DEDICATION

This year's Annual Report is dedicated to all the town employees and volunteers who make the town run smoothly.

Most of our town employees are long time members of the staff and many are town residents. Although they receive compensation, they go above and beyond their job descriptions in assisting residents in whatever ways possible. Volunteers are all those people who serve on boards, commissions, ad hoc committees, and those who participate as individuals at the library, the volunteer fire department, the senior center, in multiple organizations, and on special projects.

It is the people above who serve the needs of the community and who are good stewards of the tax dollars paid by our residents. As a representative of the Board of Selectmen I would like to extend our appreciation and thanks for all that they do.

Carmen Vance
First Selectman

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Town Offices

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Department Information

Town Offices &
Department Information

Department		Office Hours	Phone
Administrative Office:		Mon-Thur 8 am - 4 pm	860-228-0110
First Selectman	Carmen Vance	Fri 8 am-Noon	
Town Administrator	Natasha Nau		
Administrative Assistant	Kimberly Bona		
Assessor's Office:		Mon-Wed 8-4	860-228-9555
Assessor	Mary Lavallee	Thur 8-6	
		Fri 8-Noon	
Beckish Senior Center:		Mon-Fri 9-4	860-228-0759
Director	Bernadette Derring		
Social Services	Taylor Martinez		
Building Department:		Mon-Wed 8-4	860-228-0440
Building Official	Jim Rupert	Thur 8-6	
Zoning Enforcement	Connie Kisluk	Fri 8-Noon	
Town Planner	Paula Stahl		
Sanitarian,	Holly Hood		
Inland Wetlands Agent	John Valente		
Administrative Assistant	Cindee Hodge		
Board Secretary	Terri Lasota		
Fire Marshal/Burning Off.	Michael Lester		
Animal Control:			
	Nancy Yale		860-337-1222
Finance Department:		Mon-Thur 8 am - 4:30 pm	860-228-8423
Finance Director	Beverly Ciurylo		
Fire Department:			
To report a fire			911
Non-emergency calls			860-228-9602
Fire Chief	Peter Starkel		
Public Works Department:		Mon-Fri 6:30-3	860-228-4270
Director	George Murphy		860-234-2195
Facilities Manager	Bud Meyers		

Recreation Department:		Mon-Wedn 8-4 Th 8-7	860-228-8513
Director	Marc Volza	Fri CLOSED	
Registrar of Voters:		Varies	860-228-0110
Republican	Karen Butzgy		
Democrat	Astrid Belanger		

Department		**Office Hours**	**Phone**
Resident State Trooper:			
	Gregory DeCarli	Mon-Fri 6:30-3	860-228-9846
	Dispatch:		860-465-5400
Tax Collector's Office:		Mon-Wed 8-2	860-228-0230
Tax Collector	Carol W. Price	Thur 8-6 Fri CLOSED	
		extended hours in January and July	
Town Clerk's Office:		Mon-Wed 8-4	860-228-3284
Town Clerk	Robin M. Kenefick	Thur 8-6 Fri 8-12	
Transfer Station:		Wedn 8-4 Sat	860-428-1482
Attendants	Michael Stewart	Sat 8-4	

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Town Commissions, Boards & Committees

Town of Columbia 2015-2016
Town Commissions, Boards & Committees
(as of July 1)

Commission, Board or Committee Member			Term Expires	Phone
Board of Selectmen:				
Meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room				
First Selectman	Carmen Vance	R	11/27/17	228-4509 H
Deputy Selectman	Steven Everett	R	11/27/17	228-1237 H
Selectman	Robert Bogue	R	11/23/15	228-8087 H
Selectman	William O'Brien	D	11/23/15	228-9296 H
Selectman	Robert Hellstrom	D	11/27/17	228-0465 H
Registrars of Voters:				
	Karen Butzgy	D	01/04/17	337-0116 H
	Astrid S. Belanger	R	01/04/17	228-0244 H
BUILDING SERVICES				
Planning and Zoning Commission:				
Meets the 2nd and 4th Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room				
Chairman	Richard Nassiff Jr.		11/27/17	
Member	Tom Currier		11/23/15	
Member	Richard Napolitano		11/23/15	
Member	Robert Powell Jr.		11/27/17	
Member	Earnest J. Starkel		11/26/18	
Member	Donald Schofield		11/23/15	
Member	Vera Englert		11/28/16	
Alternate	Walter Tabor		11/23/15	
Alternate	VACANT		11/23/15	
Alternate	VACANT		11/23/15	
Inland Wetlands Commission:				
Meets the 1st Monday at 7:00 pm in the Conference Room				
Chairman	John Allen		11/23/15	
Member	William Ross		11/27/17	
Member	Claude A. Garritt		11/27/17	
Member	Thomas Archambault		11/23/15	
Member	Ian Dann		11/27/17	
Member	Carol Ann Jaswinski		11/27/17	
Member	Ronald J. Wikholm		11/23/15	

Town of Columbia 2015-2016
Town Commissions, Boards & Committees

Commission, Board or Committee Member		Term Expires	Phone

Zoning Board of Appeals:
Meets the 4th Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room

Chairman	Joseph J. Narkawicz	11/27/17
Member	William Petrone Jr.	11/28/16
Member	Gary A. Littlefield	11/27/17
Member	Jeffrey Vose	11/23/15
Member	Carole Williamson	11/26/18
Alternate	VACANT	11/23/15
Alternate	Keith D. Peck	11/23/15

EDUCATION
Horace Porter School:

Superintendent	Laurence Fearon	228-8590
Principal	Alyssa Gwinnell	228-9493
Asst. Principal	Michael Kenyon	228-9493

Board of Education:
Meets the 1st Monday of each month as scheduled 7:30 pm. in the Porter Cafeteria

Chairperson	Kerry Hoffman	11/23/15
Member	Katherine Tolsdorf	11/23/15
Member	David Crim	11/23/15
Vice Chairperson	Karen Vertefeuille	11/27/17
Member	Christopher Lent	11/27/17
Member	Lisa Napolitano	11/23/15
Member	Linette A. Dooley	11/27/17

SENIOR SERVICES
Commission on Aging:
Meets the 3rd Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. in the Beckish Senior Center (no meetings July-August)

Chairman	Catherine Rowe	11/27/17
Member	Jill Livingston	11/27/17
Member	Paula Calahan	11/27/17
Member	Millie Ramsey	11/27/17
Member	Marjorie Golden-Mossberg	11/27/17
Member	Margaret Ewald	11/27/17
Member	Edith G. Prague	11/27/17

Town of Columbia 2015-2016
Town Commissions, Boards & Committees

Commission, Board or Committee Member		Term Expires	Phone
OTHER ELECTED COMMISSIONS			
Assessment Appeals, Board of:			
Member	Santo Franzo	11/27/17	
Member	Richard Napolitano	11/27/17	
Member	Michael N. Hamilton	11/23/15	
Financial Planning and Allocation Commission:			
Meets the 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room			
Chairman	Ernest Sharpe	11/23/15	
Vice Chairman	Judith Szegda-Ortiz	11/27/17	
Member	Todd Shepard	11/27/17	
Member	Richard Szegda	11/23/15	
Member	Kelley Peck	11/27/17	
Member	Marcia S. Morrison	11/23/15	
Member	Jeffrey Viens	11/23/15	
OTHER COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES			
Conservation and Agriculture Commission:			
Meets the 1st Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room			
Member	Christopher Tolsdorf	11/27/17	
Member	Walter Tabor	11/27/17	
Chairman	Ann Dunnack	11/27/17	
Member	Paul Ramsey	11/27/17	
Member	Christopher McGrath	11/27/17	
Member	Thomas McGrath	11/27/17	
Member	Anthony Ortiz	11/27/17	

Town of Columbia 2015-2016
Town Commissions, Boards & Committees

Commission, Board or Committee Member	Term Expires	Phone

Council on Drug & Alcohol Prevention:
The Council on Drug & Alcohol Prevention had no activity during FY 2015-2016

Economic Development Commission:
The Economic Development Commission had no activity during FY 2015-2016

Justices of the Peace:

Gary A. Littlefield	1/02/17	228-0642
Vera Englert	1/02/17	228-3228
William P. O'Brien	1/02/17	228-9296
Nelson M. Petrone III	1/02/17	228-9818
Carl H. Swartz	1/02/17	228-9693
Mark A. Vining	1/02/17	930-3183
Paul Ramsey	1/02/17	916-6474
Alice Williams	1/02/17	227-0742
Jill Zorn	1/02/17	228-1003
Jeffrey Vose	1/02/17	228-3911
Marcia Cusano	1/02/17	228-8725
Anthony J. Ortiz	1/02/17	576-8020

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Commission, Board or Committee Member		Term Expires	Phone
Lake Management Advisory Committee:			
Meets the 1st Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room			
Chairman	Mark T. Coleman	11/27/17	
Vice Chairman	Michael Gnazzo	11/27/17	
Member	Henry M. Beck Jr.	11/27/17	
Member	John C. Burrell	11/27/17	
Member	Karl Then	11/27/17	
Member	Robert Powell	11/27/17	
Member	Steve Harrington	11/27/17	
Member	James A. Santos	11/27/17	
Member	Carl Foster	11/27/17	
Member	Dan O'Neill	11/27/17	
Member	David Vanderbilt	11/27/17	
Marine Patrol Officers:			
	Robert Powell	10/1/15	
	Carmen Vance (alternate)	10/1/15	
	Jan Thibodeau (alternate)	10/1/15	
	Jason Ferrigno	10/1/15	
	Stephen Postemsky	10/1/15	
	Sharon Smith	10/1/15	
	George Lewandowski	10/1/15	
	Thomas Griffith	10/1/15	
	Nick Wrana	10/1/15	
	Jacob Derring	10/1/15	
	Lucy Drabek	10/1/15	
Open Commission:			
Meets the 3rd Thursday at 8:00 a.m. in the Conference Room			
Chairman	Ann Dunnack	11/27/17	
Member	Walter Tabor	11/27/17	
Member	Joan Hill	11/27/17	
Member	Donald Schofield	11/27/17	
Member	Christopher Tolsdorf	11/27/17	
Member	Paul Ramsey	11/27/17	
Member	Shirley King	11/27/17	

Town of Columbia 2015-2016
Town Commissions, Boards & Committees

Commission, Board or Committee Member		Term Expires	Phone
Recreation Commission			
Meets the 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in Yeomans Hall			
Chairman	Ann Dunnack	11/23/15	
Member	Cindy Postemski	11/27/17	
Member	VACANT	11/23/15	
Member	Steve Piro	11/23/15	
Member	Melissa Petrone	11/27/17	
Member	Millie Ramsey	11/27/17	
Member	Nikki Keldsen	11/27/17	
OTHER TOWN OFFICIALS			
Emergency Management:	Jerry James		228-3224 H
Historical Society:	Justin Holbrook		228-1277 H
Judge of Probate	Michael Darby		647-7979
Town Attorney	Halloran and Sage	11/27/17	
Town Historian	Anita Ramm/Ingrid Wood	11/27/17	228-4388 H
Town Meeting Moderators:	Robert Manwarren	11/27/17	
	Robert C. Baldwin	11/27/17	
	Mark Vining	11/27/17	

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ANNUAL REPORT
Fiscal Year 2015-2016

The major facilities project during 2015-16 was the renovation of the Saxton B. Little Free Library. The project architect was Columbia town resident Robert Powell, who provided his services pro bono. The Clerk of the Works was town employee, Bud Meyers. Su Epstein, Library Director, served on the committee that met regularly with the construction company, Millennium Builders, to see the project to fruition.

