

TOWN OF COLUMBIA
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, December 18, 2018 – 6:45 pm
Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room
323 Route 87, Columbia, CT

A Special Town Meeting of the duly electors and citizens qualified to vote in the Town Meeting of the Town of Columbia, Connecticut was held in the Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at 6:45pm.

Present: First Selectman, Steven M. Everett; Deputy Selectman, Robert Hellstrom; Mark B. Walter, Town Administrator.

Moderator: Ingrid Wood

Clerk: Jennifer C. LaVoie

Citizens: 2 Citizens, Michelle Firestone, Reporter from the Chronicle and including Selectman were present at the start of the meeting. L. Napolitano arrived at 6:50 pm.

The meeting was called to order by S. Everett at 6:45pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. S. Everett stated that in the absence of a duly appointed moderator he asked for nominations for moderator for the meeting. A. Dunnack nominated Ingrid Wood. R. Hellstrom SECONDED the MOTION. MOTION CARRIED UNANMOUSLY.

The meeting was then turned over to the Moderator who read the legal advertisement from the Chronicle which included the following CLAUSE:

CLAUSE 1: To address and approve a funds transfer in the amount of \$26,500.00 from the Town of Columbia Contingency Account #10-4800-900 to the following Capital Projects budget lines: \$5,000.00 to Preliminary Design & Cost Estimate Account #20-6189-001 for engineering fees and \$21,500.00 to DPW Capital Improvement-Buildings Account #20-6206-002 for cost above budget for the new salt shed.

The Moderator gave the floor to the First Selectman, Steven M. Everett. S. Everett read the motion. Ingrid Wood asked for a motion. S. Everett MOVED to address and approve a funds transfer in the amount of \$26,500.00 from the Town of Columbia Contingency Account #10-4800-900 to the following Capital Projects budget lines: \$5,000.00 to Preliminary Design & Cost Estimate Account #20-6189-001 for engineering fees and \$21,500.00 to DPW Capital Improvement-Buildings Account #20-6206-002 for cost above budget for the new salt shed. R. Hellstrom SECONDED the Motion and the Moderator reread CLAUSE 1 and opened the floor for questions and debate.

Joan Hill of 23 Cards Mill Rd., Columbia CT asked if the town is still using sand in their snow removal treatment. M. Walter stated yes. J. Hill read a statement of reasons why she was for a liquid salt brine method as opposed to sand/salt.

The Moderator asked if there were any other comments. S. Everett acknowledged her concerns, but he feels we should still move forward with the salt shed.

The Moderator recognized Ann Dunnack of 103 Lake Rd., Columbia CT. A. Dunnack stated that she brought up the same issue to G. Murphy about 2 years ago when we started talking about the salt shed and she said that he was not considering using the salt brine because of the costs of specialized equipment to lay down the chemicals.

L. Napolitano stated that since they started using brine solution on the state roads, she has not been impressed by it driving in the snow and that below a certain temperature it is not effective. She stated that we still need the salt storage shed.

The Moderator asked if there were any further discussion regarding the motion. There was no further discussion or debate.

The Moderator re-read the MOTION into the record and called for a vote, by a show of hands. YES: 6 NO: 1. The MOTION PASSED.

S. Everett MOVED to Adjourn the public meeting at 6:59 pm.

The Town Meeting ADJOURNED at 6:59 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Jennifer C. LaVoie