

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
COLUMBIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, May 15, 2018 – 7 pm
Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room
323 Route 87, Columbia, CT**

Members Present: First Selectman, Steven M. Everett; Deputy Selectman, Robert Hellstrom; Selectman, Lisa Napolitano; Selectman, William O'Brien.

Absent: Robert Bogue, Selectman.

Also Present: Town Administrator, Mark Walter; Finance Director, Beverly Ciurylo; Superintendent, Lol Fearon.

CALL TO ORDER: S. Everett called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** S. Everett Moved to approve the Agenda for May 15, 2018. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
- 3.1 **BOS Regular Meeting Minutes of 5/1/18 and Public Hearing Minutes of April 25, 2018.** S. Everett stated that the BOS did not need to approve the Public Hearing Minutes of April 25, 2018. W. O'Brien MOVED to approve the BOS Regular Meeting Minutes for 5/1/18. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.
4. **AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:** Mary Roickle; Michelle Firestone, Chronicle Reporter; Millie Ramsey, Town Moderator; Henry Beck, Town Attorney.
5. **OLD BUSINESS:** None.
6. **NEW BUSINESS:**
- 6.1 Sign off on Application for Artis Energy Solutions, LLC for LED Conversion of Porter School. L. Fearon gave a brief overview of the LED conversion. He stated that the project started last fall with an audit that identified what changes needed to be made and the potential savings. The project was held up with the State budget last year until it was finally released in March. He explained that the school would recognize a savings of \$19,000 a year in energy usage and that they looked at this project as a long-term solution for the school. He added that this LED lighting conversion combined with the solar project that is in the planning stages will bring more energy efficiency to the school. He stated that in the last BOE meeting they voted to approve sending it forward for BOS approval. L. Fearon explained that the funding for this project will be financed by M-Core and will be a 4-year no interest loan. S. Everett asked what savings we have incurred to date with our other energy efficient projects. B. Ciurylo explained that we have not realized a savings yet due to the harsh winter M. Walter stated that the school LED conversion project includes dimmers for the lighting and this will be a significant contribution to the energy savings. because the BOE savings will be able to dim the lighting at the school. L. Fearon added that there are 1200 fixtures at the school and the dimmers will contribute to the energy efficiency.

R. Hellstrom asked if we are confident that the technology will continue to offer us the savings over the next 10 years. L. Fearon stated that they did ask Artis Energy the same question and were informed that the LED lighting technology is cutting edge and would remain relevant.

L. Napolitano asked if we had priced this out to a local electrician. L. Fearon responded that we had not priced it out with a local electrician. He added that they felt confident that with the previous work at Mercy High School and Old Saybrook provided the reassurance that they needed that Artis Energy was a good choice. M. Walter explained that because this project is in partnership with Eversource and funded with M-Core that Eversource put the LED conversion projects out to qualified contractors and locked in pricing.

S. Everett MOVED to approve the LED conversion project for the Porter School and the Town Annex building and to authorize myself, Steven Everett, to sign off on the loan application through M-Core Credit Corporation. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.

- 6.2 Establishment of Informational Meeting and Discussion on June 7, 2018 for the Invasive Species Weed Control at Columbia Lake.** S. Everett MOVED to establish a special Board of Selectman Meeting for June 7, 2018 at 7:00pm to discuss and decide upon a course of action after hearing from LMAC, Columbia Lake Association, Environmental Advisory Committee, residents and interested citizens to discuss Invasive Species Weed Control at Columbia Lake. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.
- 6.3 Columbia Lake Boat Tours July 15th & August 19th.** M. Walter explained that if you charge a fee this may require the boat owners to have a Captains license and he would recommend that we have this without a fee aspect. Henry Beck stated that the CIRMA insurance requirements are extensive and would also require each boat owner to get an endorsement. The extensive requirements would probably be too much to make this event worth doing. S. Everett recommends to table it until we get more information and work with the Historical Society and Rec Department to see how we might move this forward.
- 6.4 Resolution Authorizing Application for Preservation Grant for the Moor's Indian Charity School.** M. Walter explained that we don't have to take action tonight, that this information is just to make the BOS aware that we will have to set a town meeting if we get the grant because we will be providing an easement for the Preservation Restriction that will be put on the property by the State Historic Preservation Organization.
- 7. COLUMBIA LAKE / DAM / BEACH:**
- 7.1 LMAC approval for Eric Sondergren of 166, Route 87 for a permit to install a mooring on Columbia Lake.** W. O'Brien MOVED to approve the application for Eric Sondergren of 166, Route 87 for a permit to install a mooring on Columbia Lake as set in the conditions that LMAC states in their approval letter. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.
- 8. APPOINTMENTS / RESIGNATIONS:** None.

- 9. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**
- 9.1 Senior Van Donations:** The van donations for January and February 2018 were \$81.00 and for March and April they were \$69.00. Also included was a draft van donation letter.
- 10. CORRESPONDENCE:** None.
- 11. BUDGET:**
- 11.1 Transfers:** S. Everett MOVED to approve the following transfers:

TRANSFER #/AMOUNT	FROM A/C#, DESCRIPTION	TO A/C#, DESCRIPTION
10-4260-230 / \$110.00	Electricity	\$10.00 10-4260-710 Prof. Improv. \$100.00 10-4260-720 Prof. Dues
10-4510-500 / \$800.00	Prof/Tech	10-4510-130 Legal Notices
10-4640-515 / \$300.00	Contracted Services	10-4640-300 Supplies
10-4640-520 / \$175.00	Printing	10-4640-300 Supplies

MOTION CARRIED 4.0.

- 11.2 Refunds:** S. Everett MOVED to approve the following refunds:

AMOUNT	FROM	TO
\$31,61	Town of Columbia	JP Morgan Chase Bank

MOTION CARRIED 4.0.

- 12. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS:** S. Everett MOVED to approve the payment of bills totaling \$23,681.46. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.
- 13. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** None.
- 14. 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.
- 15. ADJOURNMENT:** S. Everett MOVED to Adjourn the meeting at 6:52 pm. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer C. LaVoie