During the renovation phase, the library staff operated the "Mini B" from the Meeting Place which had been the home of the library for many years. Although the temporary space was tight, the staff continued to provide library services to the public. Several users were heard to say they really enjoyed the Mini B experience. Library staff are to be commended for continuing to provide services to residents under less than ideal circumstances. The library is due to be completed in September 2016.

In order to accomplish all that needed to be done to expand the library, it was necessary to consolidate all the individual plots of land that make up the town green and the town center area. Interesting things often emerge when dealing with old land records. It was discovered that long ago some town families were granted very small plots of land to park their horses and buggies when coming to the Congregational Church. All of that was cleared up when the land was consolidated.

On November 11, 2015 we dedicated the Korean War monument which has been added to the Memorial Garden on the town green. Thanks to two residents, Janice Thibodeau and Lou Scotti, the Garden now has two new monuments honoring our Veterans: the Vietnam Memorial dedicated in May 2015 and the Korean Monument dedicated in November 2015.

The town faced some staffing issues during 2015-2016 year. An interim town administrator, Mark Paquette, was hired in January 2015, with his major task being to conduct a search for a new town administrator. The Board of Selectmen hired

Natasha Nau in this role in April 2015. As the year played out it was clear that this was not a good fit, so in April 2016, Mr. Mark Walter, was hired and began work on July 1, 2016.

After much thought, the Director of Recreation position was changed from part time to full time. This decision has proven to be a good one for the town since the director, Mr. Marc Volza, has been able to increase and improve recreational programs for our residents.

A major task completed during the year was the Plan of Conservation and Development which is required by the State every ten years. Paula Stahl, our Town Planner, did the necessary work and completed an excellent document that will serve the town well during the next ten years.

Preliminary work was done with community members' input on revitalization of the town beach area. Two open meetings were held to solicit ideas for how best to address major concerns: sand erosion and accessibility. An engineering firm was hired to develop plans based on the input and the plans should be ready during 2016-2017. Another major project addressed initially in 2015-2016 was a Rec Park Master Plan. A company was hired to develop such a plan in 2016-2017.

All proposed projects have an impact on the budget and consequently on the mill rate for residents. There was no mil increase for 2015-16 even though we partially paid for expansion of the library from the general fund. A state grant supplemented town funds. It will be necessary to evaluate the impact of these bigger projects and to see if bonding is necessary in order to move forward with them.

Our senior center members are active and are always looking for ways to improve programming at the senior center. During this past year the Columbia Commission on Aging, chaired by Cathie Rowe, spearheaded an effort to acquire a state grant to provide van transportation for town seniors. Although the grant was approved in spring 2016 the van will not be available until next year.

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Our Lions Club members provided outstanding events though the year. The highlight of the year is always the 4th of July parade. For a small town we have a great parade that people come from all around to participate in and view. The Lions sponsor a special event for young children in early December involving the gazebo lighting and the arrival of Santa. A wonderful way to kick off the holiday season.

Our volunteers continue to be the life blood of the activities that take place in Columbia. Residents serve on boards, teach classes, coach rec teams and volunteer in a myriad of places. One very special group of volunteers is the Columbia Fire Department. These men and women give much of their time to helping those in need either through emergency medical services or fire prevention and fighting fires. They also continue to provide gift certificates for Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets which are distributed each year to town residents who could use some extra help.

The Environmental Advisory Committee was newly instituted during the year. Chaired by Bryan Tarbell, the committee has worked hard on energy saving activities for the town. Their major event was a light bulb swap and conservation sharing program held on a Saturday. They continue to seek grants and to education the public on issued related to the environment.

The above items represent just the highlights of the year. It is impossible to list all of the happenings that make Columbia the special town that it is. As 2016-2017 approaches, I look forward to working with our new Town Administrator, Mark Walter, in finalizing many of the projects that have been in preparation this past year.

Carmen L. Vance

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First Selectman

Reports Of Town Agencies

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TOWN OF COLUMBIA

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE
323 Jonathan Trumbull Highway
Columbia, Connecticut 06237

Mary F. Lavallee, CCMA II
(860) 228-9555
(860) 228-2335 Fax
Email:mlavallee@columbiactorg

Mon., Tues., Wed. .8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Thursday .8:00 am to 6:00 pm
Friday .8:00 am to Noon

GRAND LIST OF 2015

REALTY	$ 406,098,251
PERSONAL PROPERTY	$ 18,715,844
MOTOR VEHICLES	$ 44,011,425
(Prior to Elderly and Board of Assessment Appeals)	$ 468,825,520
ELDERLY	
Freeze	0
Circuit Breaker	$ 8,073,560
	$ 476,899,080
WOODLAND (10 MILLS)	$ 1,530
2015 NET GRAND LIST	$ 476,900,610
2014 NET GRAND LIST	$ 471,671,182
INCREASE IN ASSESSED VALUE	$5,229,428
PERCENTAGE INCREASE	1.11%

Mary F. Lavallee, CCMA II
Assessor 1/28/2016

Beckish Senior Center
Annual Report 2015-2016

The Beckish Senior Center is celebrating its 19th year of operation, established in 1997. The Senior Center is located at 188 Route 66 Columbia, CT 06237. Residents of Columbia, and the surrounding areas, 55 years of age and older are welcome to participate in all programs of interest throughout the year. The Beckish Senior Center is committed to working with the community to provide programs, recreation, and services which encourage active, healthy, happy and independent lifestyles for seniors in our community.

Social Services at the Beckish Senior Center in Columbia receive an average of six appointments per Tuesday. Services received range from assistance with CEAP applications, Energy Assistance, SNAP, Medicare Savings Plans, Eviction Prevention, Social Security Advice, Emergency Food, and referrals to services throughout the Connecticut area.

The Beckish Senior Center works in conjunction with TVCCA for our weekly food services. The Senior Nutrition Program that the TVCCA provides services to all persons sixty (60) years and older. The program provides a daily hot lunch meal at the Beckish Senior Center every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Meals provided are nutritionally balanced and are within the guidelines of a no-added-salt and no-added-sugar diet. The suggested donation range is $3.00 per meal and $4.50 per special meal. On average, the Beckish Senior Center hosts 60 seniors for lunch per week. The social setting and nutritional meal makes for a wonderful afternoon for everyone involved. Our Site Server, Linda Reynolds, is a CNA as well as the Alternate Qualified Food Operator. Linda continues gain knowledge in all areas of food service and nutrition through TVCCA's educational pamphlets and meeting.

Meals-on-Wheels is available on a referral basis in the Town of Columbia to homebound elderly aged 60 years or more and disabled persons that require home delivered meals due to medical necessity or social isolation. Meals are delivered to the home once a week as a frozen drop. CCCI participants receive meals Tuesday through Friday due to a contract. The nutritious meals are delivered with one meal hot and the weeks meals frozen to the home and provide 1/3 of the recommended dietary needs for seniors. Frozen meals are provided for weekends as well.

Health and Well Being:

The Beckish Senior Center continues to host the VNA East monthly blood pressure checks. The VNA also gives flu shots to our seniors once a year. The TVCCA routinely visits to give health talks on nutrition and healthy living. Dr. Morgan comes in several times a year for foot care appointments. Windham Hospital has had talks on Fall Prevention and Diabetes. A few more health talks and seminars were held, such as, Medicare and Medicaid information, Skin Cancer Screenings, Oral Cancer Checks, Hearing Loss Prevention, Memory Loss Programs, Diabetes control, Nutritional Dietary Programs, Reflexology, Massage and much more. We offer Elderly Safety Programs that specialize in theft, prescription awareness, social security safety as well as banking tips. Every other month we host an AARP Smart Driving Course which is always a success. AARP also comes in for tax help 4 times during the tax season and is available all year round. AARP also gives seminars on scams and fraud alerts that are affecting seniors.

Exercise:

At the Beckish Senior Center we promote healthy living lifestyles; one of which is exercise. Twice a week we offer Zumba gold classes, yoga, and morning stretch and energize class, line dancing, game day. We also offer Silver Sneakers available once a week. Silver Sneakers is a wonderful exercise program where the cost is covered by insurance. Exercise improves your strength, flexibility and posture, which in turn will help with balance, coordination, and reducing the risk of falls. Strength training also helps alleviate the symptoms of chronic conditions such as arthritis. Each fitness program offered here helps brain function and over-all health of your body. Our fitness programs have increased in size over the past year. We welcome everyone to join our exercise programs. Residents and non residents are welcome.

