

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**COLUMBIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Tuesday, April 17, 2018 – 7 pm**  
**Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room**  
**323 Route 87, Columbia, CT**

**Members Present:** First Selectman, Steven M. Everett; Deputy Selectman, Robert Hellstrom; William O'Brien, Selectman; Lisa Napolitano, Selectman.

**Absent:** Robert Bogue, Selectman

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** S. Everett called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** S. Everett MOVED to approve the Agenda for April 17, 2018. MOTION CARRIED 4.0
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
  - 3.1 **Approval of BOS Regular Meeting Minutes for 4/3/18.** W. O'Brien MOVED to approve the BOS Regular Meeting Minutes for 4/3/18. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.
4. **AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:** David Vanderbilt, 213 Rte. 87, West, Columbia, CT. David Vanderbilt asked if the town made their decision on the Invasive Species Abatement project. David Vanderbilt stated he is a member of LMAC and had some concerns about chemically treating the lake to eradicate the Phragmites and that he does not want the lake to be drawn-down too early. He asked if an option could be considered to cut the Phragmites after the lake's drawn-down in September. M. Walter stated that when LMAC meets next, he will ask them to gather all the information and questions for a public meeting. S. Everett thanked Mr. Vanderbilt for his questions and coming to the BOS meeting to share his concerns.

Ann Dunnack, 103 Lake Rd. Columbia, CT. Ann Dunnack asked about an update on the handicap wheel chair that is designed to go on the beach and in the water. Ann stated that one of the issues is if we own one, where we would keep it? S. Everett stated that he would need to get some more information on this.
5. **OLD BUSINESS:** None
6. **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - 6.1 **2018 Boat Mooring Lottery.** Two names were drawn in the following order for the 2018 Boat Mooring Lottery:  
Ann Dunnack #1  
Jeanne Esterquest #2

**6.2 Renewal of Columbia’s 3-year agreement with CIRMA for WC/LAP.** M. Walter stated that there was a 0% increase on both the LAP and WC Rates. He added that because we hold regular safety meetings to actively reduce our exposure and that we do not have our own police department, these factors contribute to our low rates. W. O’Brien asked if there were other competitors than CIRMA. M. Walter stated that CIRMA has remained steady and is the most competitive in regard to municipalities as opposed to other competitors who have not stayed consistently within the municipal insurance market. W. O’Brien MOVED that we renew Columbia’s 3-year agreement with CIRMA for WC/LAP. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.

**7. COLUMBIA LAKE / DAM / BEACH:** None

**8. APPOINTMENTS / RESIGNATIONS:** None

**9. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**

**9.1 Update on Vendor Selection for Invasive Species Abatement.** M. Walter told the BOS that LMAC had requested revisions from two of the firms that responded to the RFP for Invasive Species Control Work to provide responses to their questions on or before Monday, April 30, 2018. LMAC will review the responses and recommend next action steps following their May 2nd LMAC Meeting.

**9.2 Q1 Report on Sr. Center Van Participation.** M. Walter shared the Sr. Van Participation report with the BOS and asked for their feedback as to what additional information the BOS would like to see included in this report. M. Walter added that the Sr. Van’s purpose is to provide for medical, shopping, and to get Seniors out of isolation. S. Everett asked to include contributions in the next report.

**9.3 Acknowledgment for Brian Paul: Preparing Track for the Track Season in the Snow.** M. Walter shared a photo of the track that Brian Paul from DPW prepared for the upcoming track season.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE:**

**10.1** Thank You Letter from Nancy Nuhfer to DPW.

**11. BUDGET:**

**11.1** Transfers: W. O’Brien MOVED to table the approval of the Transfers to the next BOS meeting on May 1, 2018. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.

**11.2** Refunds: S. Everett MOVED to approve the Refunds of 124.94.

AMOUNT#	FROM	TO
\$110.76	Town of Columbia	Nissan Infiniti LT
\$14.18	Town of Columbia	James E. Thorn

MOTION CARRIED 4.0.

**12. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS:** S. Everett MOVED to approve the amount of \$93,067.42 for payment of bills. MOTION CARRIED 4:0

**13. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** None

**14. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None  
**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)**

**15. ADJOURNMENT:** S. Everett MOVED to Adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer C. LaVoie