

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
COLUMBIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Tuesday, February 6, 2018 – 7 pm  
Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room  
323 Route 87, Columbia, CT**

**CALL TO ORDER**

- 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
  - 3.1** BOS Regular Meeting Minutes of January 16, 2018.
- 4. AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS**
- 5. OLD BUSINESS:**
  - 5.1** Open Space map denoting Columbia's protected open space and other town-owned land.
- 6. NEW BUSINESS:**
  - 6.1** Webster Bank Retail Lockbox Services.
  - 6.2** Approval for Mark Walter to serve in Steven M. Everett's place for various CRCOG Boards.
- 7. COLUMBIA LAKE / DAM / BEACH**
  - 7.1** LMAC approval for Kerry and Kathleen Butler of 7 Lakeview Dr., Columbia for a permit to construct a boat lift on Columbia Lake.
- 8. APPOINTMENTS / RESIGNATIONS:**
- 9. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**
  - 9.1** Indian Moor's Head School grant denied. Discussion of future funding for Indian Moor's Head School grant.
  - 9.2** Analysis of 16/17 Year End Fund Balance: Continued discussion from BOS minutes on 12/20/17 regarding the 359k added to the General Fund, Surplus of 260k, and Education budget for 16/17 of \$51,270k returned to Town's General Fund (*see Section 4 Review of FY 16/17 Revenues & Expenditures, a. Municipal and b. Education.*).
  - 9.3** ACA Compliance Bulletin: *Spending Resolution Affects ACA Taxes*
  - 9.4** Final Grand List figures for October1, 2017.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 10.1 Eversource approval letter for Bright Idea Grant of \$5,000.
- 10.2 Resident State Trooper monthly police report.
- 10.3 Thank you letter to Tom McGrath for providing First Aid & CPR Training.
- 10.4 Chronicle Article: Cindee Hodge.
- 10.5 Willimantic Waste Emergency Authorization letter.

**11. BUDGET:**

- 11.1 Transfers:
- 11.2 Refunds:

**12. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

**13. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

**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)**

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

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**Attendees:** Steven M. Everett, First Selectman; Bob Bogue, Selectman; Lisa Napolitano, Selectman; William O'Brien, Selectman.

**Absent:** Robert Hellstrom, Deputy Selectman.

**Also Present:** Town Administrator, Mark Walter.

**CALL TO ORDER:** S. Everett called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** S. Everett MOVED to Approve Agenda.  
MOTION CARRIED 4:0.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
  - 3.1 **Tri-Board Meeting Minutes of December 20, 2017.** S. Everett withdrew his Motion: Approval of minutes will be tabled to next meeting because of needed clarification.
  - 3.2 **BOS Regular Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2018.** W. O'Brien MOVED to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 9, 2018.  
MOTION CARRIED 4:0.
4. **AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:** None
5. **OLD BUSINESS:** None
6. **NEW BUSINESS:** None
7. **COLUMBIA LAKE / DAM / BEACH:** None
8. **APPOINTMENTS / RESIGNATIONS:**

Defining ending term date for the 5 appointed Recreation Commission: S. Everett MOVED to approve 5 newly appointed members to Recreation Commission with the respective terms listed below. MOTION CARRIED 4:0.

  - Cindy Postemsky 1-9-18 – 11/22/21
  - Nikki Keldsen 1/9/18 – 11/25/19
  - Jeff Buskey 1-9-18 – 11/22/21
  - Shane Vertefuille 1-9-18 – 11/22/21
  - Kelly DeForest 1-9-18 – 11/22/21

- 8.1 **Appointment for Citation Hearing Officer, Paul Ramsey:** A question was asked as to what is the role of a Citation Hearing Officer. M. Walter explained that in our charter if there is a citation, the Citation Hearing Officer provides a hearing to address the citation and this could perhaps be resolved before going to court. L. Napolitano MOVED to appoint Paul Ramsey for Citation Hearing Officer. MOTION CARRIED 4:0.
- 8.2 **Appointment for Charter Communications Advisory Council, Edgar Eugene Sellers:** B. Bogue asked how many people are on the board and if we can we invite E. Sellers to one of the BOS meetings. M. Walter will find out and get back to the BOS at the next meeting. W. O'Brien MOVED to appoint Edgar Eugene Sellers to the Charter Communications Advisory. MOTION CARRIED 4:0.
- 8.3 **Appointment for Animal Control Officer, Nancy Yale:** S. Everett MOVED to appoint Nancy Yale for Animal Control Officer. MOTION CARRIED 4:0.
9. **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**
- 9.1 **Reviewing the purchase sale agreement between the Town of Columbia and Ronald Szegda regarding the payment plan for Columbia's share of the purchase of Szegda Farm Development Rights in 2013.** M. Walter reported that there was a payment made on June 20, 2017 for \$20,000 and another payment was made on 1/16/18 for \$19,878.97. There is one last payment to be issued for \$14,419.49 on January 16, 2019.
- 9.2 **Roll-out of Sexual Harassment Online Training:** The Town employees will be participating in a sexual harassment online training offered through CIRMA.
- 9.3 **Reviewing shoe policy:** M. Walter stated that by state law we have to have a quarterly safety meeting and we will be creating an employee's shoe policies for improved safety against slips, falls and injuries

Open Space will have a Site Walk on Wells Wood Road in Columbia on Sunday, January 21, 2018 at 1:00pm.

L. Napolitano asked if we have a good report on what the town actually owns and what is dedicated open space. S. Everett responded that we do have that information. M. Walter will find this information and report back to the BOS. S. Everett stated that we have asked Open Space Committee to evaluate development, use, and ecological importance and that the committee will bring us detailed information before the Town makes any decisions.

M. Walter shared information on the Town of Coventry received its Award Letter from the Dept. of Housing for the CDBG foundation testing application. M. Walter

added that the Regional CBDG foundation testing grant will help offset testing costs if there's not enough money in the CROCOG State Grant. It's now in the process.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE:** Article on New Van roll out in the Chronicle.

**11. BUDGET:**

11.1 Transfers: None

11.2 Refunds: None

**11.3 APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS:** B. Bogue MOVED to approve payment of bills on 1/16/18 in the amount totaling \$20,362.97. MOTION CARRIED 4.0. W. O'Brien asked what the quarterly DEEP fee was. M. Walter responded that the Building and Land Use Department submits a Land Use Application Fee quarterly report to DEEP. This report included 3 Wetland application fees and 12 ZBA fees, totaling \$1,140.00. The Town of Columbia retains \$38.00 for their administrative costs of handling the fees, thus the total fee paid to DEEP was \$1,102.00.