Activities:

The Beckish Senior Center offers numerous activities for our seniors:
Art Workshops, Book Discussion Group, Bridge, Computer classes, Horace Porter school lunches, Chris Urban Lunches, Newsletter Review Team, Blood Type Nutrition classes, Reflexology and Massage, Haircuts, Jewelry Classes, CSO Ice Cream Social, Haircuts, Men's and Ladies Group, Ladies & Men's Pool League, Movie Day, New Year's Dinner and Dance, Appreciation Dinner, Special Meals, Holiday Party, Pig Roasts Dance and Dinner, Pizza Lunch w/ Magic Show, Quilting Classes, Halloween Dance & Dinner, Line Dancing, Morning Stretch & Energize, Silver Sneakers, Yoga, Setback Night, Poker Night, Bridge, Duplicate Bridge, Canasta & Pinochle, Soup & Sandwich, Rose Marrotte Art Show, December Holiday luncheons, Grandparents Billiards, Billiards, Walking Group, three times a week TVCCA sponsored meals, Windham Tech Luncheons, Norwich Tech Luncheons, Harvest to Holly Fair, Spring Tag Sale, CONA events, Woodcarving classes and much more…

Trips:

Beauport Princess Cruise, Tribute to Jonny Cash, Lobster Bash, Buddy Jewel, Thimble Islands, Pilgrim Belle, 9/11Memorial Museum, Big E Trip, On your own in NYC, Christmas Tribute, Boston Fine Arts Museum, Rockcats Game, These are just a few trips the Beckish Senior Center participated in. We are currently partnering with several local senior centers on a share a bus program. This program will allow seniors to socialize with other members of the surrounding area as well as allow for increased participation on numerous trips.

Volunteers and Visitors:

Volunteers are key to our success here at the Beckish Senior Center. Over the past year, we have had over 6,800 volunteer hours. Without the help of our local seniors many programs would not be possible. Thank you to all the volunteers who have volunteered their time and expertise. Each year in April we hold a volunteer luncheon that is catered by Windham Hospital. We have at least 80 volunteers that show up for this special event! Beckish also joined forces with Eastconn Vocational Program to allow students to gain real life work experiences.

Beckish Senior Center Staff

Center Hours	Monday thru Friday, 8am to 3pm
Director of Sr. Services and Municipal Agent for the Elderly	Bernadette Derring
Office Phone	860-228-0759
Office Fax	860-228-1952
Office Email	beckish@columbiact.org
Site Server	Linda Reynolds
Meals-on-Wheels Driver	Bernadette Derring
Meals-on-Wheels Driver back-up	Mark Smith Volunteer
Access Agency Social Services Agent	Cathy Whitehead

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The Beckish Senior Center has a nonprofit organization within the Senior Center. This group is called the Columbia Senior's Organization. The CSO consists of an executive board as well as all of its members and associate members. To date the CSO has 344 members, 15 associate members and 8 executive board members. This Organization works in conjunction with the Beckish Senior Center Staff and Town of Columbia Board of Selectman and Town Administrator.

Columbia Seniors Organization, Inc.

President - Margaret Schatz
Vice-President – Sheran Smith
Secretary - John Allen
Treasurer - Nancy Schwartz
Member at Large - Yvon Desautels
Membership – Paula Cahalan
Gifts/Memorial – Sheran Smith
Publicity –Gloria Kratt

In closing, The Beckish Senior Center will continue to be the place where seniors can come and seek out social services, recreational programs, social events, and numerous educational programs in a safe and healthy environment. This year, like every year, it is a pleasure to work with everyone and share in all of the wonderful times held here at the Beckish Senior Center. To access our current programs and services, please visit our town website at www.columbiact.org. You can always find our newsletter at any local store in Hebron, Columbia, Willimantic, as well as the Saxton B. Little Free Library, and Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernadette Derring

Bernadette Derring
Director Senior Services
Town of Columbia
Municipal Agent for the Elderly

Town of Columbia
Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2015-2016
Board of Assessment Appeals

In the past fiscal year, the Board of Assessment Appeals conducted three meetings on September 19, 2015, March 19, 2016 and March 24, 2016 to review assessment appeals.

After reviewing documentation, five motor vehicle appeals were approved; two personal property appeals were denied; and two real estate appeals were denied.

Respectfully Submitted,

Santo Franzo, Chairman
Board of Assessment Appeals
Town of Columbia

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

COLUMBIA, CONNECTICUT

Annual Report

Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016

In December 2015 the Board of Education held a goals setting retreat facilitated by a representative of the CT Association of Boards of Education (CABE). At this retreat, the Board established 4 goals:

1. To review and develop policies for educational quality, safety and standards
2. To review the District's program and curriculum development process
3. To maintain the fiscal integrity of the District and develop an annual budget that supports the District's programs
4. To work with the Superintendent and school administration to build positive and effective communications and community relations

In order to best achieve these goals the Board reorganized their subcommittee structure and established three distinct committees of the Board:

1. Policy
2. Budget (including Facilities and Capital Planning)
3. Teaching and Learning (including curriculum, instructional practices and assessments)

We continued our partnership with Bolton High School and E.O. Smith High School (Region 19) to provide programs for our 9-12 grade students. Principal Alyssa Gwinnell continued her practice of meeting with administrators from Bolton and Region 19 feeder schools to ensure the alignment of program expectations both at the PK-8 and high school level. We are anticipating joint professional development opportunities among these districts for faculty in the 2016/201/7 school year.

In academics and programs, the co-teaching model was continued in grades 1-4. Professional development focused on giving teachers the opportunity to continuing planning for implementing this program in the area of literacy. Curriculum revision work focused on the areas of science and social studies. CT has adopted the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) and our staff has been working on integrating those standards into all grade levels.. We are anticipating the adoption of new social studies standards and have used the Department of Education materials to update scope and sequence of our curriculum. Curriculum leaders in science at the school began preparation for the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). These standards developed by science teachers throughout the nation will form the basis for curriculum and instructional changes over the next two years.

Columbia School District together with all Connecticut school districts, participated in the Smarter Balance Assessments (SBAC). The testing period was March through April with results available to the districts in late summer.

We encourage you to visit the District and School site at www.hwporter.org. You will find information on all our policies, programs and student successes as well as links to other community agencies and the high schools.

The faculty and staff of the Columbia School District continue to take pride in their responsibilities to the children and families of Columbia.

SALARIES

ADMINISTRATORS:

Laurence	Fearon	$	142,526.32
Mary-Kate	Farley		117,298.13
Alyssa	Gwinnell		125,528.18
Michael	Kenyon		92,359.15
ADMINSTRATORS TOTAL		**$**	**477,711.78**

CERTIFIED TEACHERS:

Dawn	Bedard	$	82,052.66
Emily	Breither		74,186.93
Kristin	Cavallo		82,078.42
Elizabeth	Cooper		69,344.97
Theresa	Cooper		81,328.44
Carla	Croteau		82,099.68
Karen	Defanti		82,891.30
Janet	Denley		66,395.20
Amanda	Dingler		82,560.92
Thomas	Doyle		86,500.78
Tammy	Ekstrom		83,840.50
Katherine	Francis		56,929.84
Jessica	Hall		82,568.68
Nicole	Henry		56,190.72
Michael	Hetherington		82,956.16
Barbara	Hilbie		84,206.43
Craig	Huntington		77,848.31

CERTIFIED TEACHERS (continued)

Roselle	Jardim		19,235.39
Kathia	Karamanites		5,330.08
Brigid	Keenan		23,442.82
Brooke	Kleinman		83,966.18
Laura	Lawton		85,904.80
Katherine	MacDonald		62,991.24
Lynn	MacMullen		82,052.66
Kristin	Maltese		35,735.10
Dolores	Marcous		69,402.41
Laurie	Marks		82,618.84
Anne	May		20,404.98
Cheryl	Munoz		81,327.29
Jessica	Neumuth		64,220.27
Aliza	Petrucci		67,420.08
Shannon	Piatek		81,417.96
Steven	Piro		87,718.20
Sandra	Rijs		81,479.39
Anne	Rowe		87,324.39
Robin	Shainess		14,489.24
Michelle	Shive		43,902.36
Cory	Tobler		50,247.32
Janna	Traber		81,759.24
Kari	Van Ostrand		81,417.96
Patricia	Whitman		76,438.63
Laura	Zaglio		12,436.32
	CERTIFIED TEACHERS TOTAL	**$**	**2,796,663.09**

(salaries continued)

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SALARIES (continued)

SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS:				
Barbara	Coviello			82,018.82
Jessica	Delmastro			56,295.52
Jennifer	Hallquist	*		40,100.06
Lorraine	McLeish			81,143.20
Karen	Martin		$	83,602.38
Rebecca	Radin			8,650.00
Roserie	Rinaldi			83,087.68
SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS TOTAL			$	**434,897.66**

SOCIAL WORKER/GUIDANCE /PSYCHOLOGIST				
Karen	Caputo		$	60,587.73
Corey	Polakowski			66,685.15
Dr. Lynn	Rookey			87,929.29
SOCIAL WORKER/GUIDANCE/PSYCHOLOGIST TOTAL			$	**215,202.17**

SPEECH/LANGUAGE				
Meredith	Eberhard	*	$	25,741.80
Lea	Finnie	*		67,853.08
SPEECH/LANGUAGE TOTAL			$	**93,594.88**

HEALTH ROOM				
Fayne	Sears		$	59,951.53
HEALTH ROOM TOTAL			$	**59,951.53**

OFFICE STAFF				
Ann	Clairmont		$	45,294.66
Brenda	Desmarais			39,447.68
Karen	Johnson			53,956.40
Brenda	Morey			42,934.58
Judy	Zemantic			19,945.92
OFFICE STAFF TOTAL			$	**201,579.24**

FACILITY TECHNICIANS				
Peter	Hendrickson			52,101.22
Jeremiah	O'Leary			42,942.11
James	Parker			43,129.99
Donald	Spooner			42,709.56
Michael	Sylvester			66,237.50
FACILITY TECHNICIANS TOTAL			$	**247,120.38**

