

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
COLUMBIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, November 15, 2016 – 7 pm
Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room
323 Route 87, Columbia, CT**

Members Present: First Selectman Carmen Vance; Deputy Selectman Steven Everett; Selectman William O'Brien; Selectman Robert Hellstrom; Selectman Robert Bogue.

CALL TO ORDER: C. Vance called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**
2. **MINUTES:** BOS Regular Meeting Minutes of October 18, 2016: S. Everett MOVED to approve the BOS 10/18/16 Minutes. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.
3. **AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:** None.

C. Vance thanked W. O'Brien for the recent Opioid Awareness Program that was held on Wednesday, November 9, 2016. She stated that the speakers were wonderful. W. O'Brien thanked M. Walter and K. Bona for the preparation of refreshments. C. Vance feels it would be beneficial to bring this to parents. W. O'Brien agreed and would like to work on arranging this. R. Bogue asked if there are any programs at the school to educate the kids about drugs. S. Everett stated that the DARE Program still takes place, but is targeted towards younger children. He feels that parents would benefit from a program like the Opioid Program. W. O'Brien stated that the Resident Trooper feels the DARE Program gives him an opportunity to interact with the kids. R. Hellstrom discussed the issue with over-prescribing painkillers. There is a drop off for over prescribed medications at AHM and State Police Headquarters.
4. **OLD BUSINESS:** None.
5. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - 5.1 **NECASA – Local Prevention Council Contract:** M. Walter explained that Columbia was awarded the Local Prevention Grant in the amount of \$2,875.50. This is the contract for DARE Program and Esteem Day event at the school that is held every year. W. O'Brien MOVED to authorize the First Selectman to sign the contract with the Northeast Communities Against Substance Abuse (NECASA) for the annual DARE Program and Esteem Day, not to exceed \$2,875.50. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.
 - 5.2 **2017 BOS Meeting Schedule:** C. Vance MOVED to approve the 2017 BOS Meeting Schedule as presented. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.
 - 5.3 **Eversource conversion to LED lighting:** G. Murphy stated that this is part of the Eversource program to reduce energy cost across the country. He feels that it is better to slowly convert the streetlights one by one, versus converting to LED all at once. The LED streetlights in the big cities have been shown to interrupt sleep and also to cause issues with driving because of the brightness. R. Hellstrom asked if there is a different type of LED. GM said he does not know if Eversource can offer a different LED, but he feels that they may be able to lower the lumens. G. Murphy explained that if residents begin complaining when the conversions start, then that will determine whether or not to stop the conversions. C. Vance MOVED to authorize the First Selectman to sign the Eversource Release and Authorization for the Automatic Installation of LED Equipment on Utility Owned Streetlights as presented with the understanding that street lights will be replaced one by one on an ongoing basis and not all at once. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.
 - 5.4 **Region 4 - FY 2016 State Homeland Security Grant:** R. Hellstrom MOVED to authorize the First Selectman to sign the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the FY 2016 Homeland Security Region 4 Grant and to approve the RESOLUTION as presented. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.
6. **COLUMBIA LAKE / DAM / BEACH**
 - 6.1 **Lake draw-down:** G. Murphy explained that discussions were held regarding our seasonal procedure for dropping the lake level given our current draught condition. For that reason the winter lake water level drawdown was reduced to only five and one half feet and not to a minus six feet as outlined in our adopted procedures. He stated that the

town is required to maintain a level between five and five and one half feet for the winter months by those guidelines adopted by the Town of Columbia in 1988. This is done for two reasons:

- First and foremost is potential for property damage to seawalls, boathouses, concrete piers and wooden docks from ice damage.
- Secondly, the lake is dropped to allow property owners around the lake to make any repairs which may be required for those items just mentioned.

7. **APPOINTMENTS / RESIGNATIONS:** None.

8. **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:** (See attached)

9. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

9.1 **EHHD Comparative Budget Statement**

9.2 **EHHD Opioid Treatment data 2012-2016**

9.3 **Prescription Drug Savings – September 2016**

9.4 **State Police Monthly Activity Report – October 2016**

9.5 **Thank you note to Rev. Michael Smith, Pastor from C. Vance re: donations to Columbia Food Pantry and Columbia Fuel Bank dated 11/8/16**

10. **BUDGET:**

10.1 **Transfers:** S. Everett MOVED to authorize the following transfer:

AMOUNT / TRANSFER #	FROM A/C #, DESCRIPTION	TO A/C #, DESCRIPTION
\$1,000 / 2017-004	10-4510-130, PZC Legal Notices	10-4550-130, ZBA Legal Notices

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

C. Vance MOVED to establish a Town Meeting on Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 6:45 pm in the Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room for the following purpose: To approve a funds transfer in the amount of \$20,000 from the H.W. Porter Capital Plan from the Annual flooring Replacement and Repair line to a new line item for 2016-17 entitled Potable Water Booster Pump Replacement. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

10.2 **Refunds:** R. Bogue MOVED to approve the following transfers:

AMOUNT	FROM	TO
\$30.42	Town of Columbia	EAN Holdings LLC
\$358.39	Town of Columbia	Hyundai Lease Titling
\$75.18	Town of Columbia	Keith Herzig
\$35.67	Town of Columbia	Brian Batherson
\$52.83	Town of Columbia	Gregory Chamberlain
\$20.71	Town of Columbia	Joan McGuigan
\$46.10	Town of Columbia	David Shaw

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

11. **APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS:** C. Vance MOVED to approve the payment of bills including regular, emergency, paychex and credit cards in the amount of \$211,021.22. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

12. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** None.

13. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

13.1 **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.

14. **ADJOURNMENT:** C. Vance MOVED to ADJOURN at 7:52 pm and the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kimberly A. Bona

Kim Bona

From: Rec Director
Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2016 2:02 PM
To: Town Administrator
Subject: Rec. Floater

Hi Mark,

After 6 months working as the "Recreation Floater", I believe her work along with change in duties has warranted an upgrade in title. Since her hiring, she has regularly worked 6 hours per week plus has assisted me with various events. Alexa's performance is more than a floater and deserves to be given a higher status title. I am not requesting a change in hours or pay but would like the new title approved for Alexa, effective 11/1/16.

