

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
COLUMBIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, October 3, 2017 – 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.

Also Present: Town Administrator Mark Walter; Ann Dunnack; *The Chronicle* reporter Ekaterine Tchelidze.

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

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **MINUTES: BOS Regular Meeting Minutes of September 19, 2017:** R. Bogue MOVED to approve the BOS Minutes of September 19, 2017. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.
3. **AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:** None.
4. **OLD BUSINESS:** None.
5. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - 5.1 **Access Agency contract:** M. Walter discussed the services provided to the town by Access Agency. Discussion followed. C. Vance MOVED to approve the contract between the town and the Access Agency for social services in 2017-2018. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.
 - 5.2 **CT Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program – Crumbling Foundations:** The following towns have identified need in the municipalities to provide crumbling foundation testing: Coventry, Ashford, Bolton, Union, Tolland and Willington. C. Vance asked if there will be any cost associated with this. M. Walter stated that the only shared cost will be to hire a grant writer. Discussion followed.

S. Everett MOVED to approve the town to enter into the joint application for the CT Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program as presented. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.
6. **COLUMBIA LAKE / DAM / BEACH:** None.
7. **APPOINTMENTS / RESIGNATIONS:**
 - 7.1 **Resignation of Kimberly Bona as Executive Assistant:** The BOS accepted the resignation of K. Bona with regret.
8. **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:** M. Walter stated that since January 2017, cities and towns have been requesting the state provide mechanisms that make it easier to allow towns to regionalize services and share some expenses. Nothing has been done yet by the state.
9. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
 - 9.1 **Eastern Highlands Health District (EHHD) Substance Abuse Treatment Resources**
10. **BUDGET:**
 - 10.1 **Transfers:** None.
 - 10.2 **Refunds:** R. Bogue MOVED to approve the refunds totaling \$1,265.93. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.
11. **APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS:** R. Bogue MOVED to approve the payment of bills totaling \$110,799.22 including emergency bills, regular bills, credit cards and paychex. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.
12. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** S. Everett stated that he had a discussion with George Murphy regarding a couple items. First was the school parking lot plan. G. Murphy said the town is still waiting on a cost for sidewalks. Second was the probability

of joint gas storage between Columbia and other towns. He explained that G. Murphy is looking into this.

S. Everett asked M. Walter about the status of the beach project. M. Walter stated that there was a hearing on 10/2/17 regarding removal of the maple tree. The tree warden now has 3 days to render a decision on whether or not to remove the tree. This decision must be in writing to the concerned resident, Walter Crosby. Once notification is received, Mr. Crosby will have 10 days to appeal to Rockville Court.

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 Statutes Section 1-200(6)(A); None.

14. ADJOURNMENT: C. Vance MOVED to ADJOURN at 7:28 pm and the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kimberly A. Bona