PARAPROFESSIONALS:				
Kristen	Bacon		$	23,293.45
Pamela	Basile	*		28,538.90
Linda	Boucher	*		29,435.48
Kathleen	Edenburn			25,991.06
Julie	Freer			20,026.57
Robert	Lazzari			24,970.56
Gillian	Lyon			30,526.39
Priscilla	Medeiros	*		36,481.06
Sandra	Millerd			24,895.49
Louise	Nowak	*		26,678.33
Eileen	Paulhus	*		26,079.68
Bonnie	Quinn			25,145.41
Carolyn	Ritchie	*		25,715.99
Kimberly	Rockefeller			37,355.90
Brenda	Sieklucki	*		30,505.65
PARAPROFESSIONALS TOTAL			$	**415,639.92**

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM				
Ofelia	Chang		$	11,031.31
Mary	Conway			38,811.06
Kelly	Moorcroft			12,793.39
HOT LUNCH PROGRAM TOTAL			$	**62,635.76**

SUBSTITUTES/TUTORS/COACHES/MISCELLANEOUS:				
Felicia	Acerbo		$	450.00
Julia	Angelides			195.00
Jason	Bachand			225.00
Kristen	Bacon			3,635.70
Gladys	Barros			1,292.00
William	Beaudry			7,408.20
Timothy	Bill			22,691.63
Michael	Boscarino			1,644.00
Karen	Caputo			2,158.38
Donna	Cawley			13,048.36
Michele	Cooke			5,962.50
Alyson	Cranick			5,570.91
Karen	DeFanti			1,586.23
Amanda	Dingler			1,290.00
Christine	Dwyer			210.00
Ronald	Ethridge			2,887.50
Cristyn	Franson			1,260.00
Megan	Flynn			2,875.25
Jessica	Hall			2,879.14
Kathleen	Hampp			3,862.50
Thuan	Hartigan			1,837.50
Julie	Hughes			2,617.00
Valerie	Jurovaty			4,612.50
Brigid	Keenan			1,841.00
Jenny	Lee-Ortiz			525.00
Amanda	Lester			500.00
Marcy	Littlefield			1,462.50
Kelsi	Marks			762.00
Laurie	Marks			1,294.20
Gail	McGrath			562.50
Collin	McIvor			2,287.50
Rachel	Mezzoni			1,209.50
Susan	Milici			750.00
Sandra	Millerd			6,307.00
Victoria	Monck			750.00
Ariel	Morales			500.00
Tobin	Morey			2,660.00
Ann	Morgan			2,550.00
Kelsey	Nixon			1,209.50
Erin	O'Neil-Baker			412.00
Richard	Orzolek			1,012.50
Marie	Pelletier			1,462.50
Kyle	Penney			2,550.00
Allison	Picard-Careau			11,544.34
Steven	Piro			1,350.00
Nelisa	Reagan			411.25
Lynn	Rookey			412.00
Anne	Rowe			1,232.00
Donald	Rowe			1,919.00
Doris	Sciremammano			375.00
Karen	Scotti			600.00
Mallarie	Seidel			17,327.28
Jill	Skowrenski			6,067.00
Janet	Stice			4,454.50
Matthew	Tew			1,476.75
Jennifer	Tigeleiro			16,682.31
Michelle	Thorn			350.00
Cory	Tobler			2,117.00
Elizabeth	Tucker			37.50
Karen	Vanderbilt			2,188.36
Sharon	Wapen			750.00
Edward	Wendus			225.00
Amanda	White			375.00
James	Winnie			112.50
Francis	Wolfe			12,788.60
James	Young			500.00
Eileen	Ziemak			1,594.81
SUBSTITUTES/TUTORS/COACHES/MISC TOTAL			$	205,697.20
TOTAL			$	**5,210,693.61**

*A portion of this salary is paid by Federal grant money.

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Columbia Board of Education
2015-2016 Project 30-1

TITLE I IMPROVING BASIC PROGRAMS - FUNDS 25 & 27			
BALANCE CARRIED OVER			-
RECEIPTS			
	State Grant Received	22,720.00	
	Deferred Revenue		
	Total Receipts		22,720.00
DISBURSEMENTS			
	Salaries - Paraprofessionals	22,720.00	
	Professional Services		
	Total Disbursements		22,720.00
FUND BALANCE 06/30/16			-

TITLE II, PART A - FUNDS 23 & 32			
BALANCE CARRIED OVER			-
RECEIPTS			
	State Grant Received	10,895.00	
	Deferred Revenue		
	Total Receipts		10,895.00
DISBURSEMENTS			
	Professional Services	10,895.00	
	Payment of Prior Year Expenses		
	Total Disbursements		10,895.00
FUND BALANCE 06/30/2016			-

IDEA 611 - FUNDS 33 & 40			
BALANCE CARRIED OVER			-
RECEIPTS			
	State Grant Received	221,332.00	
	Deferred Revenue		
	Total Receipts		221,332.00
DISBURSEMENTS			
	Salaries - Teachers	105,152.00	
	Salaries - Paraprofessionals	104,237.00	
	Inservice	1,700.00	
	Other Prof. Technical Services	5,435.00	
	Instructional Supplies		
	Other Supplies	4,808.00	
	Other Prof. Technical Services		
	Payment of Prior Year Expenditures		
	Total Disbursements		221,332.00
FUND BALANCE 06/30/2016			-

Columbia Board of Education
2015-2016 Project 30-1 (continued)

IDEA 619 - FUNDS 36 & 38			
BALANCE CARRIED OVER			-
RECEIPTS			
	State Grant Received	10,019.00	
	Total Receipts		10,019.00
DISBURSEMENTS			
	Salaries - Paraprofessionals	9,444.00	
	Instructional Supplies	575.00	
	Total Disbursements		10,019.00
FUND BALANCE 06/30/2016			-

ADULT EDUCATION-FUND 28			
BALANCE CARRIED OVER			-
RECEIPTS			2,418.00
DISBURSEMENTS			
	Adult Education Tuition	2,418.00	
	Total Disbursements		2,418.00
FUND BALANCE 06/30/2016			-

YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU-FUND 45 & 46			
BALANCE CARRIED OVER			-
RECEIPTS			17,071.00
DISBURSEMENTS			
	Professional Services - AHM	17,071.00	
	Total Disbursements		17,071.00
FUND BALANCE 06/30/2016			-

REAP GRANT-FUNDS 48 & 49			
BALANCE CARRIED OVER			-
RECEIPTS			40,007.49
DISBURSEMENTS			
	Computer Equipment	40,007.49	
	Total Disbursements		40,007.49
FUND BALANCE 06/30/2016			-

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Columbia Board of Education
2015-2016 Project 30-1 (continued)

FACILITY USAGE & MISCELLANEOUS - FUND 55			
BALANCE CARRIED OVER			2,407.26
RECEIPTS			
	State Grant Received		
	Facility Usage	136.50	
	Miscellaneous		
	Total Receipts		136.50
DISBURSEMENTS			
	Classroom Supplies		
	Equipment	350.96	
	Miscellaneous		
	Salaries	136.50	
	Payment of Prior Year Expenditures		
	Total Disbursements		487.46
FUND BALANCE 06/30/2016			**2,056.30**

