then receive your ballot with an envelope. You will complete your ballot at a privacy booth and seal it in the approved envelope. Before you leave, place the sealed envelope in the secure receptacle as instructed by the election officials. Ballots will be secured unopened until Election Day.

WHEN will ballots be counted?

Ballots cast during Early Voting will be sealed and stored securely in each town. They will be opened and counted on Election Day.

HOW DOES EARLY VOTING DIFFER from voting by absentee ballot?

Absentee Ballot voting requires a reason (from a list of six, found at [MyVote.CT.gov](https://www.MyVote.CT.gov)). Early Voting is available to every eligible voter without a specific reason. Early Voting may be done only in-person, not via mail or drop box.

HOW MANY EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS will be in each city or town?

Each town or city will have at least one Early Voting location. If the population is 20,000 or more, the local legislative body will decide whether to have additional locations. Check your municipality's website in March for its Early Voting location or visit [MyVote.CT.gov](https://www.MyVote.CT.gov).

CAN I VOTE on weekends?

Yes. Early Voting includes Saturdays and Sundays for most elections (see calendar for specific dates).

HOW IS IT ENSURED people do not vote twice?

The election official at your Early Voting location will record that you have cast your ballot, preventing you from voting early at any other location, submitting an absentee ballot, or voting on Election Day.

MAY I REGISTER TO VOTE during the Early Voting period?

You may register and vote on the same day during the Early Voting period before regular general elections. For Primary Election details, see detailed instructions on [MyVote.CT.gov](https://www.MyVote.CT.gov).

DOES EARLY VOTING EXIST in other states?

Although new to Connecticut this year, 46 other states already offer some form of Early Voting.

WHAT hasn't changed?

You can still vote via Absentee Ballot or on Election Day as usual. Elections in Connecticut are still safe and secure.



**VIEW YOUR SAMPLE BALLOT
WHEN IT IS AVAILABLE**
[MyVote.CT.gov/sampleballots](https://www.MyVote.CT.gov/sampleballots)



**REGISTER TO VOTE OR
UPDATE YOUR REGISTRATION**
[MyVote.CT.gov/register](https://www.MyVote.CT.gov/register)

Columbia Tax and Business Incentive Program Fact Sheet

Business growth is vital to the long-term sustainability of the Town of Columbia. In 2024 the Town of Columbia is proposing a Tax and Business Incentive Program to attract new businesses, promote the expansion of existing businesses and to support the rehabilitation and reuse of vacant commercial property. The tax credit program will: (1) help businesses create new jobs for local residents; (2) promote growth of the town's tax base; (3) to encourage new construction; and (4) to support business investment in new machinery, equipment and other personal property to expand their operations.

Qualifying Businesses:

Those business uses enumerated in subdivision (b) of CGS Sec. 12-65b shall, consistent with Town ordinances, regulations, rules and codes and the Columbia Plan of Conservation and Development, be eligible for consideration under the provisions of this ordinance and the Program:

Program benefits:

The qualified business and project will receive a graduated local property tax abatement for a period of up to seven years. For the three tiers of qualifying projects, see table below, project values include the assessed value of the real property and all construction costs of the improvements.

Tax and Business Incentive Program			
Graduated Abatement			
Project Value			
Year	\$3,000,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$25,000.00
1	80%	80%	50%
2	70%	70%	50%
3	60%		50%
4	50%		
5	40%		
6	30%		
7	20%		

The Town may abate real estate property taxes based on increased real property tax assessments up to, but not more than the percentage of abatement as shown in the chart printed above.

Abatement begins on the first fiscal year based on the grand list for the year of issuance of the project Certificate of Occupancy.

General Requirements

1. The proposed use received all applicable Federal, State and local approvals, licenses and permits.
2. All applicants should possess a good environmental practices history and be able to demonstrate adequate financial strength to undertake the proposed capital improvements.
3. Applicant who are tenants operating under a written lease
 - a) The term of the lease must be for not less than the applicable term of the tax abatement period.
 - b) The agreement and the tax incentives must be clearly recited in said.
 - c) A copy of said lease should be submitted with the application.
4. Applicant should be in good standing with the state and town, i.e., no fines, unpaid taxes, etc.
5. Applicants relocating to Columbia should provide a five-year history of tax assessments and payments to the current municipality or municipalities.
6. The project should have a clear economic benefit to East Haddam.
7. Applicants are encouraged to provide Columbia residents and businesses with priority consideration for employment or contracts for services, i.e., construction contracts or service/material supply contractions.

Other Town Incentives

The Town may provide additional incentives in support of the project such as

1. waiver of building permit fees
2. waiver of filing fees with land use agencies
3. Construction of Public works infrastructure in support of the project, i.e. public roadway construction, storm drainage, sidewalks, etc.