**12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** None

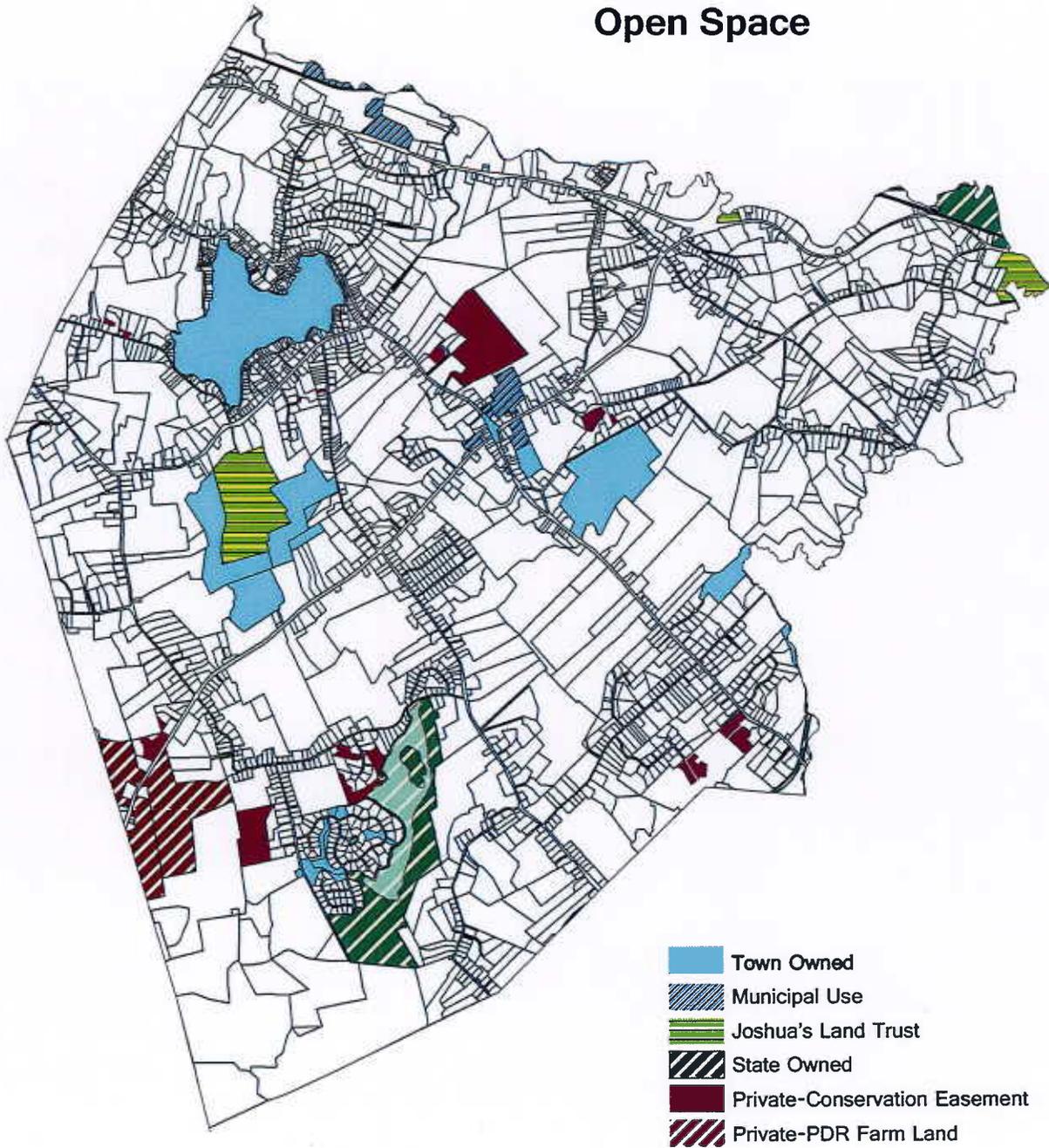
**13. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** S. Everett MOVED to enter into executive session at 7:36 pm. with M. Walter present. MOTION CARRIED 4:0. Executive session ended at 7:53 pm

**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)**

**14. ADJOURNMENT:** S. Everett MOVED to ADJOURN at 7:53 pm and the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer C. LaVoie

# Open Space



- Town Owned
- Municipal Use
- Joshua's Land Trust
- State Owned
- Private-Conservation Easement
- Private-PDR Farm Land

**INVENTORY OF COLUMBIA'S OPEN SPACE**

The map on page 30 shows Columbia's protected open space and other town-owned land. These open space lands have different distinctions; some are permanently protected with public access for hiking and other passive recreation, other lands are permanently protected but not open to the public or are town owned and used for municipal purposes.

<b>Description</b>	<b># acres</b>	<b>Ownership</b>
Columbia Lake	281.0	Town of Columbia
Town Beach	1.8	Town of Columbia
Recreation Park	77.6	Town of Columbia
Brand Property	47.9	Town of Columbia
Lake Rd (west of Utley Preserve)	73.9	Town of Columbia
Szedga Farm	132.9	Town of Columbia
Fireman's Field	11.8	Town of Columbia
Island Woods at Mono Pond	34.5	Town of Columbia
Ten Mile River access Sunrise Dr	25.7	Town of Columbia
Ten Mile River access Samuel Hill	4.0	Town of Columbia
Town Green	4.6	Town of Columbia
Small (several)	14.5	Town of Columbia
Utley Hill Preserve	124.0	Joshua's Land Trust
Potter's Meadow	33.0	Joshua's Land Trust
Goldberg Parcel	4.0	Joshua's Land Trust
Conservation Easements (several)	193.0	Privately Owned
PDR farmland (three)	198.0	Privately Owned
Mono Pond State Park	287.1	State of Connecticut
Hop River Trail	13.5	State of Connecticut
Willimantic River Access	52.0	State of Connecticut
Airline Trail	8.0	State of Connecticut
Total Open Space	1,622.8	
Horace Porter School	23.7	Columbia Town Buildings
Town Hall and Library	2.6	Columbia Town Buildings
Columbia Volunteer Fire Department	8.8	Columbia Town Buildings
Transfer Station and Town Garage	26.4	Columbia Town Buildings
Beckish Senior Center	4.6	Columbia Town Buildings
Total Open Space and other Municipal parcels	1,688.9	



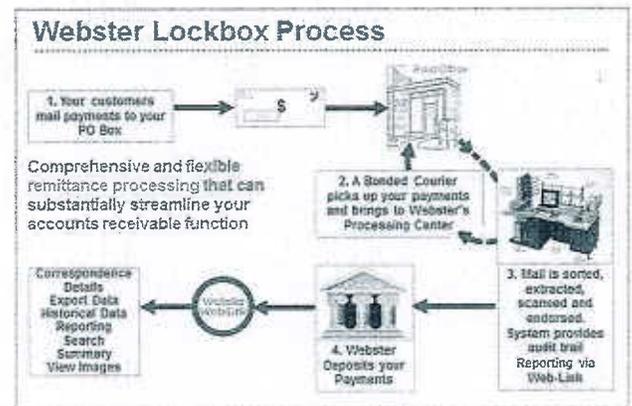
## Retail Lockbox Services.