Total Project 30-1 as of 06/30/16	**2,056.30**

Columbia Board of Education

2015-2016 GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE RECAPITULATION

OBJECT CODE	ACCOUNT NAME	BUDGETED GROSS EXPENDITURES	BUDGETED GRANT OFFSETS	BUDGETED TOWN ALLOCATION	ADD'L TOWN BUDGET ALLOC. & TRANSFERS	TOTAL BUDGETED TOWN ALLOCATION	GROSS EXPENDITURES TO DATE	ACTUAL GRANT OFFSETS	TOWN EXPENDITURES TO DATE	ADDITIONAL GRANT OFFSETS	YEAR END BALANCE REMAINING
111	CERTIFIED SALARIES:										
	STAFF SALARIES	4,219,354.00		4,219,354.00	(175,729.06)	4,043,624.94	4,104,381.89	105,152.00	3,999,229.89	105,152.00	44,395.05
	SUBSTITUTE SALARIES	31,200.00		31,200.00	76,070.75	107,270.75	97,814.13	3,750.00	94,064.13	3,750.00	13,206.62
112	NON-CERTIFIED SALARIES:									-	-
	STAFF SALARIES	888,015.00	131,890.00	756,125.00	(11,832.42)	744,292.58	880,693.58	136,401.00	744,292.58	4,511.00	-
	SUBSTITUTE SALARIES	20,090.00		20,090.00	45,155.87	65,245.87	65,245.87		65,245.87	-	0.00
210	EMPL BENEFIT HOSP	1,100,824.00		1,100,824.00	(30,491.54)	1,070,332.46	1,069,400.72		1,069,400.72	-	931.74
211	EMPL BENEFIT LIFE	6,726.00		6,726.00	(596.90)	6,129.10	6,129.10		6,129.10	-	-
213	FICA	60,021.00		60,021.00	4,087.36	64,108.36	63,152.02		63,152.02	-	956.34
214	MEDI CARE	68,262.00		68,262.00	(57.53)	68,204.47	66,782.35		66,782.35	-	1,422.12
250	BENEFIT UNEMPL	5,000.00		5,000.00	(4,159.08)	840.92	840.92		840.92	-	0.00
260	WORKERS COMP INSURANCE	58,500.00		58,500.00	(860.00)	57,640.00	57,640.00		57,640.00	-	-
290	OTHER BENEFITS	35,075.00		35,075.00	16,458.45	51,533.45	36,426.40		36,426.40	-	15,107.05
300	PROFESSIONAL SVS-CAFÉ	12,000.00		12,000.00	(12,000.00)	-	-		-	-	-
310	BD OF ED SERVICES:									-	-
	BOARD OF ED LEGAL SVCS	15,000.00		15,000.00	14,986.50	29,986.50	27,700.50		27,700.50	-	2,286.00
320	INSTR IMPROV STAFF	19,045.00	11,895.00	7,150.00	(5,695.00)	1,455.00	10,236.37	8,781.37	1,455.00	(3,113.63)	-
330	PROF SERV:									-	-
	REGULAR EDUCATION	84,861.00		84,861.00	(42,106.36)	42,754.64	40,252.11		40,252.11	-	2,502.53
	SPECIAL SERVICES	115,000.00		115,000.00	(20,349.00)	94,651.00	88,052.00		88,052.00	-	6,599.00
340	TECH CONTRACT SERVICE	85,680.00		85,680.00	114.50	85,794.50	88,272.25	5,435.00	82,837.25	5,435.00	2,957.25
411	WATER/SEWAGE	6,500.00		6,500.00	(112.00)	6,388.00	6,388.00		6,388.00	-	-
421	SANITARY REFUSE	7,980.00		7,980.00	(626.18)	7,353.82	7,177.76		7,177.76	-	176.06
422	SNOWPLOWING	24,000.00		24,000.00	(1,500.00)	22,500.00	22,500.00		22,500.00	-	-
430	REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	47,640.00		47,640.00	(24,405.27)	23,234.73	22,385.89		22,385.89	-	848.84
440	RENTAL	41,300.00		41,300.00	(14,857.21)	26,442.79	26,052.91		26,052.91	-	389.88
510	PUPIL TRANSPORTATION:									-	-
	REGULAR EDUCATION	439,978.00		439,978.00	8,635.49	448,613.49	448,533.49		448,533.49	-	80.00
	SPECIAL ED	260,703.00	2,535.00	258,168.00	108,041.14	366,209.14	361,230.64		361,230.64	(2,535.00)	4,978.50
520	INSURANCE	44,277.00		44,277.00	(554.34)	43,722.66	43,722.66		43,722.66	-	-
530	TELEPHONE	8,300.00		8,300.00	(1,176.80)	7,123.20	7,123.20		7,123.20	-	-
531	POSTAGE	2,660.00		2,660.00	1,529.68	4,189.68	4,189.68		4,189.68	-	-
540	ADVERTISING	300.00		300.00	(4.25)	295.75	295.75		295.75	-	-
560	TUITION:									-	-
	REGULAR ED	2,751,415.00		2,751,415.00	59,140.07	2,810,555.07	2,810,555.07		2,810,555.07	-	-
	SPECIAL ED	1,243,515.00		1,243,515.00	412,714.57	1,656,229.57	1,654,539.31	2,418.00	1,652,121.31	2,418.00	4,108.26
580	TRAVEL	4,855.00		4,855.00	(486.92)	4,368.08	4,368.08		4,368.08	-	-
610	SUPPLIES	75,848.00	4,883.00	70,965.00	(8,863.66)	62,101.34	67,547.97	5,446.63	62,101.34	563.63	(0.00)
613	MAINT SUPPLIES	15,000.00		15,000.00	(3,617.43)	11,382.57	11,190.91		11,190.91	-	191.66
622	ELECTRICITY	82,000.00		82,000.00	13,963.56	95,963.56	95,963.56		95,963.56	-	-
623	PROPANE GAS	4,000.00		4,000.00	2,742.70	6,742.70	6,742.70		6,742.70	-	-
624	HEATING OIL	69,700.00		69,700.00	(4,533.79)	65,166.21	64,026.69		64,026.69	-	1,139.52
626	DIESEL FUEL	47,000.00		47,000.00		47,000.00	45,167.96		45,167.96	-	1,832.04
640	SOFTWARE	44,370.00		44,370.00	(3,913.91)	40,456.09	40,456.09		40,456.09	-	-
641	TXTBKS/WKBKS/ANCMAT	5,500.00		5,500.00	(3,436.09)	2,063.91	2,063.91		2,063.91	-	-
642	LIBRARY BOOKS	3,200.00		3,200.00	(683.53)	2,516.47	2,504.63		2,504.63	-	11.84
643	PERIODICALS	4,035.00		4,035.00	2,551.60	6,586.60	6,586.60		6,586.60	-	-
730	EQUIPMENT	47,000.00	46,000.00	1,000.00	6,330.93	7,330.93	47,338.42	40,007.49	7,330.93	(5,992.51)	-
810	DUES/FEES	13,940.00		13,940.00	125.10	14,065.10	14,065.10		14,065.10	-	-
	TOTAL	12,119,669.00	197,203.00	11,922,466.00	400,000.00	12,322,466.00	12,525,737.19	307,391.49	12,218,345.70	110,188.49	104,120.30

NOTE: The Columbia Board of Education was appropriated an additional $400,000 at a Town Meeting on June 14, 2016. The $104,120.30 Balance Remaining was returned to the Town as of June 30, 2016 with $100,000 transferred to a BOE Nonlapsing Account after FIPAC approval on September 21, 2016.

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Columbia Board of Education
2015/2016 Graduates

HORACE W. PORTER SCHOOL

Gabriel Albert
Julia Angelides
Matthew Baker
Benjamin Bessette
Nicholas Campagnone
Grace Carver
Kathryn Conchado
Jacob Corson
Macayla Danburg
Alexis Dudek
Danielle Earnest
Emmanuel Elumogo
Allison Escott
Hannah Fellows
Michaela Finn
Paul Friedmann
Aiden Gamache
Julia Gamache
Renee Gilchrist
Aiden Grabowski
Aiden Holland
Rachel Hughes
Elizabeth Hutter
Hendrik Kingo
Graham Leger
Brianna Macha
Alaina Magaldi
Connor Melroy
Carter Meshanic
Hunter Meshanic
Dylan Morin
Gabriel Muñoz
Jared Narotsky
Jack Nowyckyj
Giovanni Parla
Daena Parmenter
Ian Peck
Nicolas Person
Amber Peterson
Calvin Riquier
Xavier Robinson
Adam Ruchalski
Nathan Salcedo
Kersten Scanlon
Matthew Schroder
Madison Shea
Autumn Skowrenski
Caleb Smith
Kellen Spector
Emma Starkel
Jazmyne Steele
Cole Szegda
Dylan Tetrealut-Smith
Anthony Toce
Alina Torres
Grace Touhy
Jayden Tuthill
Megan VanDyke
Bethany Walsh
Catherine Weaver
Autumn Wranna

BOLTON HIGH SCHOOL

Zachary Adams
Leo Bonnenfant
Cynthia Conant
Catherine Coyle
Danielle Coyle
Sean Eaton-Robb
Alexis Frame
Erin Godfrey
Raymond Graham
Abigail Leger
Alfred Lunt
Alexis McDunnah
William Mike
Kyle Nye
Sean Sharp
Kendra Spector
Marissa Starkel
Sloane Stephens
Kaleb Sykes

E.O. SMITH HIGH SCHOOL

Hannah Angelides
Damion Bjorkland
James Blair
Hayley Colon
Jaron Condon
Olivia Cox
Nicholas Daigle
Brandon Desautels
Alisa Drabek
Amy Ferrigno
Christian Grasso
Theodore Hoffman
Morgan Keegan
Julia Mendes
Oliver Peabody
Alaina Pietras
Jacob Potter
Jessica Rand
Thomas Ruffino
Sarah Schatz
Kaitlyn Smith
Carly Weston
Benjamin Wrana
Christopher Young

WINDHAM HIGH SCHOOL

Anna Kandolin

WINDHAM TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

Cole Atkins
Caitlyn Constant
Christopher Gage
Andrew Nolette
Joseph Wilson

HOWELL CHENEY TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

Tristan Spence

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ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT

July 2015- June 2016

From the

BUILDING OFFICIAL

The primary function of the Building Department is to ensure the health, safety and general welfare of the public by enforcing the Connecticut State Building Code. This is accomplished through:

- Performing plan reviews
- Issuing permits and conducting inspections to insure compliance with the Connecticut State Building Code and local ordinances
- Issuing necessary orders and notices to remove illegal or unsafe conditions.
- Requiring the necessary safeguards during construction and demolition of structures.
- Interpreting and providing guidance regarding all applicable codes to Architects, Engineers, contractors, developers and other interested parties.
- Reviewing applications with the Town Planner, Town Engineer, Fire Marshal, Health District, along with various other local, state, and federal agencies as required.

A permit is required whenever any owner or authorized agent intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish, or change the occupancy of a building or structure, or to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical, or plumbing system

As your building official I do certify that the information contained below is an accurate survey based upon residential and commercial building applications. New single family homes and additions to existing homes for fiscal year 2015 to 2016 saw 10 new homes, up slightly from last year and 16 additions, also up slightly up from last year. My activity report now contains construction values and permit fees collected. From July 2015 to June 2016 the construction values were $6,423,670. Our permit fees collected amounted to $77,084.

	Fiscal year 2014/**2015**	**Fiscal** **2015/2016**
Residential		
New Single Family Homes	9	10
Additions/Accessory Structures* *Garages *Decks *Porches *Sheds	36	84
Pools — Above Ground/In-Ground	3	4
Renovations	36	49
Roofing/Siding/windows	56	133
Mechanical/Electrical/Plumbing	160	320
Stoves/Chimneys/generators	60	69
Fuel storage installation	32	79
Solar panels	30	25

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Demolition		
Residential Homes/Acc structures	11	21
Commercial		
Structures - Buildings	0	1
Towers	1	0
Additions/Remodeling	7	19
Demolition	0	0
Total Annual Permits Issued	**443**	**814**

Respectfully Submitted,

James Rupert, Building Official jim.rupert@boltonct.org

Cindee Hodge, Administrative Assistant chodge@columbiact.org

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Columbia Commission on Aging

Annual Report

2016

Commission Members: Lyn Buonocore, Paula Cahalan, Maggie Ewald, Jill Livingston, Edith Prague, Millie Ramsey, Catherine Rowe

With the help of Natasha Nau, Carmen Vance, Kim Bona, the Board of Selectman, FIPAC, townwide support, the directors of both the Hebron and Lebanon Senior Centers, and our Committee, we were able to submit a grant application to the State of Connecticut for a Bus for Senior transportation for our town. The grant was approved and we hope to get our vehicle sometime in the fall of 2017. This has been a long and arduous process but we are very grateful for the outcome!

We have also begun the process of making transportation policies for efficiency and safety for the Bus. This is still a work in progress.

Members of our Commission, along with Bernadette Derring, Carmen Vance and Mark Walter have attended meetings with the Route 66 Corridor Roundtable discussions to collaborate, assimilate programs offered in other towns and share our experience.

We are newly involved with the Eastern Region Mental Health advocacy for seniors and people with disabilities. Our hope is to gather information and disseminate our findings to local agencies, places of worship, senior centers and town agencies.