Thank You

Marc Volza
Director of Parks and Recreation
Town of Columbia
Phone: (860) 228-8513

4 hrs
2 Tues
4 Thurs
10 hrs week
(bank 4 hrs per wk -
& use as needed)

(4 hrs bank)
2 hrs Tues
4 Thurs



TOWN OF COLUMBIA

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

HOLIDAY	OBSERVANCE
Christmas Eve	Saturday, December 24, 2016 (observed Friday, December 23, 2016)
Christmas Day	Sunday, December 25, 2016 (observed Monday, December 26, 2016)
New Year's Eve	Saturday, December 31, 2016 (observed Friday, December 30, 2016)
New Year's Day	Sunday, January 1, 2017 (observed Monday, January 2, 2017)
Martin Luther King's Day	Monday, January 16, 2017
President's Day	Monday, February 20, 2017
Good Friday	Friday, April 14, 2017
Memorial Day	Monday, May 29, 2017
Independence Day	Tuesday, July 4, 2017
Labor Day	Monday, September 4, 2017
Columbus Day	Monday, October 9, 2017
Veteran's Day	Saturday, November 11, 2017 (observed Friday, November 10, 2017)
Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 23, 2017
Thanksgiving	Friday, November 24, 2017
Christmas Eve	Sunday, December 24, 2017 (observed Friday, December 22, 2017)
Christmas Day	Monday, December 25, 2017
New Year's Eve	Sunday, December 31, 2017 (observed Friday, December 29, 2017)
New Year's Day	Monday, January 1, 2018

**CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITIES PROGRAM
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

This Clean Energy Communities Program – Memorandum of Understanding (“Agreement”) is made between the CONNECTICUT GREEN BANK (“Green Bank”), a quasi-public agency of the State of Connecticut, having its offices at 845 Brook Street, Rocky Hill, Connecticut 06067, and the Town of COLUMBIA (“Municipality”), a Connecticut municipality. GREEN BANK and Municipality are individually referred to as a “Party” or collectively as “Parties” to this Agreement.

WHEREAS, GREEN BANK, which is charged under the Connecticut General Statutes (“Conn. Gen. Stat.”) Section 16-245n, to promote and support the growth, development, and commercialization of clean renewable energy sources and to stimulate demand for clean renewable energy and the deployment of clean renewable energy sources;

WHEREAS, Municipality has committed to the “Clean Energy Communities Program” under which it agrees to reduce energy use in municipal facilities and to obtain a percentage of the annual electricity usage for its municipal properties from clean, renewable sources, as evidenced by the attached Exhibit A, the “Clean Energy Communities Municipal Pledge,” which is incorporated into this Agreement;

WHEREAS, Municipality has supported clean energy by at least 17% of the annual electricity usage for municipal facilities for the fiscal year 2017 and intends to gradually build up to reach the goal of 20% by 2018;

WHEREAS, Municipality acknowledges that clean, renewable sources are those defined as Connecticut Class I renewable energy sources or meeting Green-e certification standards;

WHEREAS, Municipality acknowledges that certain action steps to support clean energy may be substituted in lieu of making a clean energy purchase; and

WHEREAS, as of the date of this Agreement, municipality has earned two rewards through the Renewable Energy track of the Clean Energy Communities program according to program data;

THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual benefits and detriments described herein, GREEN BANK and Municipality acknowledge their understandings as follows:

Section 1. Condition of Funding. This Agreement is contingent upon sufficient funds being available in the future from GREEN BANK under the Clean Energy Communities Program (“Program”). The Project will be placed on GREEN BANK’s contingent funding waiting list upon GREEN BANK’s receipt of this Agreement duly executed by both Parties. Failure by Municipality to return the signed Agreement to GREEN BANK in a timely manner may result in GREEN BANK withdrawing this contingent funding offer.

Section 2. Key Terms.

- (a) Municipality is a Clean Energy Community;
- (b) Subject to Section 1 above, the Municipality is eligible to receive from GREEN BANK, at no expense, two (2) rewards, valued at \$4,500 each.
- (c) Municipality has advised that it wishes to redeem its rewards to purchase and install energy efficient windows at the Meeting Place (the former Saxon B. Little Free Library), 319 Route 87, Columbia, CT.
- (d) GREEN BANK will pay Municipality the total sum of up to \$9,000. Payment will be made in one installment upon written request from Municipality accompanied by documentation of the purchase such as a scope of work or invoice.
 - a. Municipality shall select a contractor from which to purchase and/or install the windows.
 - b. Before the Green Bank is to make a payment to the Municipality, the Municipality must provide the Green Bank with a scope of work, an invoice or other documentation of the purchase of the windows as well as any additional information reasonably requested by Green Bank.
- (e) Municipality shall collaborate with GREEN BANK to prepare any press releases and to plan for any dedication ceremony related to this project or this program;**
- (f) GREEN BANK shall not be obligated to provide the funding for this project if there are insufficient funds for such purpose because of any legislative or regulatory action expressly curtailing, reducing, or eliminating GREEN BANK funding.

Section 3. Role of the Principal Contacts.

- (a) GREEN BANK's principal contact for this Agreement is Bob Wall, Associate Director of Outreach; 860-257-2354, Bob.Wall@CTGreenBank.com.
- (b) Municipality's principal contact for this Agreement is Marcel B. Walter
- (c) These principal contacts will be responsible for the joint coordination of activities and resolution of issues cutting across organizational lines in their respective organizations.

Section 4. Liability.

1. Municipality shall bear sole liability for all claims against the GREEN BANK arising out of the project described above in Section 2(c) including all claims for damages asserted by third-parties to this Agreement.
2. Municipality agrees to indemnify GREEN BANK in all claims alleged against Municipality as a result of the expressed liabilities set forth in (1) of this Section.

Section 5. Miscellaneous.

- (a) This Agreement may only be modified or amended by a writing executed by all of the Parties to the Agreement.
- (b) In no event shall this Agreement be deemed to give any rights or entitlements to any third party, this Agreement being solely for setting forth the understandings of the Parties.
- (c) This Agreement shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Connecticut and shall be subject to all applicable laws governing the subject matter hereof.
- (d) This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original but all of which together shall constitute the same instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement as of the last date upon which the Parties have affixed their signatures below.