# The smart way to deposit high-volume payments.

### Fast, secure payment processing.

When it comes to depositing **low dollar, high volume payments**, our Retail Lockbox Services can safely speed up your organization's receivables, giving you faster access to cash. Here's how it works:

- Customers send payments to your assigned post office lockbox
- Mail is retrieved frequently and delivered to our processing center
- Payments are processed on the day we receive them
- Funds are deposited directly into your checking account



There's no minimum number of deposits required and all transactions are processed quickly and accurately according to your specifications.

### Streamlines receivable functions.

By automating manual processes, Retail Lockbox Services increases the speed and efficiency of account reconciliation. There's no manual posting to slow you down. Payment information is captured electronically and transmitted to your accounts, allowing you to:

- Reduce each day's sales outstanding
- Increase productivity by automating manual processes
- Limit employee transaction contact to avoid theft or fraud
- Access check and coupon images for customer service and dispute resolution
- Search and export payment data and account information



#### FOR MORE INFORMATION.

We can help you get started with Webster's Retail Lockbox Services today. Our team will work with you to establish your requirements. Contact your Webster representative at 888.932.2256 or [cashmgt@websterbank.com](mailto:cashmgt@websterbank.com).



# TOWN OF COLUMBIA

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

## OFFICE OF THE FIRST SELECTMAN

January 23, 2018

Kimberly A. Bona  
Executive Assistant  
241 Main Street  
Hartford  
Connecticut, 06106

**RE: Proxy for Policy Board and Other Sub-Committee Meetings**

Dear Kim,

This letter assigns written proxy for Mark B. Walter, Town Administrator, to serve in my place on various CRCOG Boards when I am unable to attend.

Sincerely,

Steven M. Everett  
First Selectman

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Steven M. Everett, First Selectman

# LAKE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 27, 2018

Mr. Steven M. Everett  
First Selectman  
323 Route 87, Yeoman's Hall  
Columbia, CT 06237

RE: Application for Construction of a Structure on or Over Columbia Lake  
Mr. and Mrs. Terry Butler, 7 Lakeview Drive, Columbia, CT

On January 16, 2018, Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Butler of 7 Lakeview Drive, Columbia submitted an application for permit seeking to construct a boat lift on Columbia Lake.

Steve Harrington, Karl Then and I (on the behalf of the Lake Management Advisory Committee - LMAC) have reviewed the application. The proposed work will involve the placement of an aluminum framed boat lift approximately 15 feet long by 10 feet on the east side of the existing wood dock. The boat lift will be powered by a solar powered 12 volt deep cycle battery. The lift will be supported by four aluminum legs each sitting on an 8 inch by 12 inch aluminum foot pad. There is no lake bed excavation anticipated.

According to the Standards for Granting Permission for the Construction of Structures on Columbia Lake (Lake Guidelines), the placement of a boat lift of this nature on the lake bed is acceptable.

After review, it is the recommendation of LMAC to the Board of Selectmen that this permit be approved with the following conditions:

1. All work will be accomplished after Lake Drawdown beginning on November 1, 2017 and shall be completed prior to the lake re-filling on March 15, 2018.
2. No machinery or power equipment will be allowed on the lake bed.
3. No substantial materials will be placed on, added to or removed from the lakebed.
4. The applicant will insure construction of the new boat lift will be of sound materials and shall not adversely affect the quality of the Lake water or aquatic life.
5. Disturbance to the lakebed will be minimal. No grading or significant excavation shall be allowed.

Your consideration in this manner is appreciated.  
Respectfully Submitted;

*Robert R. Powell, Jr.*

Robert R. Powell, Jr.  
Chairman, Permit Application Sub-Committee  
Lake Management Advisory Committee

Town of Columbia  
323 Jonathan Trumbull Highway, Columbia, CT 06237  
Phone: (860) 228-0110 Fax: (860) 228-1952

### Application for Constructing Structures on or over Columbia Lake

Date submitted: 01-16-18

Complete and return to the Board of Selectmen.

Property owner: KERRY B + KATHLEEN A. BUTLER  
Address: 7 LAKEVIEW DR COLUMBIA, CT 06237  
Property Location: 7 LAKEVIEW DR COLUMBIA, CT  
Daytime phone #: 860-622-9682 SqTKERRY@gmail.com  
Applicant if different from owner: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Structure information:

Proposal is for:  New  Replacement  Repair  
Structure Type:  Dock  Seawall  Raft  Boat ~~Cover~~ LIFT

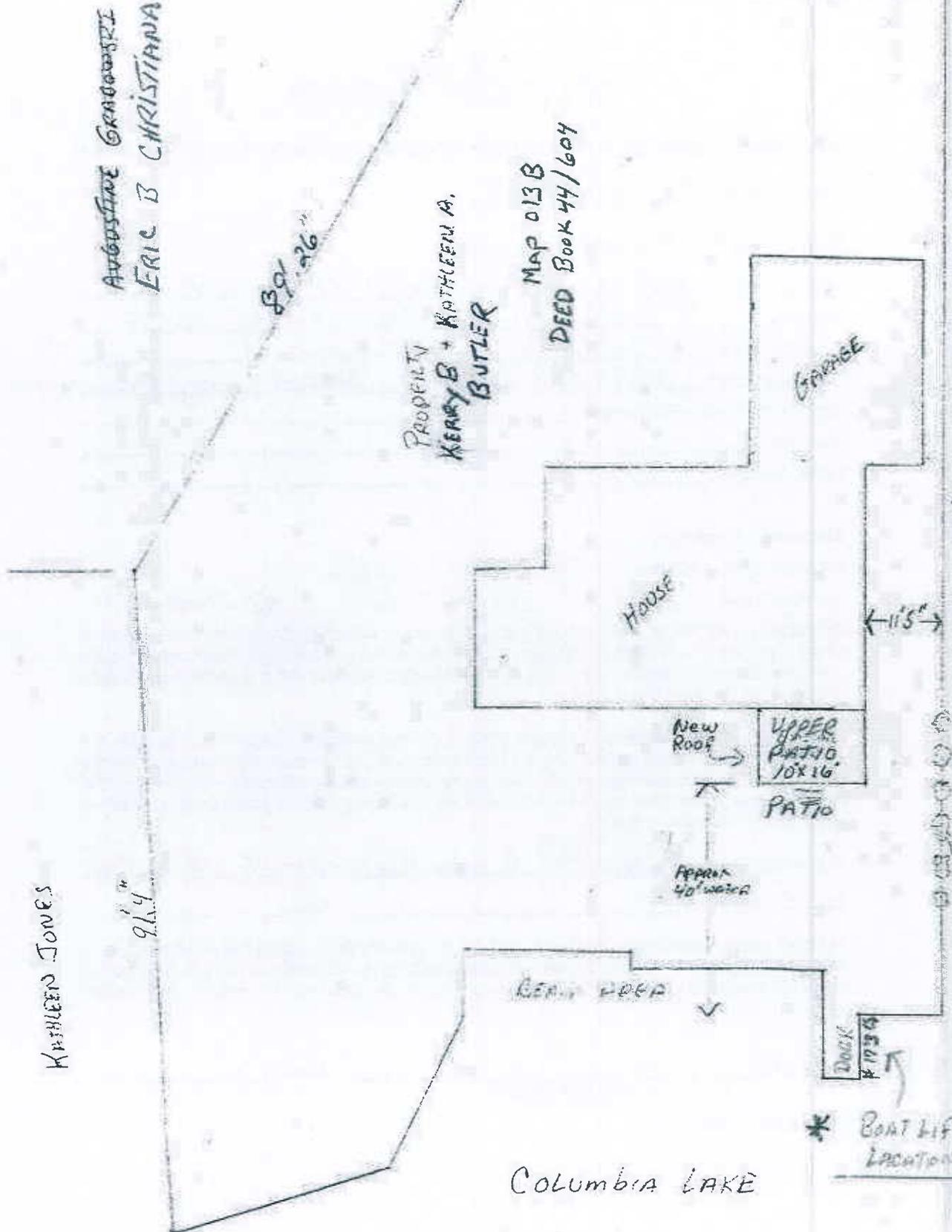
Application must include a sketch of the structure clearly indicating dimensions and placement of the structure in reference to the property, as well as information regarding materials to be used in construction/repair. Supporting information such as maps and pictures are also helpful and may help expedite the process.