Project Schedule

Construction shall commence within six months of approval and shall be completed within eighteen months from the start of construction.

Tax and Business Incentive Program Authority

Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) Sec. 12-65b and Sec. 12-65h

Contact

Robert Hellstrom
Economic Development Chairman
Town of Columbia
860-228-0110

TextMyGov Press Release



Town of Columbia- TextMyGov Announcement

The Town of Columbia is excited to announce the launch of TextMyGov, a new text messaging service designed to keep residents informed with timely and relevant information directly affecting our community.

The Town of Columbia is officially launching the new text alert system the week of April 1, 2024. Residents can easily sign up to stay notified about town notifications such as **Upcoming Events, Road Closures, Public Safety Alerts, and General Announcements.**

We encourage all residents to opt-in for these important notifications to keep informed of all town announcements. Signing up is easy. Opt-in to any of the following lists:

- *Town-wide Notifications*, text “**COLUMBIA CT**” to the number **91896**.
- *Parks & Recreation Notifications*, text “**COLUMBIA CT REC**” to the number **91896**.
- *Beckish Senior Center Notifications*, text “**COLUMBIA CT BECKISH**” to the number **91896**.

After sending the initial keyword, you will be asked to complete the opt-in process by responding with YES by text to 91896.

Users may opt-out anytime from future text alerts by simply texting STOP to 91896.

This new communication tool underscores our dedication to transparency and community engagement. We look forward to connecting with our residents and enhancing our ability to communicate effectively.

For more information or any inquiries, please contact the Town Administrator’s Office at 860-228-0110, or townadministrator@columbiact.org.

Msg & data rates may apply. Check with your carrier for details.

View terms and privacy policy info at: textmygov.com/opt-in-terms-conditions

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Series of guided hikes in area this month

TRACI HASTINGS
CHRONICLE STAFF WRITER

Members of the Joshua's Tract Conservation and Historic Trust will March into spring with a series of guided hikes this coming month.

The nonprofit organization has conserved land totaling more than 5,000 acres across New London, Tolland, and Windham counties, with much of the land providing passive recreational opportunities along trail systems.

On March 6, the first walk will take place at Tower Hill Preserve in Chaplin. From 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.,

participants will walk for just over a mile along former farming access roads and through an oak forest habitat. The meeting place is between 96 and 154 Tower Hill Road.

On March 9, a hike will be held at the Madeline Regan Preserve in Tolland. From 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., guides will discuss the history of the Old Connecticut Path that runs through the property and identify the different ferns and mosses found along the trail. The preserve is located at 1274 Tolland Stage Road.

The next hike will be March 20, at the Utley

Hill Preserve in Columbia. From 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., participants will trek a 2.5 mile trail through a variety of wildlife habitats. The preserve is located at 60 Hennequin Road.

The last hike of the month will take place on March 23 at the Bradley-Buchanan Woods in Mansfield. From 10 a.m. to noon, a guide will lead a hike of nearly five miles that will take attendees into Mansfield Hollow State Park as well. Hikers will park at the south side of the Mansfield Public Library, located at 54 Warrenville Road in Mansfield Center.

Inclement weather may cancel any of the hikes. For more information on the walks, or to check for cancellation announcements, visit joshuastrust.org/events.

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CPR class in Andover

Learn CPR Monday March 18, 2024 from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm at the Andover Volunteer Fire Department.

Classes include use of training materials, CPR/AED/Choking for adults/child/infant and 2-year certi-

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TOWN OF COLUMBIA

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OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Calendar of Columbia FY 24-25 Budget Process

Date	Time	Process
12/11/23	N/A	Budget Forms available to Department Heads and Board Chairs
1/10/24	4 pm	Deadline for Budget submittals online by Department Heads and Board Chairs
1/11/24-1/19/24	N/A	Town Administrator meets with Department Heads & develops Budget
1/17/24	7 pm	Tri-Board Meeting between FiPAC, BOE & BOS (<i>Regular FiPAC meeting is scheduled immediately following the Tri-Board meeting</i>)
1/31/24	4 pm	Town Administrator delivers budget to BOS
2/06/24	7 pm	BOS Regular Meeting – with Review of budget highlights from the Town Administrator (tentative)
2/20/24	7 pm	BOS Regular Meeting - with Budget Workshop
2/27/24	7 pm	BOS Special Meeting – with Budget Workshop (tentative)
3/05/24	7 pm	BOS Regular Meeting – with Budget Workshop (BOS Budget Approval to go to FiPAC)
3/13/24	4 pm	Superintendent and TA deliver Budgets to FiPAC
<i>3/15/24</i>	<i>4 pm</i>	<i>Per Charter, last day for BOS & BOE to deliver budgets to FiPAC</i>
3/20/24	7 pm	FiPAC Regular Meeting – with Budget presentations by Super & TA
3/27/24	7 pm	FiPAC Special Meeting – with Budget Workshop
4/03/24	7 pm	FiPAC Special Meeting – with Budget Workshop (tentative)
4/08/24	4 pm	Legal Notice for 4/24/24 Public Hearing is posted & published. Budget document made available on Website, Town Clerk and Library
4/24/24	7 pm	Public Hearing on budget with FiPAC Special Meeting to follow
4/27/24	4 pm	Deadline to advertise legal notice and public notice for Budget Meeting
5/14/24	7 pm	Annual Town Budget Meeting (called by BOS). <i>Per charter must be held between 2nd Tues of May and 1st. Tues of June</i>