CONNECTICUT GREEN BANK

TOWN OF COLUMBIA

Signature

Signature

Bryan T. Garcia

Mark Walter

President & Chief Executive Officer

Town Administrator

Date

Date

Recommendations to Town of Columbia Board of Selectmen to Preserve the Quality and Economic Value of Columbia Lake

LMAC Meeting Approved Motions: November 2, 2016

Background: The October 2016 LMAC meeting addressed First Selectman Carmen Vance's question whether changes should be made to the boat launch area as a part of the Town of Columbia Beach Renovation Project. Based on our responsibility to preserve the quality of Columbia Lake, LMAC recommended that provisions be made for the addition of a gate at the boat launch as a part of the Beach Renovation Project. At the October 2016 meeting, a LMAC subcommittee was charged to research and identify specific proposals to support the recommendation for a gate. The subcommittee researched the value of Columbia Lake to our town, the threat of invasive species, benchmarked our current approach to prevent invasive species versus similar lakes, identified best practices to prevent invasive species and outlined the natural and economic impacts on our water quality, recreational use and the economic value of the lake. A synopsis of relevant research supporting LMAC's recommendations include:

- **A Clear & Present Danger Exists:** An updated survey found 58% of CT lakes contained 1 or more invasive species, up from 33%. Although Columbia Lake remains free of invasive species, the danger creeps closer as Bolton and Coventry Lakes have and treat for invasive species and Mono Pond has the invasive plant, fanwort.
- **Economic & Natural Threats:** From an economic perspective, a decline in lake water quality leads to a decline in taxable real estate values resulting in upward pressure on the mill rate and/or decreased municipal expenditures/services. If water quality issues are ignored, tax revenue from the water front properties can decrease in direct relation to deteriorating water quality. And invasive species creates visual and recreational annoyances and further could reduce the recreational uses of the lake.
- **Best Practices:** New research recommends the preferred method to control the costs of invasive species is to prevent invasive aquatic plants from reaching Connecticut lakes and ponds. LMAC's findings show that the top cause for the introduction of invasive species is unmonitored boat launches used by boat users who are uninformed and/or have no stake in a lake's health or survival. LMAC discovered best practices to be town ordinances that mandate boat and trailer inspection and education combined with controlled gated access to launching areas.
- **Cost/Benefit Analysis:** A cost/benefit analysis quantified the costs to minimize the spread of invasive species once in a lake ranging from \$18,000 to over \$100,000 annually. Contrast that cost to a potential fall in property values on Columbia Lake that could result in an annual tax loss \$550,000 - \$650,00. The annual costs of the recommendations below are in the \$15,000 range.

Recommendations: To protect the natural beauty, recreational use and economic value generated by Columbia Lake, LMAC recommends the town implement the following best practice initiatives to guard against the introduction of invasive species in Columbia Lake.

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.



TOWN OF COLUMBIA

323 Jonathan Trumbull Highway, Columbia, CT 06237
(860) 228-0110 FAX: (860) 228-1952

OFFICE OF THE FIRST SELECTMAN

November 21, 2016

**Robert Powell
6 Sunnyslopes Road
Columbia, CT. 06237**

Dear Bob,

On behalf of the residents of Columbia and the Board of Selectmen I wish to thank you for your work as architect for our recent expansion and renovations of the Saxton B. Little Free Library. Your pro-bono work on this project enabled us to devote more dollars to the actual work that needed to happen. Your supervision of the project was extremely helpful at a time when Columbia was dealing with staff changes and unable to give the proper oversight.

I realize that this was only one of your volunteer efforts on behalf of Columbia. We should have more individuals such as yourself who give back with such abundance!

Your assistance with all tasks is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Carmen L. Vance
First Selectman

Carmen L. Vance, *First Selectman*

Town of Columbia CT

Savings Report by Month

10/31/2016 12:00:00 AM -

Year	Month	Total Claims	Total Cards Used	Member Rx Cost	Avg. Member Rx Cost	Price Savings	Avg. Price Savings	% Savings
2013	Mar-13	3	2	\$29.78	\$9.93	\$17.94	\$5.98	38%
2013	Apr-13	8	5	\$322.40	\$40.30	\$131.88	\$16.49	29%
2013	May-13	12	8	\$500.08	\$41.67	\$141.25	\$11.77	22%
2013	Jun-13	12	7	\$357.18	\$29.77	\$181.46	\$15.12	34%
2013	Jul-13	16	9	\$570.56	\$35.66	\$1,447.48	\$90.47	72%
2013	Aug-13	12	9	\$384.81	\$32.07	\$1,933.57	\$161.13	83%
2013	Sep-13	20	7	\$729.59	\$36.48	\$1,118.59	\$55.93	61%
2013	Oct-13	19	10	\$712.18	\$37.48	\$2,575.35	\$135.54	78%
2013	Nov-13	7	5	\$173.51	\$24.79	\$1,272.68	\$181.81	88%
2013	Dec-13	12	5	\$474.25	\$39.52	\$713.72	\$59.48	60%
2013	Year Total:	121	67	\$4,254.34	\$35.16	\$9,533.92	\$78.79	69%
2014	Jan-14	11	7	\$527.21	\$47.93	\$1,672.48	\$152.04	76%
2014	Feb-14	16	10	\$515.77	\$32.24	\$1,270.31	\$79.39	71%
2014	Mar-14	4	3	\$126.09	\$31.52	\$105.98	\$26.50	46%
2014	Apr-14	18	9	\$519.85	\$28.88	\$729.38	\$40.52	58%
2014	May-14	13	7	\$1,073.45	\$82.57	\$1,264.05	\$97.23	54%
2014	Jun-14	7	6	\$124.40	\$17.77	\$213.46	\$30.49	63%
2014	Jul-14	5	4	\$67.80	\$13.56	\$111.94	\$22.39	62%
2014	Aug-14	12	9	\$526.22	\$43.85	\$995.70	\$82.98	65%
2014	Sep-14	6	4	\$191.18	\$31.86	\$338.31	\$56.39	64%
2014	Oct-14	10	6	\$226.94	\$22.69	\$420.98	\$42.10	65%
2014	Nov-14	10	6	\$377.81	\$37.78	\$229.43	\$22.94	38%
2014	Dec-14	8	4	\$346.66	\$43.33	\$205.58	\$25.70	37%
2014	Year Total:	120	75	\$4,623.38	\$38.53	\$7,557.60	\$62.98	62%
2015	Jan-15	13	6	\$182.65	\$14.05	\$138.36	\$10.64	43%
2015	Feb-15	11	7	\$152.14	\$13.83	\$490.96	\$44.63	76%
2015	Mar-15	8	5	\$364.50	\$45.56	\$75.83	\$9.48	17%
2015	Apr-15	8	4	\$112.32	\$14.04	\$463.51	\$57.94	80%
2015	May-15	8	5	\$96.86	\$12.11	\$535.49	\$66.94	85%
2015	Jun-15	9	6	\$179.16	\$19.91	\$172.36	\$19.15	49%
2015	Jul-15	11	5	\$449.47	\$40.86	\$389.73	\$35.43	46%
2015	Aug-15	10	6	\$218.89	\$21.89	\$426.94	\$42.69	66%
2015	Sep-15	9	7	\$411.09	\$45.68	\$323.65	\$35.96	44%
2015	Oct-15	14	6	\$299.09	\$21.36	\$599.59	\$42.83	67%
2015	Nov-15	14	7	\$210.48	\$15.03	\$443.38	\$31.67	68%
2015	Dec-15	9	7	\$524.35	\$58.26	\$888.07	\$98.67	63%
2015	Year Total:	124	71	\$3,201.00	\$25.81	\$4,947.87	\$39.90	61%
2016	Jan-16	7	5	\$189.98	\$27.14	\$382.61	\$54.66	67%
2016	Feb-16	6	5	\$152.28	\$25.38	\$477.96	\$79.66	76%
2016	Mar-16	2	3	\$92.41	\$46.21	\$5.17	\$2.59	5%
2016	Apr-16	8	3	\$192.90	\$24.11	\$492.02	\$61.50	72%
2016	May-16	4	3	\$45.44	\$11.36	\$5.04	\$1.26	10%
2016	Jun-16	6	5	\$582.34	\$97.06	\$103.81	\$17.30	15%
2016	Jul-16	3	3	\$108.34	\$36.11	\$24.44	\$8.15	18%