**Note:** Applications made by persons other than the property owner must contain the written approval of the application by the owner. All fee-owners and owners of rights-of-way shall join in any application. Signature below indicates approval for the Board of Selectmen or authorized town personnel to visit property for the purpose of inspecting prior to and after construction.

Owner Signature: Kathleen Butler Date: 01-16-18  
Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Special note:** Permission by the Board of Selectmen to construct a structure on or above the Town owned lake bottom shall not relieve the applicant from obtaining other required approvals, nor shall Selectmen approval indicate eventual approval by other officials.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Selectman



KATHLEEN JONES

91.4'

AUGUSTINE GRADOWSKI  
ERIC B. CHRISTIANA

89.26'

PROPERTY  
KERRY B. + KATHLEEN A.  
BUTLER

MAP 013B  
DEED BOOK 44/604

15' ROW. TO LAKEWOOD DR.

HOUSE

GARAGE

New Roof

UPPER  
PATIO  
10x16'  
PATIO

Approx  
40' water

BEACH AREA

DOCK  
P150

\* BOAT LIFT  
LOCATION

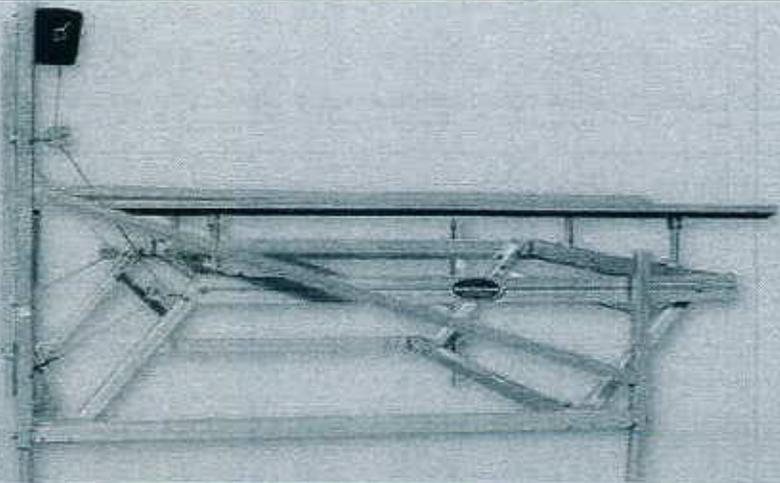
COLUMBIA LAKE

15.35'

PROPERTY  
KINDERWAY ETL TRUSTEE  
BOUNDARY LINE AGREEMENT BOOK 47/594-596 07/14/13



Extraord  
Dock  
System



**Categories**

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**Locate a Reseller**

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  - Big Lake Docks
  - Classic Dock
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  - Lift Accessories
  - Personal Water Craft
- Staging
- Stairs



Zip Code

Radius(miles)

Enter a zipcode to find reseller.



**Boat Lift Specs**

Specification	Lift Model						
	1500C	2000C	3000C	3000WC	4000C	4000WC	5000WC
Weight Capacity	1,500 lbs	2,000 lbs	3,000 lbs	3,000 lbs	4,000 lbs	4,000 lbs	5,000 lbs
Winch	1500 Manual	2500 Manual	70015-DL 12 V DC w/15 Remote		90015 DL 12 V DC w/10 Remote		
Lifting Height	36"	36"	36"	36"	36"	36"	36"
Overall Width	92"	106"	116"	129"	116"	129"	129"
Inside Width	84"	96"	107"	120"	107"	120"	120"
Minimum Water Depth	24"	24"	24"	24"	24"	24"	24"
Weight	204 lbs	271 lbs	380 lbs	390 lbs	425 lbs	440 lbs	492 lbs
Legs	(4) 36"	(4) 36"	(4) 36"	(4) 36"	(4) 36"	(4) 36"	(4) 36"
Bunk	10' PVC Covered Wood		12' PVC Covered Wood		14' PVC Covered Wood		

Foot Pads 8'x12"