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
& PUBLIC PROTECTION
DIVISION OF STATE POLICE**



Lieutenant Adam Litwin #064
Commanding Officer

M/Sgt Shawn Mansfield #078
Executive Officer

Troop K – Colchester

March 4, 2024

Steven Everett
First Selectman
323 Jonathan Trumbull Highway
Columbia, CT 06237

Dear Steven Everett,

This correspondence is an effort to keep you apprised of the monthly police services occurring within the Town of Columbia.

During the month of **February 2024**, the Columbia Resident Trooper as well as Troop K Troopers responded to **272** Calls for Service in the Town of Columbia. Of these Calls for Service, the most notable are:

Total Calls for Service	Total Calls This Year	
272	February 2024	YTD
Accidents	3	14
Criminal Investigations	4	14
Burglaries	0	0
Larcenies	1	1
Non Reportable Matters	174	322
Total Arrests	2	4

Motor Vehicle Enforcement*:	FEB	YTD
Total Traffic Stops	83	112
Onsite DUI's	1	1
Arrests	1	1
Misdemeanor Summons	0	4
Infractions	44	58
Written Warnings	25	32
Verbal Warnings	14	18

Respectfully,

LT Adam Litwin #064

Lieutenant Adam Litwin #064
Commanding Officer
Connecticut State Police – Troop K

15a Old Hartford Road
Colchester, CT 06415
Phone: (860) 465-5400
Fax: (860) 465-5450

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

323 Route 87
Columbia, CT 06237
860-228-6843 x113
registrar@columbiact.org

March 5, 2024


Robin Kenefick
Town Clerk
Town of Columbia
323 Route 87
Columbia, CT 06237

Re: April 2, 2024 Republican & Democratic Primaries

Pursuant to Section 9-168 of the Connecticut General Statutes we, the Registrars of Voters of the Town of Columbia, notify you that we are designating Horace W. Porter School, at 3 Schoolhouse Rd, Columbia, CT as the polling place for the Republican & Democratic Primaries on April 2, 2024.

Pursuant to Section 9-147a of the Connecticut General Statutes we, the Registrars of Voters of the Town of Columbia, notify you that Absentee Ballots will be counted at the designated polling place for the Republican & Democratic Primaries on April 2, 2024.

Sincerely,


Nelisa Reagan, Democratic Registrar


Gayle Mulligan, Republican Registrar

cc: Town Administrator, Board of Selectmen



TOWN OF COLUMBIA TAX OFFICE

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March 13, 2024

Mark Walter
Town Administrator
Town of Columbia
323 RT 87 Columbia, CT 06237

Dear Mark,

This letter is to recognize and thank Dan Johnson for his hard work renovating the Tax Office.

I would like to recognize his hard work, critical thinking skills, knowledge of the construction trade and his willingness to go above and beyond.

Dan solved the ongoing problem of water coming in from the ground and flooding the Tax Office. He personally dug the ditch in front of the window and installed a curtain drain. Once he was satisfied the drainage system was working; he began working on the inside. He emptied the room of all furniture and removed the wet rug and the lower front wall to ensure there was no water damage. He painted the room, installed a new carpet, and moved the furniture back.

It is very impressive that one man did all of this work all the while fulfilling his other duties.

Dan is a pleasure to work with and I appreciate how he remained calm, professional, and compassionate to all my concerns during this stressful time. He understood the difficulties I had in working in a very confined space and completed the project as quickly as he could. And for this I am grateful.

I would say that the Town of Columbia is fortunate to have Dan Johnson as their facility Manager.

Respectfully,
Carol Price
Tax Collector

Mark Walter

From: Greg and Leslie Brand <febtwo83@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 29, 2024 8:25 AM
To: Elizabeth Lunt
Cc: Steven Everett; Mark Walter
Subject: Tree cleanup

Good morning,

Please accept our heartfelt thanks to the town crew who were out bright and early this morning to clean up the remains of a tree that fell in the road across from our home at 6 Woodward Road during the high winds last night.

They did a great job to the point that it looks like nothing ever happened.

It's situations like this that make Columbia a great town to live in.

Thank you,

Leslie and Greg Brand

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