THAMES VALLEY COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY ACTION, INC.
Serving our Communities Since 1965

Deborah Monahan, Executive Director

November 22, 2016

Carmen Vance
First Selectman, Town of Columbia
323 Route 87
Columbia, CT 06237

Dear Ms. Vance,

This is to acknowledge your contribution to TVCCA's Senior Nutrition Program in the amount of \$1,083 which represents the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated. If at any time you have any questions or concerns regarding TVCCA, its services or programs, please feel free to call upon me.

Thank you for allowing TVCCA to be of service to your community.

Sincerely,

Deborah Monahan

Thank you for your support!

Troop K Crime Data Analysis



Town of Columbia

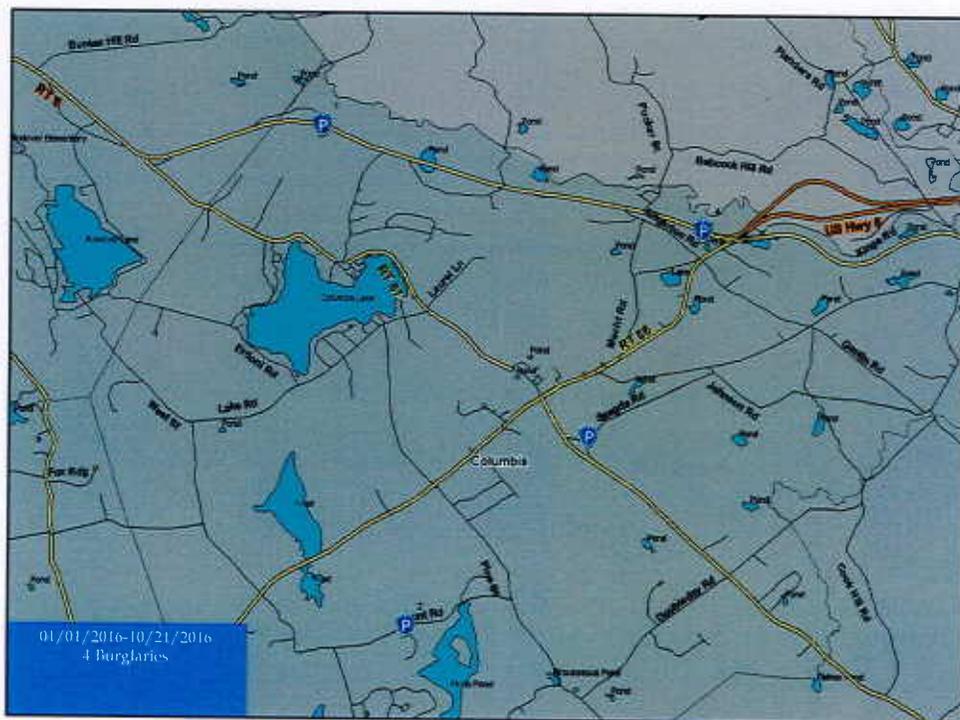
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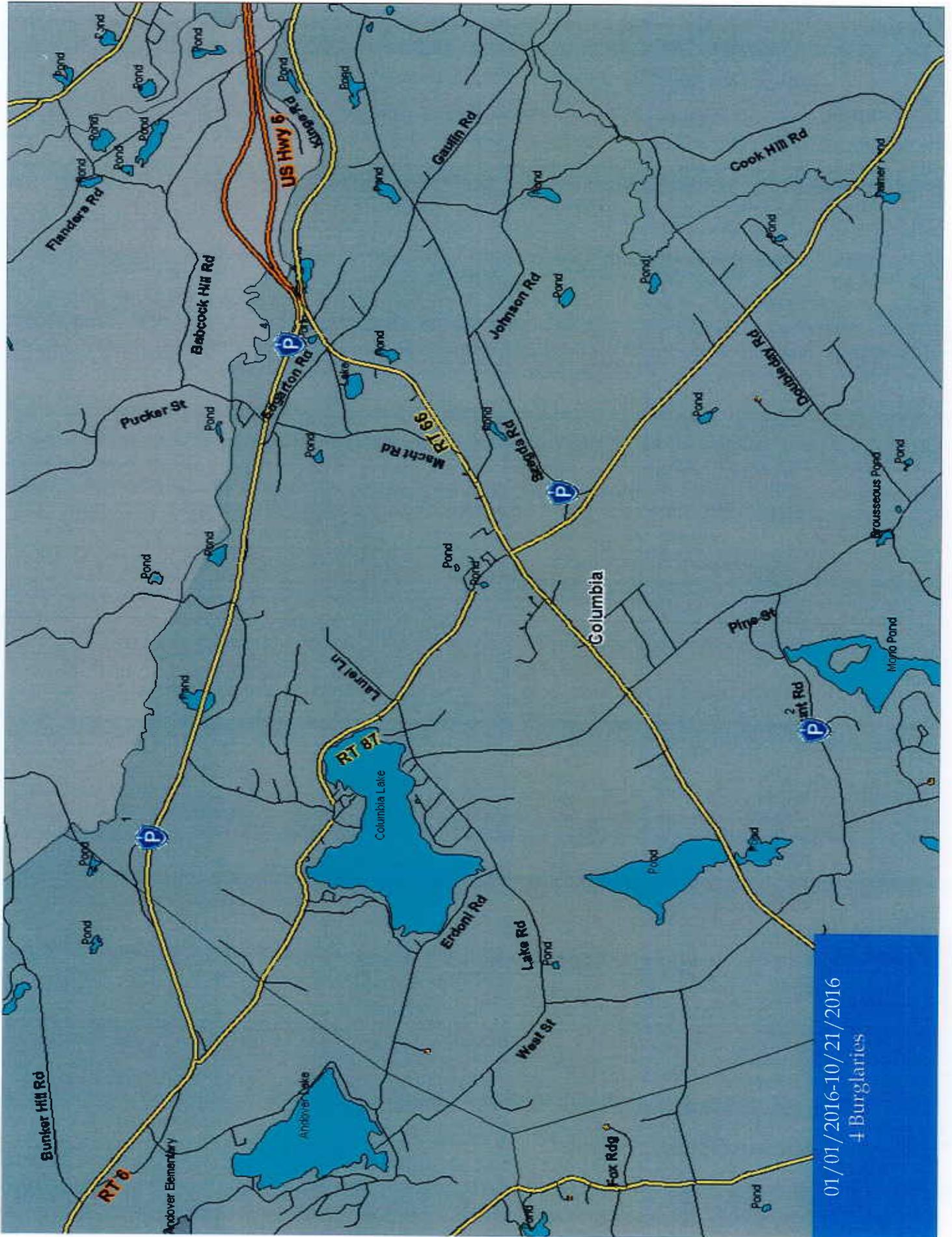
**Troop K Crime Data
Town of Columbia**