POWER - 12V DEEPCYCLE BATTERY  
SOLAR CHARGE

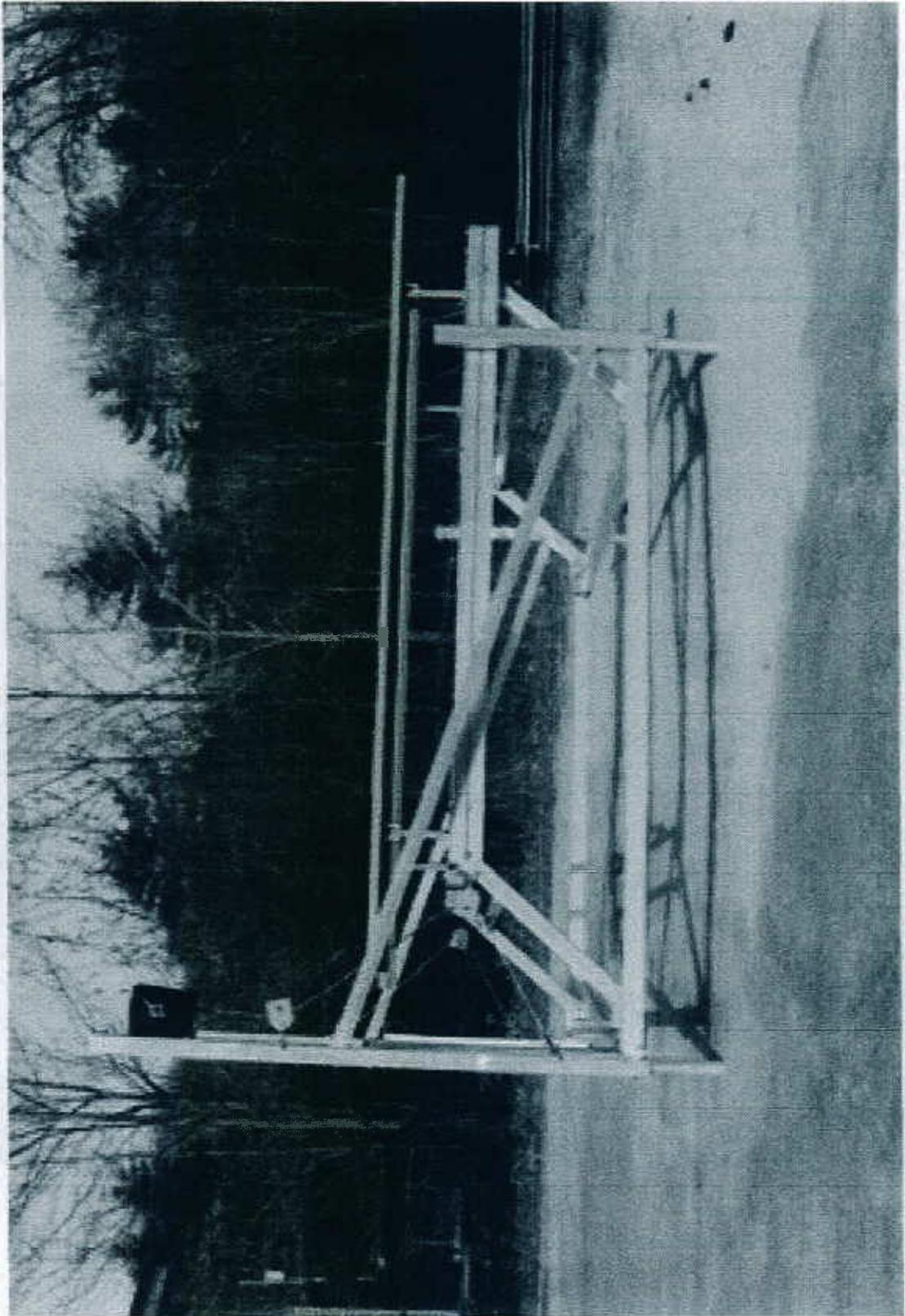


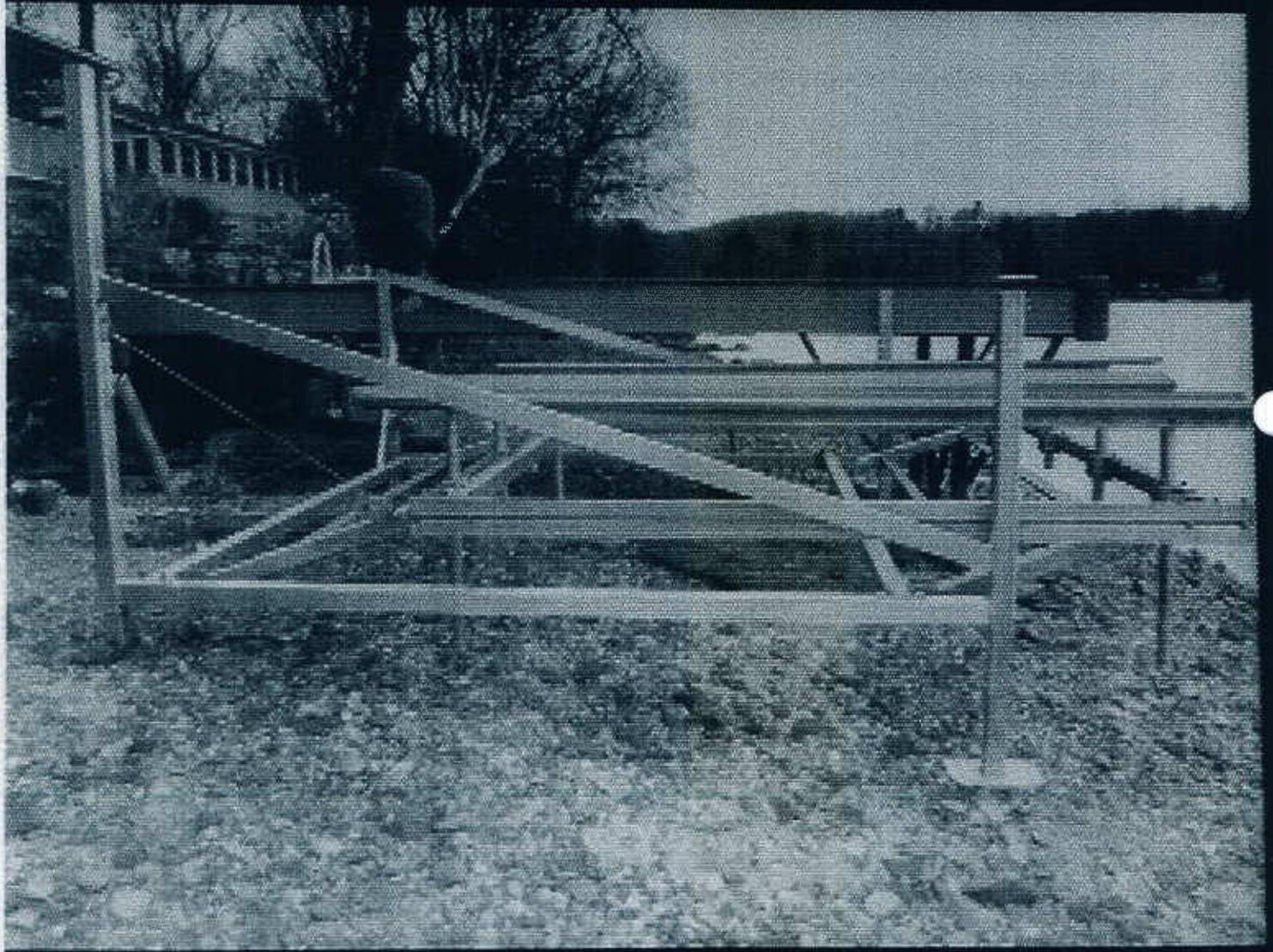
BOAT LEFT ON WEST SIDE DOCK





Dock 17'3" Long





OVERALL VIEW

POST + FOOT PADS 8x12"





## Jennifer LaVoie

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**From:** Bud Meyers  
**Sent:** Monday, January 22, 2018 9:44 AM  
**To:** Town Administrator  
**Subject:** FW: 1772 Letter of Inquiry 2018- Town of Columbia

Bud Meyers  
Facilities Manager  
Town of Columbia

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**From:** Erin Marchitto [<mailto:EMarchitto@cttrust.org>]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 22, 2018 9:38 AM  
**To:** Bud Meyers  
**Subject:** 1772 Letter of Inquiry 2018- Town of Columbia

Dear Mr. Everett:

Thank you for submitting a Letter of Inquiry to The 1772 Foundation for a 2018 Connecticut Matching Grant. I regret to inform you that your organization has not been selected to apply at this time. This grant program is highly competitive. The reviewers examined over \$700,000 in funding requests! Please feel free to contact the Connecticut Trust for assistance.

