

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
COLUMBIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, March 21, 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; Robert Powell.

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

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at the Town Meeting earlier.
2. **MINUTES: BOS Regular Meeting Minutes of March 7, 2017:** R. Bogue MOVED to approve the Regular BOS Meeting Minutes of March 7, 2017 as presented. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.
3. **AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:** A. Dunnack asked if the gate at the lake has been closed to allow it to begin filling. C. Vance stated yes, that it was closed sometime in February.
4. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - 4.1 **Approval of Oberlander Property to PZC:** C. Vance MOVED to approve the RESOLUTION and Purchase and Sales Agreement as presented and to move the purchase of the Oberlander Property to the PZC for review. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.
5. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - 5.1 **2017 STEAP Grants:** M. Walter explained that Columbia's number one priority will be to receive reimbursement for a Public Works Facility, and the second will be for rehabilitation of the Hop River Bridge. M. Walter stated that this is the first time that the state announced that they will be favoring joint applications. Discussion followed. S. Everett MOVED to authorize the Town Administrator to submit the FY 2017-2018 STEAP Grant applications for the following projects:
 - Construction of a Public Works Facility at 89 Route 6 for a maximum grant of \$500,000;
 - Joint project with Coventry for rehabilitation of the Hop River Bridget for a maximum grant of \$500,000. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.
 - 5.2 **Proposal for Gate Monitoring at Columbia Lake and ordinance revision**
 - **Schedule Public Hearing:** C. Vance explained that a hearing must be scheduled to allow for public input and discussion regarding a proposed amendment to existing ordinance #6-4 as well as procedures pertaining to the Gate Monitoring at the Lake.

S. Everett asked how LMAC intends on notifying individuals about the proposed gate monitoring procedures. H. Beck stated that they will be available at Town Hall, published in the Lake Association newsletter and most likely be delivered to docks/houses on the Lake. S. Everett stated that he knows individuals that bring kayaks to lake, but don't even live on Lake He stated that he feels perhaps considering placement of a sign enforcing the procedures will be a good idea, also. Discussion followed.

C. Vance stated that it will be made clear at the Public Hearing that the proposed procedures will allow flexibility and may be amended. C. Vance MOVED to approve RESOLUTION as presented and to schedule a Public Hearing for April 4, 2017 at 6:30 pm in Yeomans Hall to discuss the proposed ordinance revision and procedures for Gate Monitoring at the Lake. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.
6. **COLUMBIA LAKE / DAM / BEACH:** None.
7. **APPOINTMENTS / RESIGNATIONS:**
 - 7.1 **Appointment of Lifeguards:** C. Vance MOVED to approve the appointment of the following lifeguards for the 2017 beach season: Alexa Potter (substitute guard), Chloe

Weston (substitute guard), Luke Stover (substitute guard), Alexandra Kaplan (Head Guard), Gianna Mohammed, Maizey MabrySmith (substitute guard), Allison Cox, Jayne Lemire, Shane Vertifeuille (Head guard), Brad Bowers, Jeffrey Minicucci. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

7.2 Appointment of Marc Volza to Youth Services Committee: W. O'Brien MOVED to appoint M. Volza to Youth Services Committee. He stated that the Committee is pleased that M. Volza has agreed to become a member. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

8. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: M. Walter shared CCM Legislative alerts announcing upcoming General Assembly Public Hearings with the Board.

9. CORRESPONDENCE: None.

10. BUDGET:

10.1 Transfers: R. Bogue MOVED to approve the following transfers:

AMOUNT / TRANSFER #	FROM A/C #, DESCRIPTION	TO A/C #, DESCRIPTION
\$90 / 2017-037	10-4350-550, Lake Mgmt Svcs Misc Svcs/Chgs	10-4350-120, Lake Mgmt Svcs Telephone
\$700 / 2017-036	10-4510-130, Planning and Zoning Legal Notices	10-4550-130, ZBA Legals

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

10.2 Refunds: R. Bogue MOVED to approve the following refunds:

AMOUNT	FROM	TO
\$9	Town of Columbia	Neil and Dale McKeever
\$98.90	Town of Columbia	V W Credit Leasing LTD
\$519.99	Town of Columbia	Brendan and Stephanie Boyd

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

11. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS: R. Bogue MOVED to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$94,157.09 including emergency bills, regular bills, credit cards and paychex. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: W. O'Brien commended M. Walter for doing a nice job presenting the budget at the FiPAC meeting on March 15, 2017.

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); C. Vance MOVED to enter into executive session at 7:42 pm with M. Walter present. Executive session ended at 7:50 pm.

14. ADJOURNMENT: C. Vance MOVED to ADJOURN at 7:51 pm and the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 4, 2017.

Respectfully submitted by Kimberly A. Bona