Category	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016 10/21/16	2015-2016
Alarms	188	221	225	201	146	-28%
Assault	1	1	2	1	0	
Assist Citizen	232	232	224	320	187	-42%
Burglary	7	12	15	5	4	-20%
Calls for Service	3528	4090	4031	3808	3020	-21%
Criminal Impersonation	0	0	0	0	4	
Criminal Mischief	12	5	5	9	4	
Disturbances	30	20	23	24	19	
Domestics	-	6	12	10	2	
DWI	18	10	10	10	9	-10%
Harassment/ Threats	0	2	2	3	1	
K-9 Calls for Service	16	15	27	31	22	-30%
Larceny	29	19	21	17	16	
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	1	0	
Medical Assist	40	36	69	75	69	
Missing Person	1	4	6	1	3	
Narcotics Investigations	8	3	10	11	10	-9%
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	
Sex Offense/ Assault	2	1	1	0	1	
Traffic Accident	99	113	108	81	70	-14%
Fatal Accident	0	0	1	0	1	+100%
Traffic Pursuits	0	0	0	0	0	
Trespassing	1	0	0	0	0	
Untimely Death	4	5	4	4	3	
Use of Force	0	0	0	0	0	
Warrants	0	0	1	1	0	
Weapons Offenses	4	3	2	0	1	
Motor Vehicle (Citations)	856	814	1092	901	870	-4%
Motor Vehicle Warnings	330	301	373	330	361	+9%

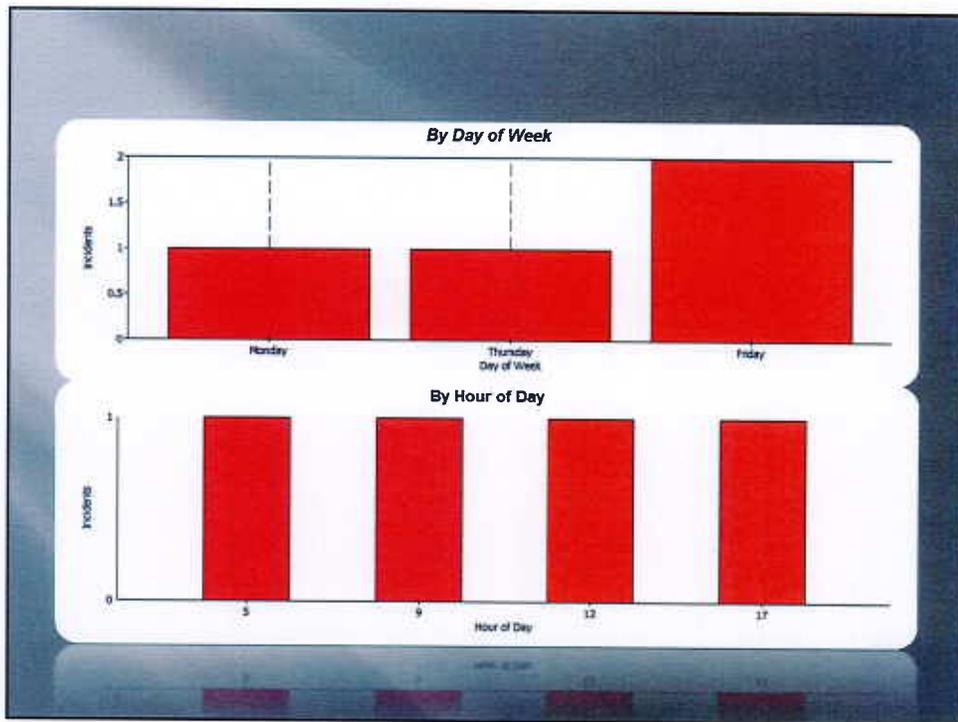
Burglaries

- ▣ 01/01/2016-10/21/2016
- ▣ 4 Burglaries
- ▣ Locations
 - Restaurant- 1
 - Residence/ Home- 2
 - Unknown/ Other- 1
- ▣ 2 in March
- ▣ 1 April
- ▣ 1 in August