Respectfully,  
Erin Marchitto

Erin Marchitto  
Communications & Advocacy Manager  
The Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation  
"Preserving, protecting and promoting the historic buildings, sites, structures and landscapes that contribute to the heritage, economy and vitality of Connecticut communities."

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940 Whitney Avenue, Hamden, CT. 06517



# ACA COMPLIANCE BULLETIN

## SPENDING RESOLUTION AFFECTS ACA TAXES

### HIGHLIGHTS

- The Cadillac tax was delayed for an additional two years, until 2022.
- An additional one-year moratorium on the health insurance providers fee applies for 2019, although the fee continues to apply for 2018.
- The moratorium on the medical device excise tax is extended through 2019.

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### January 22, 2018

President Trump enacted a continuing resolution affecting three ACA taxes and fees.

#### January 1, 2022

The effective date of the Cadillac tax was delayed until the 2022 tax year.

#### Provided By:

National Insurance Services,  
Inc.

### OVERVIEW

On Jan. 22, 2018, President Donald Trump signed into law a short-term continuing spending resolution to end the government shutdown and continue funding through Feb. 8, 2018. The continuing resolution impacts three taxes and fees under the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

Specifically, the continuing resolution:

- ✓ Delays implementation of the Cadillac tax on high-cost group health coverage until 2022;
- ✓ Provides an additional one-year moratorium on the health insurance providers fee for 2019 (although the fee continues to apply for 2018); and
- ✓ Extends the moratorium on the medical device excise tax for an additional two years, through 2019.

### ACTION STEPS

Employers should be aware of the evolving applicability of existing ACA taxes and fees so that they know how the ACA affects their bottom lines. National Insurance Services, Inc. will continue to keep you informed of changes.

## Cadillac Tax Delayed

The ACA imposes a 40 percent excise tax on high-cost group health coverage, also known as the “Cadillac tax.” This provision taxes the amount, if any, by which the monthly cost of an employee's applicable employer-sponsored health coverage exceeds the annual limitation (called the employee's excess benefit). The tax amount for each employee's coverage will be calculated by the employer and paid by the coverage provider who provided the coverage.

Although originally intended to take effect in 2013, the Cadillac tax was immediately delayed until 2018 following the ACA's enactment. A federal budget bill enacted for 2016 further delayed implementation of this tax until 2020, and also:

- ✓ Removed a provision prohibiting the Cadillac tax from being deducted as a business expense; and
- ✓ Required a study to be conducted on the age and gender adjustment to the annual limit.

*There is some indication that the additional two-year delay will lead to an eventual repeal of the ACA's Cadillac tax altogether.*

**The continuing resolution delays implementation of the Cadillac tax for an additional two years, until 2022.**

There is some indication that this additional delay will lead to an eventual repeal of the Cadillac tax provision altogether. Over the past several years, a number of bills have been introduced into Congress to repeal this tax. Although President Trump has not directly indicated that he intends to repeal the Cadillac tax, he has stated that repealing and replacing the ACA is a key goal for his administration.

## Moratorium on the Providers Fee

Beginning in 2014, the ACA imposed an annual, nondeductible fee on the health insurance sector, allocated across the industry according to market share. This health insurance providers fee, which is treated as an excise tax, is required to be paid by Sept. 30 of each calendar year. The first fees were due Sept. 30, 2014.

The 2016 federal budget suspended collection of the health insurance providers fee for the 2017 calendar year. Thus, health insurance issuers were not required to pay these fees for 2017. However, this moratorium expired at the end of 2017.

**The continuing resolution provides an additional one-year moratorium on the health insurance providers fee for the 2019 calendar year.** However, the continuing resolution specifically declines to extend the moratorium through 2018. **Therefore, the fee continues to apply for the 2018 calendar year.**

Employers are not directly subject to the health insurance providers fee. However, in many cases, providers of insured plans have been passing the cost of the fee on to the employers sponsoring the coverage. As a result, this one-year moratorium may result in significant savings for some employers on their health insurance rates.



# TOWN OF COLUMBIA

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Mon., Tues., Wed. .8:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Thursday .8:00 am to 6:00 pm  
Friday .8:00 am to Noon

January 31, 2018

Steven Everett, First Selectman  
Mark Walter, Town Administrator  
Beverly Ciurylo, Fiscal Manager  
Town of Columbia

Enclosed are the final Grand List figures for October 1, 2017. I have also included a chart illustrating the percentage of Residential and Commercial Real Estate, Personal Property and Motor Vehicles comprising the

A comparison of the 2016 and 2017 Grand Lists and a list of the top ten taxpayers for Real Estate, Personal Property and Motor Vehicles are also included for your review.

Sincerely,

Mary F. Lavallee, CCMA II  
Assessor



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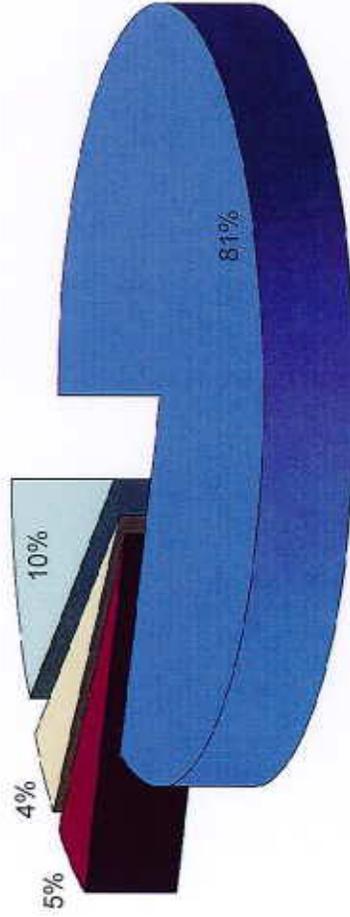
## GRAND LIST OF 2017