Commission members are also involved in other efforts related to our aging population. These efforts include Windham Hospital/Hartford Healthcare's Center for Healthy Aging as well as the

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State of Connecticut's Initiative for Rebalancing Long Term Services and Support.

Our commission also worked on redefining the entrance to the Beckish Senior Center to make it more welcoming and efficient.

We have also been working on housing concerns for our seniors.

Our projects for the next year: continue to make our community more aware of services offered, streamline the use of the Bus and become more active in regional initiatives.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Rowe, Chair

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Columbia Conservation and Agriculture Commission

Annual Report

2015 – 2016

The Conservation and Agriculture Commission is charged with the conservation of the Town's natural and historic resources, and advises the Board of Selectmen with respect to the importance and promotion of agriculture in the Town.

When functioning as a Conservation Commission, we operate in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 7-13a with respect to the development and conservation of natural resources, including water resources, within the Town. We gather current information on these resources and share it with Town officials, Land Use Commissions, and the general public.

The Conservation and Agriculture Commission conducts educational and recreational activities to familiarize residents with our resources and how they may be protected. Members of the Commission advocate for Natural Resource Goals as identified in Columbia's Plan of Conservation and Development. Members also help to maintain the extensive system of hiking trails in Columbia

Members attend Workshops sponsored by the Department of Agriculture, UConn Extension Services, and Connecticut Association of Conservation Commissions and Inland Wetland and Watercourses Commissions (CACCIWWC).

The Conservation and Agriculture Commission is currently focusing on four goals: (1) Explore options for controlling the non-native invasive aquatic plants in Mono Pond; (3) Review PZC and IWWC applications for conservation issues; and (4) Monitor the Town's Conservation Easements.

In addition, The Columbia Conservation and Agriculture Commission collaborates with the Szegda Farm Management Committee, the Columbia Recreation Department, and the Environmental Advisory Committee.

New members are welcome to help us carry out the important mission of the Conservation and Agriculture Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Dunnack, chairman	Walt Tabor
Christopher McGrath	Paul Ramsey
Christopher Tolsdorf	Tom McGrath

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EASTERN HIGHLANDS HEALTH DISTRICT

Robert Miller, Director

The Towns of Bolton, Coventry, and Mansfield established the Eastern Highlands Health District on June 6, 1997 as a cooperative effort to pool their resources and create a regional full-time professional health department. Reducing costs and improving both the scope and quality of public health services in the community were the objectives of establishing the District. Seven more towns joined between 2000 and 2005: Andover, Ashford, Chaplin, Columbia, Scotland, Tolland and Willington. The Eastern Highlands Health District is committed to enhancing the quality of life in its communities through the prevention of illness, promotions of wellness and protection of our human environment. The pursuit of this mission is realized by assuring that other community agencies provide certain public health services within the region and by providing specific public health services directly. The services directly provided include a communicable disease control program, public health education, community assessment and public health planning, emergency preparedness and a comprehensive environmental health program. The main components of the environmental health program include on-site subsurface sewage disposal permitting, complaint investigation program, food establishment licensing and inspection, and environmental monitoring program.

Accomplishments for FY 2015-2016

- Board of Directors adoption of an operating budget of $823,212 for FY 16/17, which is a 4.0% increase from the previous fiscal year.
- In partnership with the local town planners, a $100,000 grant from the American Planning Association funded the Plan4Health initiative. Key informant interviews and focus groups informed the development and launch of an online toolkit for local planning and zoning commissions. The toolkit targets local officials in small towns charged with control of local land use policies, seeking to support land use decisions that promote active living and healthy eating. The toolkit can be found at www.healthyeasternct.com.
- The Eastern Highlands Health District spearheaded DEMHS Region 4's contribution to the Connecticut Department of Public Health state-wide medical counter measures, full-scale exercise in April. By coordinating and hosting Region 4's clinic for mass dispensing of anti-biotics, the health district obtained valuable experience for staff and area volunteers, while testing our local and regional plans to stand up and operationalize a mass-dispensing clinic site in response to a notional community wide disease outbreak. Over 130 volunteers and 10 community partner agencies participated.
- Aligned with our strategic plan, an appropriation by the board of directors funded the reorganization of the main health district office. The project achieved its objective to optimize space, maximize efficiencies, and enhance the welcoming, professional atmosphere for both customers and staff.
- Salient projects and initiatives in support of specific member towns includes: tobacco free campus initiative (Mansfield); technical support for Tolland Facilities plan; Ashford Town Hall air quality evaluation; technical support for Coventry Farmers Market at Hale Homestead; and, ongoing support of lower Bolton lake sewer project (Bolton).
- Communicable disease control activities included review and follow up (as needed) of 1418 case reports; and, conducted 11 disease outbreak or individual case investigations.

- Main indicators for environmental health activity in Columbia include: 59 site inspections for septic systems; 43 septic permits issued; 20 well permits issued; 11 complaints investigated; 39 environmental samples taken for lab analysis; 28 food establishment inspections and other health inspections; 70 B100a building permit reviews; and, 172 test pits and perc tests.

Plans for FY 2016-2017

- Complete implementation of web based permitting, licensing and inspection software
- Develop and conduct food safety classes
- Complete community health assessment
- Address the individual public health needs of member towns as they arise

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Town of Columbia
Finance Department
2015-2016

The Finance Department is responsible for the accounting and maintaining of the financial records for the Town of Columbia and the Columbia Board of Education. The department has procedures in place to ensure that the financial services being provided are functioning to meet the needs of both the Town of Columbia and the Columbia Board of Education as well as follow the town charter and state statutes. The department assists the Town Administrator and the Superintendent of Schools in preparing annual budgets. The department monitors expenditures and alerts the Town Administrator and Superintendent of possible line item deficits during the course of the fiscal year. The Finance Director acts as the Town's liaison with the independent auditors during the annual Town audit and to ensure the financial statements are filed with the State in a timely fashion. The department strives to apply generally accepted accounting principles and best practices to ensure expenditures are appropriate and paid in a timely manner and that revenues are recorded in a proper and timely manner.

Beverly Ciurylo, Finance Director and Town Treasurer
Lisa Rose, Accountant and Payroll Specialist
Jill Swenson, Accounting Assistant

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TOWN OF COLUMBIA

323 Jonathan Trumbull Highway, Columbia, CT 06237
(860) 228-0440 FAX: (860) 228-2847

OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL

Michael Lester Fire Marshal

In March, Maya Morales from Horace W. Porter School was the Tolland County winner for the 5th grade State Fire Prevention Poster Contest. Maya and her parents attended a luncheon at the USS Chowder Pot IV of Hartford to celebrate the finalists and state winners. We are all very proud of Maya's accomplishment!

Stephen Postemsky has successfully completed the Fire Investigation Module and has been appointed as a Fire Investigator for the town. Stephen is currently working on his certification for the Fire Code Module.

The following is a list of activities:

Fire Investigations 39

Inspections 23

False Alarms 38

Burn Permits 46

Burn Complaints 9

Hoarding Issues 1

It's time to change all of the batteries in your smoke alarms and CO detectors again.
It's recommended to change the batteries in all devices when you change your clocks for Daylight Savings Time and Standard Time. It's also recommended to replace any units that are 10+ years old.

To obtain an open burning permit, please contact Cindee Hodge in the Land Use Department at 860-228-0440. Remember to safely discard all ashes from alternative heating sources and smoking materials after burning.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Lester
Fire Marshal & Open Burning Official
Town of Columbia

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TOWN OF COLUMBIA
INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
2015-2016
ANNUAL REPORT

TO: BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Members of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission (IWWC) are charged by the Connecticut General Statutes, Section 22a-45 to regulate activities in or near wetlands and/or watercourses in the Town of Columbia. The Commission discharges this obligation by provisions set forth in the Town of Columbia Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations. These regulations require all landowners and their agents who propose any activity in or within 100 feet of wetlands or within 200 feet of an area of special concern to first obtain a permit from the IWWC or it's agent before any work is undertaken. These activities include, but are not limited to, cutting of trees, removal or deposition of material and/or soil, disturbing of the natural drainage in the area, erection of buildings, etc.

Listed below is a summary of the Commission's activities for Fiscal year 2015-2016:

Applications received	9	Declaratory rulings	0
Permits issued	9	Complaints investigated	21
Administrative Approvals	16	Inspections conducted to determine jurisdiction	89
Inspections conducted to Determine permit compliance	208		

Please call the Building & Land Use Department with any questions regarding wetlands.

Respectfully submitted,

John Allen, Chairman
Thomas Archambault, Vice Chairman
Ronald Wikholm, Secretary
Claude Garritt
William Ross
Carol Ann Jaswinski
Ian Dann

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TOWN OF COLUMBIA
LAKE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
2015 – 2016
ANNUAL REPORT

The Lake Management Advisory Committee (LMAC) is tasked with advising the Board of Selectman on issues that affect the use and quality of Columbia Lake. This entails routine and ongoing tasks such as testing water quality, reviewing applications for dock, raft, and seawall installations, and maintaining the appropriate water level. It also includes advising the Board of Selectman on new issues that may arise, and that could result in changes to how the lake is monitored and even used by the public.

LMAC has maintained an excellent record of helping the Board of Selectman to preserve Columbia Lake as one of the most pristine lakes in the State of Connecticut. And over the past decade this was accomplished due to the leadership of Mark Coleman as he carried forward the mission of the founding members of LMAC. Mark has a long and intimate knowledge of every aspect of the lake and he has put countless hours into preserving it. Unfortunately, perhaps the biggest news of the fiscal year is that Mark resigned from his position as chairman. Luckily, he left LMAC in the hands of people that he has taught well, and his example will be followed in the continued work of LMAC.

There were three major issues that have been addressed for much of the year, and two of them will continue to be addressed. The first is that a new inspection program was instituted for the construction of docks, rafts, and seawalls. In the past, once an application was approved, there was little follow up to see how the project turned out. This sometimes resulted in projects that turned out differently than approved. Under the new process, the location of the proposed dock/seawall/or raft is inspected and photographed. Part way through construction the site is visited again in order to catch any problems before they get to cumbersome to reverse, and a final inspection is made to ensure compliance with the approved project. This new process is helpful to both the Town and the property owner as it helps to head off contentious and possibly expensive problems.