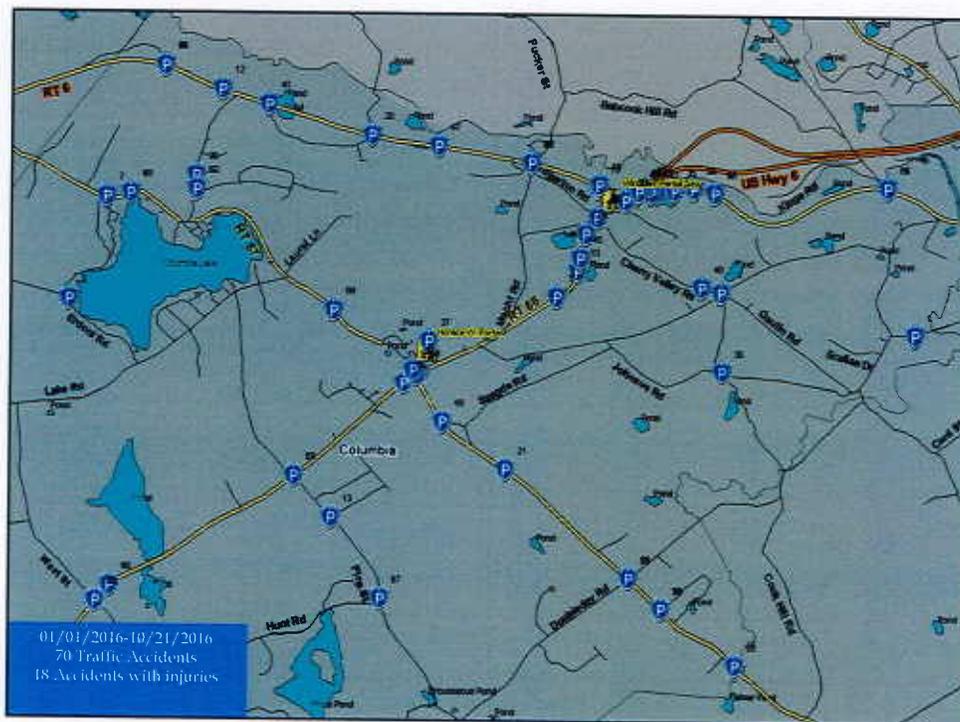
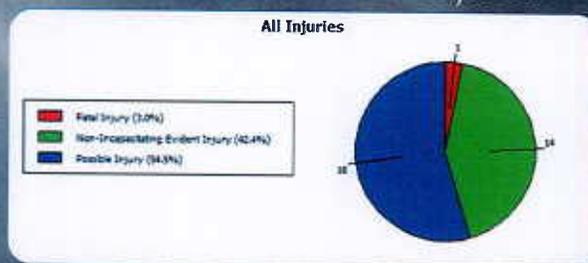


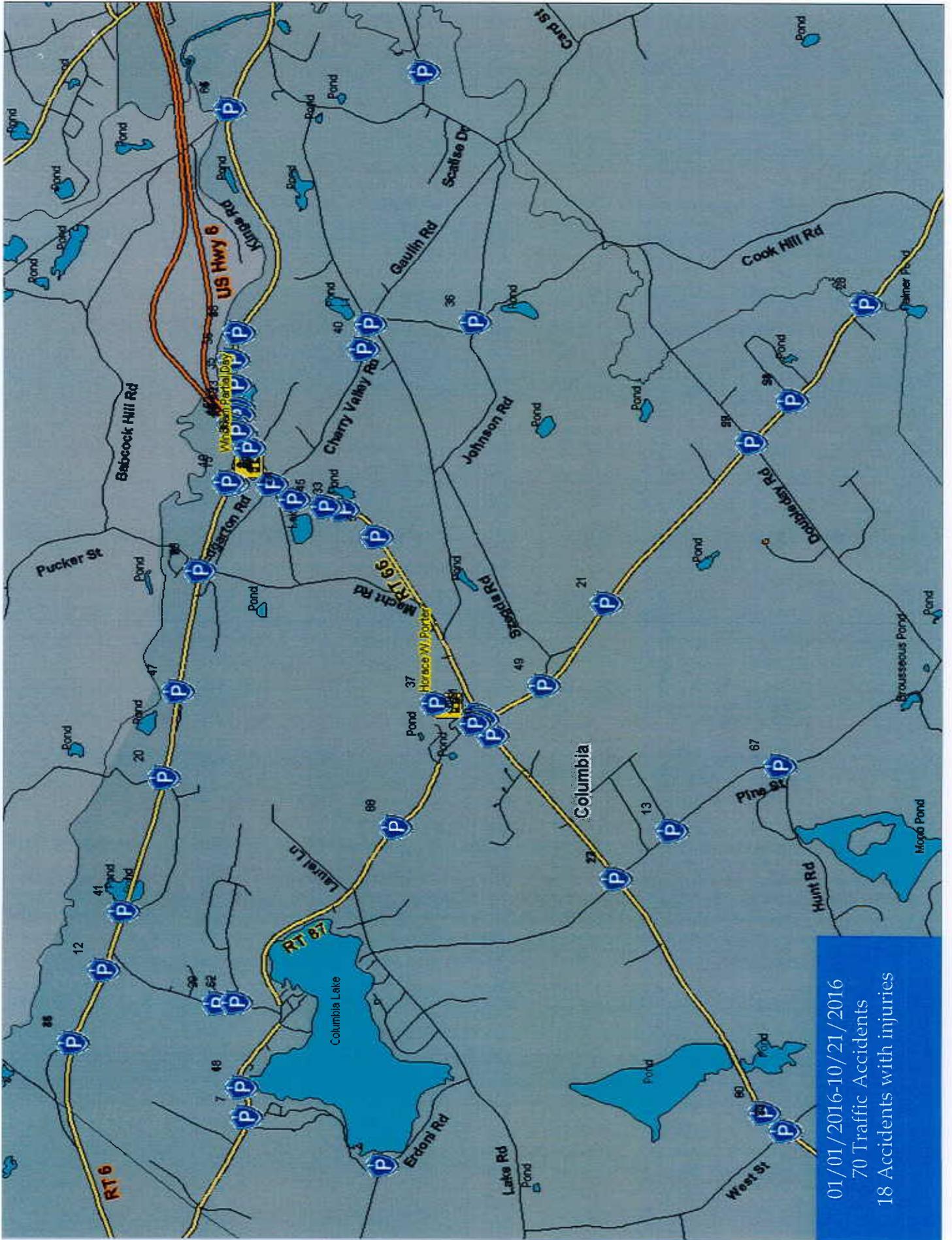
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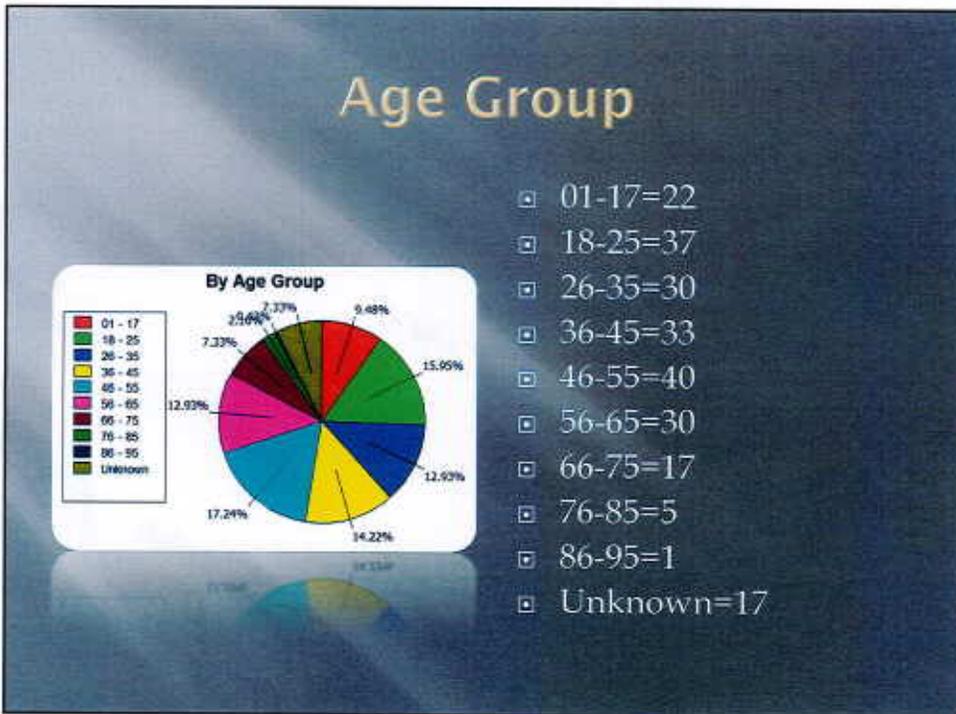
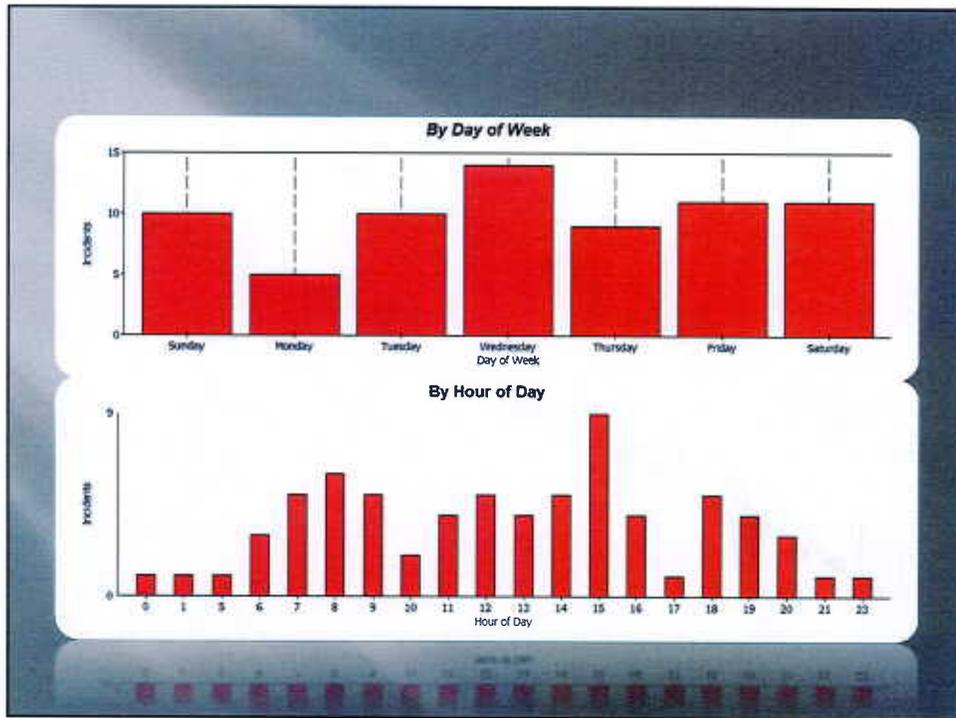
Traffic Accidents