<u>REALTY</u>	\$ 411,284,400
<u>PERSONAL PROPERTY</u>	\$ 20,520,255
<u>MOTOR VEHICLES</u>	\$ 46,469,170
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(Prior to Elderly and Board of Assessment Appeals)	\$ 478,188,365
<u>ELDERLY</u>	
Freeze	0
Circuit Breaker	\$ 8,716,850
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<u>WOODLAND (10 MILLS)</u>	\$ 486,905,215
	\$ 1,530
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2017 NET GRAND LIST	\$ 486,906,745
2016 NET GRAND LIST	\$ 484,327,079
INCREASE IN ASSESSED VALUE	\$2,579,666
PERCENTAGE INCREASE	.53%

Mary F. Lavallee, CCMA II  
Assessor 1/31/2018

		<b>Motor Vehicles</b>		
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Gross</b>		<b>Net</b>
<b>Grand List</b>	<b>Accounts</b>	<b>Asmt</b>	<b>Exemptions</b>	<b>Asmt</b>
2017	6524	\$46,707,090	\$323,380	\$46,383,710
2016	6443	\$45,601,980	\$418,990	\$45,182,990
<b>Difference</b>	81	\$1,105,110	-\$95,610	\$1,200,720
<b>Percent Change</b>	1.24%	2.37%	-29.57%	2.59%
		<b>Personal Property</b>		
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Gross</b>		<b>Net</b>
<b>Grand List</b>	<b>Accounts</b>	<b>Asmt</b>	<b>Exemptions</b>	<b>Asmt</b>
2017	384	\$25,793,015	\$5,272,760	\$20,520,255
2016	389	\$25,010,418	\$4,384,709	\$20,625,709
<b>Difference</b>	-5	\$782,597	\$888,051	-\$105,454
<b>Percent Change</b>	-1.29%	3.13%	20.25%	-0.51%
		<b>Real Estate</b>		
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Gross</b>		<b>Net</b>
<b>Grand List</b>	<b>Accounts</b>	<b>Asmt</b>	<b>Exemptions</b>	<b>Asmt</b>
2017	2620	\$451,593,080	\$31,590,300	\$420,002,780
2016	2620	\$450,424,680	\$31,906,300	\$418,518,380
<b>Difference</b>	0	\$1,168,400	-\$316,000	\$1,484,400
<b>Percent Change</b>	0.00%	0.26%	-0.99%	0.35%
Net GL 2017	\$486,906,745			
Net GL 2016	\$484,327,079			
<b>Total Asmt Increase</b>	\$2,579,666			
Motor Vehicle	\$1,200,720			
Personal Property	-\$105,454			
Real Estate	\$1,484,400			
Total	\$2,579,666			
<b>Total Net Increase</b>	\$2,579,666			
<b>Percent Increase</b>	0.53%			

# GRAND LIST 10/1/17



- RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE
- COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE
- PERSONAL PROPERTY
- MOTOR VEHICLES

NAME	ASSESSMENT	# ACCOUNTS
<b>REAL ESTATE</b>		
DM LLC	2,293,100	3
AGE PROS COLUMBIA LLC	1,964,600	1
TOURGATE REALTY INC	1,410,200	2
ANGELIDES MICHAEL J & SUSAN H	1,327,400	2
OSWA LLC	1,145,900	3
WILE ANDREW S	1,057,900	5
ENGLERT ALICE M TRUSTEE	1,040,500	4
CORNERSTONE OF COLUMBIA LLC	994,800	2
ACADIA HOUSING INC	860,900	1
COMMERCE DRIVE INVESTMENTS LLC	832,100	3
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	12,927,400	26
<b>PERSONAL PROPERTY</b>		
CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER CO	15,366,860	1
COLUMBIA MANUFACTURING INC	2,862,340	1
EA PATTON COMPANY	1,548,320	1
HAWK INTEGRATED PLASTICS LLC	506,310	1
ALGONQUIN GAS TRANSMISSION CO	503,850	1
COLUMBIA FORD INC	393,320	1
CELLCO PARTNERSHIP	233,230	2
JOHNS SCRAP METAL REMOVAL	229,780	1
U-HAUL CO OF CONNECTICUT INC	214,400	1
HOWARD P FAIRFIELD LLC	161,875	1
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	22,020,285	11
<b>MOTOR VEHICLE</b>		
ACAR LEASING LTD	610,540	30
NISSAN INFINITI LT	469,300	39
TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	452,100	28
HYUNDAI LEASE TITLING TRUST	421,690	30
JP MORGAN CHASE BANK NA	377,840	23
EAN HOLDINGS LLC	368,600	24
CAR EAST LLC	271,040	15
D J BUS INC	256,740	8
BLATZ TRANSPORT INC	252,300	14
HONDA LEASE TRUST	218,370	15
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	3,698,520	226



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January 2, 2018

Attention: Town Administrator Mark B. Walter  
Town of Columbia  
323 Route 87  
Columbia, CT 06237

Dear Town Administrator Mark B. Walter:

Congratulations! Your request for the Town of Columbia's Bright Idea Grant of \$5,000 has been approved. The Bright Idea Grant will be used support a lighting project for the Town Hall and Beckish Senior Center. We are pleased that the Town of Columbia has invested its Bright Idea Grant to support this project.

Energize Connecticut's Clean Energy Communities program was designed to encourage Connecticut towns and cities to reduce their energy consumption through energy efficiency and invest in clean renewable energy sources. Bright Idea Grants have been earned through the accumulation of 100 points awarded for participation in Energize Connecticut's energy-saving programs administered by Eversource.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the executed Bright Idea Grant agreement for your records as well as a check for \$5,000. Please contact Natalia Sudyka with any other questions or concerns at [Natalia.Sudyka@eversource.com](mailto:Natalia.Sudyka@eversource.com) or at (203) 352-5439.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Natalia Sudyka". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "N" and "S".

Natalia Sudyka  
Associate Energy Efficiency Consultant  
Eversource



Commanding Officer  
Lt. Rafael Medina

# State of Connecticut



## Connecticut State Police Troop K - Colchester



Executive Officer  
MSgt. William Kittle

Date:

Mr. Steve Everett  
Columbia First Selectman  
323 Jonathan Trumbull Highway  
Columbia, CT 06237

Dear Mr. Steve Everett

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

During the month of December 2017 the Columbia Resident Trooper as well as Troop K Troopers responded to 230 Calls for Service in the Town of Columbia. Of these Calls for Service the most notable are:

Accidents:	<u>13</u>
Burglaries:	<u>1</u>
Larcenies:	<u>3</u>
Other Criminal:	<u>0</u>
Other Non-Criminal:	<u>2</u>
Non Reportable Matters:	<u>152</u>
Other Noteworthy Events (List):	

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

On-Sight DWI:	<u>1</u>
Traffic Citations:	<u>45</u>
Written Warnings:	<u>19</u>

Sincerely,

Lieutenant Medina  
COMMANDING OFFICER  
Troop "K" Colchester, CT

15A Old Hartford Road  
Colchester, Connecticut 06415  
Phone (860) 537-7500  
FAX (860) 537-7550



# TOWN OF COLUMBIA

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## OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

February 5, 2018

Tom McGrath  
26 Lake Ridge Drive  
Columbia CT 06237

**RE: Red Cross Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED**

Dear Tom;

We would like to thank you for providing and donating your time for Red Cross Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED training for staff members on January 19, 2018. The course provided an important opportunity for our staff to obtain life-saving knowledge and skills in the event of an emergency.

