

**TOWN OF COLUMBIA
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
SEPTEMBER 29, 2016**

A Special Town Meeting of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in the Town of Columbia, Connecticut was held in the Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room, 323 Route 87, Columbia, CT on Thursday, September 29, 2016 at 7:00 p.m..

Present were First Selectman Carmen Vance; Selectman William O'Brien; Town Administrator Mark Walter; Finance Director Beverly Ciurylo; Paul Kubala

MODERATOR: Mark Vining
TOWN CLERK: Robin M. Kenefick

The meeting was opened by First Selectman Carmen Vance at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was turned over to the Moderator who read the legal notice and explained the procedures and who may vote at this meeting.

CLAUSE 1: Motion was made by Carmen Vance.

“I move to approve the 2015-2016 transfer from Contingency to the Capital Project line #20-6703-004 in the amount of \$60,000 to cover the additional unanticipated costs of the Library Expansion Project.”

The motion was seconded by William O'Brien. The Moderator opened the floor to the First Selectman. Carmen Vance said she would like our Finance Director to explain how we got here but wanted to first clarify the way the legal notice was written. She stated it's not that there were \$60,000 worth of "unanticipated costs" for the library project, but that a certain amount of money was removed from the budget originally and we are now trying to return it through contingency to cover this shortage. She turned the floor over to Beverly Ciurylo, Finance Director, for further explanation.

Beverly Ciurylo stated that when the budget was presented last year, it was anticipated that about \$50,000 would not be needed for the library project. Since the budget was passed, there have been a few big items that have come up: \$35,000 for book moving and storage, \$9,000 towards certifying of the payroll for the project, \$17,000 for an upgrade to the fire alarm system requested by the Fire Marshall, \$10,000 for changes to the gutters and \$14,000 for revision of the shelving. The transfer of money being requested should cover most of the shortage being projected to finish out the project. C. Vance clarified this money would come out of the

2015/2016 budgeted contingency line and we need to do this before the auditors close out the year.

The floor was opened for discussion. Paul Kubala, 37 Lake Road questioned why the monies for the items just stated seem to exceed \$60,000. B. Ciurylo stated that during the project some costs went up while other costs went down. A variety of change orders to this project is the cause for this shortage. P. Kubala questioned why we had to go to a town meeting to transfer the money: was it due to exceeding the \$500,000 threshold? B. Ciurylo stated that anything over \$20,000 from Contingency needs to go to a town meeting, per town charter. The \$500,000 was the library grant for the project, which will be a reimbursement to the town. The Town had to budget the money for the project first, but will get reimbursed. P. Kubala questioned why the new condenser was placed in the front of the building. Mark Walter, Town Administrator stated the new condenser was placed in the front of the building in the same spot as the old condenser as indicated on the plans. Once it was placed, they realized that it needed to be relocated, due to the larger size. No more discussion took place.

The Moderator re-read the motion. A voice vote was taken on the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin M. Kenefick
Columbia Town Clerk