- 01/01/2016-10/21/2016
- 70 Traffic Accidents
- 23 Accidents on Rte. 66
- 21 Accidents on Rte. 6
- 18 Accidents with injuries





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Town Administrator

From: Palmer, Steve [Steve.Palmer@cga.ct.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2016 10:47 AM
To: Town Administrator
Cc: Kim Bona
Subject: MBR
Attachments: PA 16-3_Minimum Budget Requirement.doc

Dear Mr. Walter,

Following up on your meeting with Senator Osten, attached please find a copy of the MBR legislation we passed last session.

As I understand it, the legislature passed a law allowing towns (except for alliance district towns) to reduce their MBR when they experience an ECS decrease in a fiscal year by an amount equal to the ECS decrease. The new law also specifies that the state must use accountability index scores, rather than obsolete district performance index scores, to rank districts when determining whether they qualify for MBR exemptions (PA 16-3, May Special Session, § 125, effective July 1, 2016).

Please don't hesitate to contact Senator Osten or myself if you have any other questions.

Sincerely,

Steve

Stephen A. Palmer
Legislative Aide
Office of State Senator Catherine A. Osten, 19th District
Assistant President Pro Tempore
Proudly representing the residents of Columbia, Franklin, Hebron, Lebanon, Ledyard, Lisbon, Marlborough, Montville, Norwich, and Sprague
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Minimum Budget Requirement (MBR) Reductions and Exemptions

Sec. 125. Section 10-262j of the 2016 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

(a) Except as otherwise provided under the provisions of subsections (c) to (e), inclusive, of this section, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the budgeted appropriation for education shall be not less than the budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, plus any aid increase described in subsection (d) of section 10-262i, as amended by this act, except that a town may reduce its budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, by one or more of the following:

(1) Any district with (A) a resident student population in which the number of students who are eligible for free or reduced price lunches pursuant to federal law and regulations is equal to or greater than twenty per cent, and (B) a resident student count for October 1, 2014, using the data of record as of January 31, 2015, that is lower than such district's resident student count for October 1, 2013, using the data of record as of January 31, 2015, may reduce such district's budgeted appropriation for education by the difference in the number of resident students for such years multiplied by fifty per cent of the net current expenditures per resident student of such district, provided such reduction shall not exceed one and one-half per cent of the district's budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, except that the Commissioner of Education may, following a review of a town's proposed reductions to its budgeted appropriation for education, permit a town to reduce its budgeted appropriation for education in an amount greater than one and one-half per cent if the board of education for such town has approved, by vote at a meeting duly called, such proposed reductions;