Sincerely,

Mark B. Walter  
Town Administrator

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Mark Walter, Town Administrator

# Hodge looks forward to 17 more years

By EKATERINE  
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Chronicle Staff Writer

COLUMBIA — Just 17 years ago, Cindee Hodge returned to Connecticut from Florida, looking to stay and contribute to the community she grew up in.

When she saw an expiring ad in the paper looking for an administrative secretary in the building department, she took her chance.

She has been in the town hall ever since.

Her job responsibilities haven't changed, but the title was altered to administrative assistant to better fit the position.

Just recently, Hodge celebrated her 17-year anniversary with the town hall and said she is looking at another 17 years.

"It's great that you have employees who are willing to dedicate their whole career to the town of Columbia," Town Administrator Mark Walter said.

Walter said Hodge's knowledge of all the residents and builders, and the processes of going through land use regulations and permitting, are invaluable and the town is "lucky" to have her.

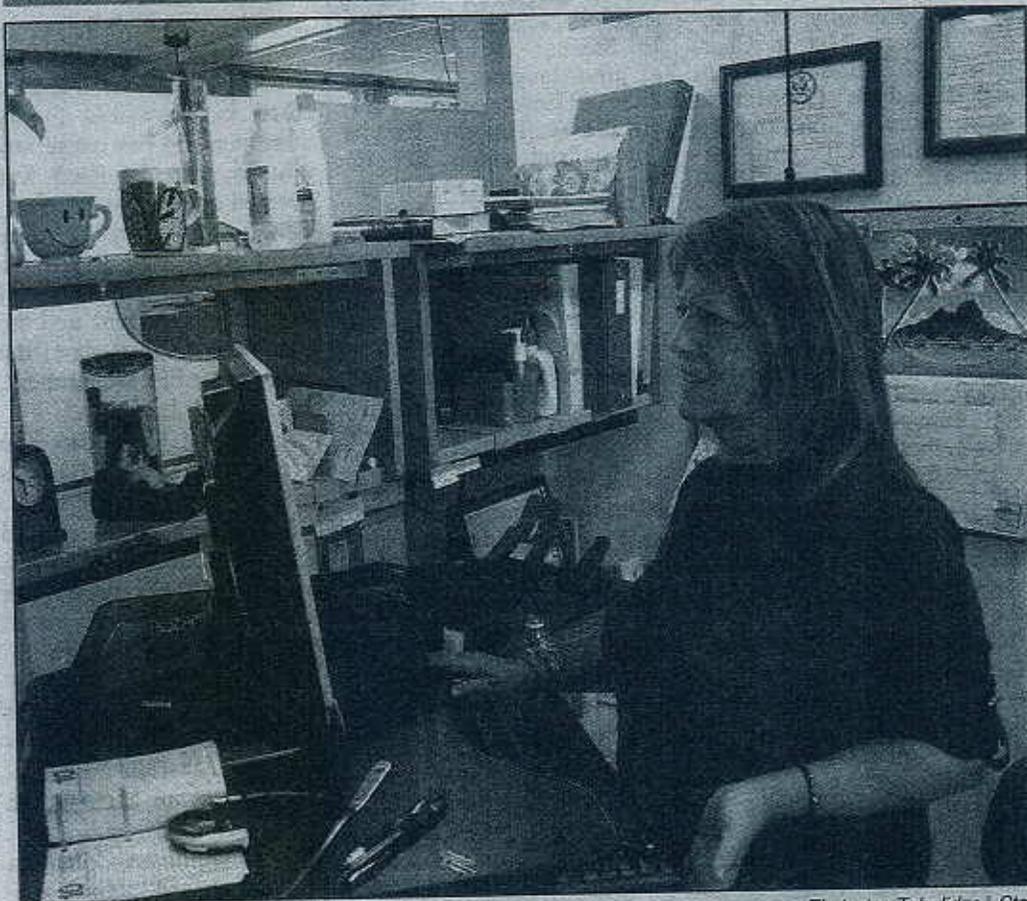
"I love my job so much," Hodge said. "And I knew I would stay here for so long. I'm not the type of a person who hops around."

Eventually, her job became her home.

"I like to call my job my home because I am here more than I am home," she said, laughing.

In fact, she even moved her pet — a red-eared slider turtle named Irving — to the

## Special Neighbor



Ekaterine Tchelidze | Staff

Cindee Hodge, administrative assistant for the Columbia Building Department, recently celebrated her 17th year at town hall.

office. Irving quickly became the office pet, the center of attention and a conversation piece.

On occasion, the 25-year-old turtle even gets out of his aquarium to walk around the office and inspect every corner of it, Hodge said.

She has to tie a balloon to his leg so he doesn't get lost under the furniture.

"He's very cool," Hodge said.

Irving likes the people as much as Hodge does.

"I love working with the people," she said. "When they

come in this office, it's the first time they've come and it's very unknown to them. I like being able to help them through the process of building their first home, their little summer projects. It's heartwarming."

Apart from that, Hodge said her job is never boring and she learns something new every day, which makes her position even more enjoyable.

Between coordinating the building department, zoning enforcement, wetlands and

septic system and sanitation, she is never bored and is always busy.

"There's always something different every day," Hodge said.

She is planning to enjoy this hectic but rewarding job for as long as she can.

"I'm not planning on going anywhere or retiring soon because I'm one of those people that has to be busy and be involved."

And, hopefully, Irving will remain in the office with her for years to come.



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## OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

January 31, 2018

Mr. Robert C. Isner, Director  
Waste Engineering and Enforcement Division  
Bureau of Materials Management and Compliance Assurance  
Department of Energy & Environmental Protection  
79 Elm Street  
Hartford, CT 06106-5127

**RE: EMERGENCY AUTHORIZATION - - 185 RECYCLING WAY, WILLIMANTIC, CT**

Dear Mr. Isner;

This letter is in support of the Emergency Authorization request of Willimantic Waste Paper Co., Inc. to accommodate the acceptance and processing of C & D and MSW at the company's Recycling Way facility.

Willimantic Waste Paper Co., Inc. provides us with overall efficient and environmentally sound management of our waste and recyclables, making it the best facility to service the Town of Columbia. It is critical to provide all the assistance possible during their time of rebuilding.

We support this interim approval and the company's effort to reconstruct it's facility at 1590 West Main Street.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark B. Walter". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Mark B. Walter  
Town Administrator

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Mark Walter, Town Administrator