The second issue is perhaps the biggest threat to the health of the lake, the enjoyment of the people who use the lake, and even potentially, to the property values and tax base of the Town. Invasive plant species continue to propagate in lakes throughout the State of Connecticut. Once a these plants establish themselves in a lake, they choke out areas and prevent their use by boaters, swimmers, and fishermen. Eventually the health and water quality of the lake can be destroyed.

The percentage of lakes that are affected in the State has risen rapidly in just the last few years. Several years ago LMAC looked into this problem to see what our exposure was, and what might be done to prevent it. At the time it seemed that the risk was relatively low and it was determined that no action was needed at that time. However, times have changed. At the request of the Board of Selectman, LMAC revisited this issue. It was determined that many lakes close to us now have invasive species, and the number one indicator of being invaded is a public boat launch. Boats that travel from one lake to another transport and spread the plants. After much research into the problems that this causes, and the potential cost to the Town, LMAC recommended the following initiatives:

1. Pass a town ordinance mandating watercraft and trailer inspection and completion of a town-provided invasive species education program for persons wishing clearance to launch or retrieve watercraft at the town beach.
2. Install a hand-operated locking gate to enforce the foregoing recommended ordinance.
3. Authorize the marine patrol with part-time employees as needed to inspect watercraft and trailers and conduct the educational program.
4. Establish set days and hours for launching and removing watercraft that balances demand for ramp use with available town resources.

This will ensure that all boats that enter the lake will be inspected for invasive plants by a ramp attendant and will greatly minimize our risk. The details of the hours of operation, and ways to minimize inconvenience to boaters are still being worked out.

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The third issue that continues to capture the attention of people who use the lake is the water level. In the winter the lake is lowered for two reasons. First is for the health of the lake. The water is turned over and mixed better, plants that grow in the shallow water are exposed and frozen to death, and small organisms move down lower out of the freezing zone. Second, the ice is kept away from docks and reduces the potential for damage. In the spring, the water must be allowed to rise, but only after the last ice is gone, and hopefully early enough to capture the spring rains that are needed to fill the lake.

For the past few years we have experienced lower than normal rainfall and have experienced low lake levels in the summer. This causes problems for boaters and swimmers. There have been requests to revisit the protocol for raising and lowering the lake. Some dock owners say that they would prefer to risk damage to their dock in order to ensure a full lake. This issue continues to be addressed. LMAC will consider not only the use of the lake, but also the health of the lake, with the help of Dr. Robert Kortmann, a limnologist (Lake Scientist). Dr. Kortmann has assisted the Town for many years.

LMAC looks forward to working to maintain and protect Columbia Lake in the coming year.

The Lake Management Advisory Committee meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month, at Yeoman's Hall. Public attendance, comments and concerns are always welcomed.

Lake Management Advisory Committee Members:

Michael Gnazzo – Chairman	Phyllis Dunn – Secretary	Henry Beck, Jr.
John Burrell	Karl Then	Steve Harrington
James Santos	Dan O'Neill	Dave Vanderbilt
Carl Foster	Robert Powell	Mary Roickle

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September 13, 2016

COLUMBIA MARINE PATROL
2016 YEAR-END REPORT

The Columbia Marine Patrol successfully completed the 2016 year providing the following services:

Boats Inspected

Year	Total	Bowriders	Pontoon	Jetskis	Others
2016	155	69	31	28	27
2015	119	in others	16	22	81
2014	132	in others	27	17	88

Disabled Boats Towed

2016	6
2015	8
2014	10

Boats Refused Lake Access at Boat Ramp

2016	8
2015	6
2014	5

Refusal reasons - no current CT registration, not current Columbia residents, horsepower exceeding Town limit.

Boats Denied Inspection Stickers On Lake

2016	5
2015	5

Denied inspection stickers reasons - no current CT registration, not current Columbia resident.

This year there were 6 full-time Marine Patrol Officers plus the Head of the Marine Patrol. Each full-time officer covered the lake on average 1 weekday shift (5:00PM – 9:00PM) and one weekend shift (either 11:00 AM – 4:00PM or 4:00PM – 9:00PM). The Marine Patrol "season" started on May 28, 2016 and ended on September 11, 2016. All marine patrol officers worked in a professional manner, were diligent with their responsibilities and for the most part, all assigned shifts were "covered". In August a few marine patrol officers took some time off and the on duty marine patrol officers covered the shifts in their absence. Next year the full-time officer count should be at least 6, preferably 7 officers. This may present a problem as it results in less hours per officer which may not be as attractive to the officers and could effect recruiting.

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The boating activity this year seemed slightly lower than in previous years, although the Marine Patrol was more diligent and as a result more boat inspections occurred. As in the past, the busiest time of the season was over the Fourth of July weekend. The 4th was on a Monday, which resulted in a long weekend (3-day) holiday. The weather was slightly over-cast for most of the long weekend, but the evening of the 4th produced a great deal of boating activity for the fireworks activities. At the end of the fireworks (about 10:45 PM) there were about 30 boats operating on the lake.

There was one instance on the lake that required additional input and/or assistance from the Resident State Trooper. The incident resulted in the Resident Trooper contacting the offender on the telephone and issuing a "verbal" warning. Toward the end of the season the Head of Marine Patrol, in conjunction with the Resident Trooper, developed a Warning Notice form to be issued to repeat offenders.

Typical boating issues that were repetitive and required attention from the Marine Patrol were:

1. Jet skis – tight turns, operating at high speed within 200 feet of shore and within 200 feet of another vessel, operating after sunset.
2. Vessels operating without proper CT registration – usually at the beginning of the season.
3. Paddle boarders – operating beyond 100 feet from shore without PFDs.
4. Vessels operating at high speed after sunset.
5. Vessels operating after dark without navigation lights.
6. Kayaks – operating after dark without flashlight, operating without PFDs.
7. Vessels operating beyond capacity – especially those towing a tube (tube riders are included in the total capacity of the vessel, Town ordinance has maximum of two riders).

Recommendations for Next Year:

1. Review current Marine Patrol Officers for possibility of working the 2017 season.
2. Review need to increase number of Marine Patrol Officers.
3. Review potential need for additional Marine Patrol Officer hours for Boat Ramp monitoring and coverage (especially at beginning of season).
4. Review with Town officials the need for additional No Parking signage at the Lower Parking lot which is issued for cars with trailers only.

Items Requiring Attention Before The Start of 2016 Season:

Boat repairs/maintenance:

1. Replace outboard motor propeller (damaged due to low lake water level)
2. Have boat professionally cleaned at end of season
3. Deliver boat to Marine Boat Center for winterization
4. Monitor small cuts in bimini which may require mending.

Submitted by: Robert Powell Head of Columbia Marine Patrol

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Town of Columbia

Open Space Committee

Annual Report

2015-2016

Columbia Open Space Committee is advisory to the Board of Selectmen and has a two-fold charge: to make recommendations on proposed Open Space parcels, and to provide education about the importance of Open Space.

The Open Space Committee reviews parcels in the Priority Conservation Areas, as identified in Columbia's Plan of Conservation and Development, when land owners express interest in making them available for Open Space preservation.

Members of the Open Space Committee participated in the Columbia Market, providing information about open space and farmland preservation, and tax benefits available to those who preserve their land.

Several members attended the Annual Connecticut Land Conservation Council Conference, learning about Invasive Plant Species, Land Conservation, and Farmland Preservation.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Dunnack	Paul Ramsey
Joan Hill	Christopher Tolsdorf
Shirley King	Walter Tabor
Donald Schofield	

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TOWN OF COLUMBIA
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
2015-2016
ANNUAL REPORT

TO: BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The objectives and purposes of the Planning and Zoning Commission of Columbia are those set forth in Chapters 124 (Zoning) and 126 (Planning) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as revised, and those powers and duties delegated to the Planning and Zoning Commission by the aforementioned statutes and by Ordinance in Columbia Town Records, Book 4, Page 457.

The following decisions were made by the Planning and Zoning Commission during Fiscal Year 2015 – 2016:

PZC-1516-01: Site Plan Modification Application of Walter Tabor to split common drive on former lots 8 and 9 in Hunter's Ridge Subdivision APPROVED 7/13/2015

PZC-1516-02: Site Plan Modification for John's Scrap Metal Removal, 223 Route 6, Columbia, CT Assessor's Map #006-027 APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS 10/13/2015

PZC-1516-03: Site Plan Application for Home Team Property Services LLC for office and storage/warehouse at 213 Route 6, Columbia, CT Assessor's Map # 06-26. Withdrawn

PZC-1516-04: Re-subdivision Application for Paul Pelletier of Lot 7 Foxboro Estates, 15 Latham Hill Road, Assessor's Map #31-7 APPROVED 1/25/2016

PZC-1516-05: Sign Application for Crossroads Fitness dba Columbia Cross-Fit located at 106 Route 66 East, Columbia, CT Assessor's Map# 10-79 APPROVED 11/23/2015

PZC-1516-06: Site Plan Application for Hometown Builders LLC for 117 Route 66 East, Columbia, CT Assessor's Map # 10-82 Withdrawn

PZC-1516-07: Special Permit Application by Walter Tabor for Roadside Stand (Winery) for tasting and sale of alcohol at 468 Route 87, Assessor's Map #30-38 APPROVED 2/22/2016

PZC-1516-08: Site Plan Application for Hometown Builders LLC for 117 Route 66 East, Columbia, CT Assessor's Map # 10-82 APPROVED WITH A CONDITION 2/22/2016

PZC-1516-09: Site Plan Application for Dorsey Customs LLC for 213 Route 6, Columbia, CT Assessor's Map # 6-026 APPROVED 3/28/2016

PZC-1516-10: Sign Application for United Services Inc for 233 Route 6, Columbia, CT Assessor's Map # 6-28A APPROVED 05/23/2016

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The Planning and Zoning Commission meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m. The commission strongly encourages the citizens of Columbia to attend meetings and contribute to decisions regarding the future of your town.