(2) Any district with (A) a resident student population in which the number of students who are eligible for free or reduced price lunches pursuant to federal law and regulations is less than twenty per cent, and (B) a resident student count for October 1, 2014, using the data of record as of January 31, 2015, that is lower than such district's resident student count for October 1, 2013, using the data of record as of January 31, 2015, may reduce such district's budgeted appropriation for education by the difference in the number of resident students for such years multiplied by fifty per cent of the net current expenditures per resident student of such district, provided such reduction shall not exceed three per cent of the district's budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, except that the Commissioner of Education may, following a review of a town's proposed reductions to its budgeted appropriation for education, permit a town to reduce its budgeted appropriation for education in an

amount greater than three per cent if the board of education for such town has approved, by vote at a meeting duly called, such proposed reductions;

(3) Any district (A) that does not maintain a high school and pays tuition to another school district pursuant to section 10-33 for resident students to attend high school in another district, and (B) in which the number of resident students attending high school for such district for October 1, 2014, using the data of record as of January 31, 2015, is lower than such district's number of resident students attending high school for October 1, 2013, using the data of record as of January 31, 2015, may reduce such district's budgeted appropriation for education by the difference in the number of resident students attending high school for such years multiplied by the amount of tuition paid per student pursuant to section 10-33; or

(4) Any district that realizes new and documentable savings through increased district efficiencies approved by the Commissioner of Education or through regional collaboration or cooperative arrangements pursuant to section 10-158a may reduce such district's budgeted appropriation for education in an amount equal to half of the amount of savings experienced as a result of such district efficiencies, regional collaboration or cooperative arrangement, provided such reduction shall not exceed one-half of one per cent of the district's budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

(b) Except as otherwise provided under the provisions of subsections (c) to (e), inclusive, of this section, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the budgeted appropriation for education shall be not less than the budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, plus any aid increase received pursuant to subsection (d) of section 10-262i, as amended by this act, except that a town may reduce its budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, by one or more of the following:

(1) If a town experiences an aid reduction, as described in subsection (d) of section 10-262i, as amended by this act, such town may reduce its budgeted appropriation for education in an amount equal to the aid reduction;

[(1)] (2) Any district with (A) a resident student population in which the number of students who are eligible for free or reduced price lunches pursuant to federal law and regulations is equal to or greater than twenty per cent, and (B) a resident student count for October 1, 2015, using the data of record as of January 31, 2016, that is lower than such district's resident student count for October 1, 2014, using the data of record as of January 31, 2016, may reduce such district's budgeted appropriation for education by the difference in the number of resident students for such years multiplied by fifty per cent of the net current expenditures per resident student of such district, provided such reduction shall not exceed one and one-half per cent of the district's budgeted

appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, except that the Commissioner of Education may, following a review of a town's proposed reductions to its budgeted appropriation for education, permit a town to reduce its budgeted appropriation for education in an amount greater than one and one-half per cent if the board of education for such town has approved, by vote at a meeting duly called, such proposed reductions;

[(2)] (3) Any district with (A) a resident student population in which the number of students who are eligible for free or reduced price lunches pursuant to federal law and regulations is less than twenty per cent, and (B) a resident student count for October 1, 2015, using the data of record as of January 31, 2016, that is lower than such district's resident student count for October 1, 2014, using the data of record as of January 31, 2016, may reduce such district's budgeted appropriation for education by the difference in the number of resident students for such years multiplied by fifty per cent of the net current expenditures per resident student, as defined in subdivision (45) of section 10-262f, of such district, provided such reduction shall not exceed three per cent of the district's budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, except that the Commissioner of Education may, following a review of a town's proposed reductions to its budgeted appropriation for education, permit a town to reduce its budgeted appropriation for education in an amount greater than three per cent if the board of education for such town has approved, by vote at a meeting duly called, such proposed reductions;

[(3)] (4) Any district (A) that does not maintain a high school and pays tuition to another school district pursuant to section 10-33 for resident students to attend high school in another district, and (B) in which the number of resident students attending high school for such district for October 1, 2015, using the data of record as of January 31, 2016, is lower than such district's number of resident students attending high school for October 1, 2014, using the data of record as of January 31, 2016, may reduce such district's budgeted appropriation for education by the difference in the number of resident students attending high school for such years multiplied by the amount of tuition paid per student pursuant to section 10-33; or

[(4)] (5) Any district that realizes new and documentable savings through increased district efficiencies approved by the Commissioner of Education or through regional collaboration or cooperative arrangements pursuant to section 10-158a may reduce such district's budgeted appropriation for education in an amount equal to half of the amount of savings experienced as a result of such district efficiencies, regional collaboration or cooperative arrangement, provided such reduction shall not exceed one-half of one per cent of the district's budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

(c) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2016, and June 30, 2017, the Commissioner of Education may permit a town to reduce its budgeted appropriation for education in an amount determined by the commissioner if the school district in such town has permanently ceased operations and closed one or more schools in the school district due to declining enrollment at such closed school or schools in the fiscal years ending June 30, 2013, to June 30, 2016, inclusive.

(d) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2016, and June 30, 2017, a town currently designated as an alliance district, as defined in section 10-262u, or formerly designated as an alliance district shall not reduce its budgeted appropriation for education pursuant to this section.

(e) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2016, and June 30, 2017, the provisions of this section shall not apply to any district that is in the top ten per cent of school districts based on the [district performance] accountability index, as defined in section [10-262u] 10-223e.

(f) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2016, and June 30, 2017, the provisions of this section shall not apply to the member towns of a regional school district during the first full fiscal year following the establishment of the regional school district, provided the budgeted appropriation for education for member towns of such regional school district for each subsequent fiscal year shall be determined in accordance with this section.

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Date: December 5, 2016

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Dear Ms. Carmen Vance

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

During the month of November 2016 the Columbia Resident Trooper as well as Troop K Troopers responded to 325 Calls for Service in the Town of Columbia. Of these Calls for Service the most notable are:

Accidents:	<u>3</u>
Burglaries:	<u>0</u>
Larcenies:	<u>3</u>
Other Criminal:	<u>4</u>
Other Non-Criminal:	<u>0</u>
Non Reportable Matters:	<u>197</u>
Other Noteworthy Events (List):	

In addition to the above investigations Troopers conducted the following motor vehicle enforcement:

On-Sight DWI:	<u>0</u>
Traffic Citations:	<u>97</u>
Written Warnings:	<u>42</u>

Sincerely,

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