Respectfully submitted:

Richard Nassiff Jr., Chair
Vera M. Englert, Vice Chair
Robert Powell, Secretary
Donald Schofield

E. Jay Starkel
F. Thomas Currier
Richard Napolitano
Walter Tabor (Alternate)
John Preston (Alternate)

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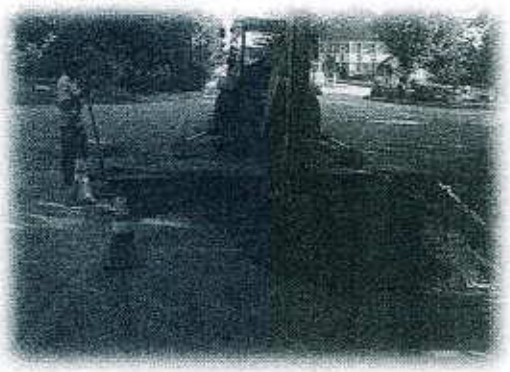

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
ANNUAL REPORT

2015-2016

The Town of Columbia's Department of Public Works is responsible for maintenance of 43.7 miles of town road, Columbia Recreation Area, Rails to Trails, the Town Beach, the Lake Dam, Old Yard Cemetery, Town Green and the Porter School Grounds. In addition, all maintenance to Senior Center, Town Hall/Yeoman Hall, Town Hall Annex facility, Saxton B. Little Free Library, Old Fire Station, Murphy House, Meeting Place, Chapel, Public Works Garage and Transfer Station operations, are all under the Public Works function.

Total approved operating budgets, which provide support services for those responsibilities listed above, for Public Works including Facilities Maintenance was $681,745 with Transfer Station operations totaling $174,034. Both budgets combined allowed for a staff of eight full time employees and two part time employees for the Transfer Station.

Maintenance projects completed during the fiscal year 2015-2016 included:

- Reconstruct 30 drainage catch basins on Dilaj Drive, Bears Den Way, Deer Run prior to new pavement
- Milled and paved Dilaj Drive, Bears Den Way, Deer Run
- Columbia and Coventry completed Roses Bridge replacement project
- Various curbing repairs/upgrades around town
- Clean debris from 340 catch basins throughout town
- Installed new drainage catch basin and piping on Hennequin Road
- Replaced crossing pipe on Randazzo Road
- Install sixty feet of new drainage pipe on Szegda Road
- Removal of trees in Old Yard Cemetery
- Major reconstruction of Baker Hill Bridge by Columbia and Lebanon completed

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- Replaced decking on swim raft at the Town Beach
- Energy upgrades at the Senior Center through CT Clean Energies Grant
- Repaint basement of the Meeting Place
- Installed new data/phone cables at the Meeting Place for temporary Library internet
- Installed dehumidification system in the basement of the Meeting Place
- Installed a new metal roof and ceiling insallation at the Public Works Garage
- Installation of new gutters at the Public Works Garage
- New roofing shingles installed at the Senior Center
- Installed new fencing around the historic "Root" site.
- New ground water filtration system installed at the Town Beach
- New solar powered well pump and panels installed at the Szegda Open space Community Garden.
- Water storage tank for Szegda Open Space Community Garden

Other services include:

Plowing, sanding, sweeping, pothole repair, roadside mowing, paving and general maintenance, tree removals, annual sand delivery to senior residents.

First snowfall ---------- December 29th
Last snowfall ---------- April 4th
Total Snowfall @ Columbia = 41 ½"

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TOWN OF COLUMBIA SOLID WASTE
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Recycled		**unit**
Single Stream Recycling	=	651.05 tons
Scrap Metal	=	51.54 tons
Electronics	=	28.43 tons
Batteries	=	2,215 pounds
Waste Oil	=	2335 gallons
Textiles	=	7.57 tons
Electronics	=	30.66 tons
Propane Tanks	=	209 units

Deposited for Disposal

Household Trash (MSW) =	1,394.98 tons
Other	
Swap Goods	donated and reused by residents
Books	donated to SB Library and sold
Returnable bottles and cans	donated to Columbia Boy Scouts for deposit return

Columbia makes every effort to rank high in the statewide recycling programs. Your continued efforts in recycling and proper disposal of waste are crucial towards preserving our environment. In addition, reduction in materials to the waste stream will significantly reduce costs for our waste disposal in town. Columbia residents should be proud of their collaborative recycling efforts and hope that they continue for the foreseeable future.

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Columbia Parks and Recreation 2015-2016

The Columbia Parks and Recreation Department has made significant advancements this fiscal year. This includes the improvement of existing programs, the addition of new programming, an increased availability to the public, and the start of several large long term projects town wide.

This year marked of the first Concert on the Green in over three years, performed by Bruce John in May. Over the summer three "fun runs" were hosted in Rec. Park, where attendees could experience the wonderful trail system Columbia has to offer in a timed race. As usual we hosted our Chili-Cook Off and Cupcake Challenge, which had increased participation in both competition and observance from the previous year.

At Columbia Lake we were excited to announce a longer beach season with extended hours on week days and week nights. The beach was staffed on weekends from Memorial Day weekend-June 12th, everyday from June 12th-August 17th, and on weekends only from the 17th through Labor Day. We were also able to start staffing the beach at 10:30 AM instead of in previous years opening at noon.

This year a contract was signed with Miracle, a playground company, to replace both playgrounds in town; located at Porter School and at Rec. Park. The construction is projected to be complete by the beginning of fall 2016. In the spring, Weston and Sampson was hired to work with the Town of Columbia in designing the Recreation Park Master Plan. This will help redesign Rec. Park to a more user friendly orientation while connecting it with the adjacent Brand Property.

Respectfully Submitted

Marc Volza

Director of Parks and Recreation

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Columbia Recreation Department
Profit & Loss
July 2015 through June 2016

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

Fund 29 Revenue		
Beach Parties		
Party Rental	$	470.00
Total Beach Parties	**$**	**470.00**
Fundraisers & Donations		
Chili Cook Off	$	428.00
Cupcake Challenge	$	664.64
Columbia Market	$	610.00
General Revenue	$	265.87
	$	**1,968.51**
Adult		
Total Adult Basketball	$	1,885.00
Progr Fit Fusion	$	3,491.00
Kayak	$	440.00
Yoga	$	3,090.99
Zumba	$	9,210.80
Art	$	880.01
Total Adult	**$**	**18,997.80**
Educational Total	**$**	**660.00**
Youth		
Art	$	2,175.00
Basketball	$	17,885.00
Total Youth	$	20,060.00
Total Program Revenues	**$**	**42,156.31**

Expense

Fund 29 Expenses		
Beach Parties		
Lifeguard Salaries	$	147.42
Total Beach Parties	**$**	**147.42**
Fundraisers & Donations		
Chili Cook Off	$	37.80
Cupcake Challenge	$	53.82
Columbia Market	$	455.83
Supplies	$	275.39
Total Fundraisers & Donations	**$**	**822.84**
Educational	**$**	**480.00**
Program Expenses		
Adult		
Fit Fusion Instructor Payment	$	1,752.00
Supplies	$	136.12
Yoga Instructor Payment	$	1,749.99
Zumba Instructor Payment	$	6,275.99
Art Instructor Payment	$	840.00
Total Adult	**$**	**10,754.10**
Youth Basketball	$	17,089.22
Art	$	840.00
Supplies	$	569.55
Total Youth	**$**	**18,498.77**
Total Program Expenses	**$**	**30,703.13**
Transfer Out to Town	$	12,404.63

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November 11, 2016

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS
TOWN OF COLUMBIA
COLUMBIA, CT 06237

Registrars
Astrid Belanger – Republican
Karen Butzgy – Democratic
Deputy Registrars
Katherine Morrison – Republican
Michele Barton - Democratic
Assistant Registrars
Alyson Cranick – Republican
Katie Christenson – Democratic

Office: Yeomans Hall (to the left of the stage), 323 Jonathan Trumbull Highway.
Hours: As needed or by appointment. Additional hours as mandated by CT State Statues.
Contact: 860-228-0110 x 113/Email: *registrar@columbiact.org*

The Registrars of Voters position is a two-year elected term. The office is governed by CT State Statutes and funded by the municipality. The Registrars are responsible for all elections, primaries and referendums. This includes hiring and training election officials, preparing the voting machines, preparing all materials, and having all records up to date to assure an orderly election process.

Certified Moderators: Robert Baldwin (R), Robert ManWarren (U), Mildred Ramsey (U), and Katie Christenson (D)

On November 3, 2015 a Municipal Election was held. Of the 3497 registered voters, 935 voted resulting in a 26% voter turnout.

On April 26, 2016 a Democratic Presidential Preference Primary was held. Of the 1248 registered voters, 685 voted resulting in a 54% voter turnout.

On April 26, 2016 a Republican Presidential Preference Primary was held. Of the 898 registered voters, 504 voted resulting in a 56% voter turnout.

Astrid S. Belanger, Republican Registrar
Karen C. Butzgy, Democratic Registrar

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ANNUAL REPORT

2015-2016 Fiscal Year

During the period covered by this report, there were approximately 109 criminal investigations within the Town of Columbia, CT. There were approximately 3628 calls for service in town. Miscellaneous calls for service include: responding to alarms, neighbor disputes, property checks, assisting citizens, and assorted non-criminal matters. There were also: 76 motor vehicle accidents, 8 operating under the influence arrests, 956 infractions and 350 warnings.

I am DARE certified and I look forward to teaching the 5th Grade at Horace Porter School. I am also a Child Passenger Safety Instructor. I am a member of Columbia's Youth Services Committee, Columbia's School Safety Committee, and the Drug Task Force through AHM. I take great pride in serving the Town of Columbia. I am constantly looking at ways to improve the police services of this town, and I am always open to your thoughts and suggestions.

The Resident Troopers office is located at the Murphy House located at 18 Lake Road. The Resident Trooper can be reached by calling:

OFFICE: 860-228-9846

TROOP K: 860-465-5400

The Marine Patrol has continued its service to Columbia Residents by conducting safety inspections of boats as well as assisting boaters on the lake. Thank you, to the marine patrol for their dedicated service to the town.

I look forward to continuing to serve the citizens of Columbia in my role as the Resident State Trooper.

Yours in Safety,

TFC Greg DeCarli #1090

Resident State Trooper