

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
COLUMBIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, April 3, 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; Robert Bogue, Selectman; Lisa Napolitano, Selectman.

Also Present: Town Administrator, Mark Walter, Finance Director, Beverly Ciurylo

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 add to New Business 6.4 – Notice of Award for the Village Hill Bridge Masonry Repairs project to the Agenda. MOTION CARRIED 5:0. S. Everett MOVED to Approve the April 3, 2018 Agenda. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - 3.1 Approval of BOS Regular Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2018. R. Bogue MOVED to Approve the March 20, 2018 Meeting Minutes. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.
4. **AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:** Ann Dunnack
5. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - 5.1 **Discussion of FY 18/19 Budget.** M. Walter updated the BOS on the Municipal Aid grant award (MRSA) that the Town received totaling \$26,763.00. S. Everett updated the BOS on the recent FiPAC meeting on 3/28/18 and informed them that M. Walter gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Master Plan for the Recreation Area Improvements (Rec Park). S. Everett added that some of the FiPAC members felt that they would like more input from the public. M. Walter stated that the public meeting for the Master Plan will be held on April 19, 2018. S. Everett explained that ultimately, FiPAC decided to not vote on the BOS operating and capital budget and agreed to defer the vote until next week's Special Meeting on April 4, 2018. S. Everett and G. Murphy discussed the improvements to the old firehouse with regards to taking the old solar panels off the roof and replacing with new solar panels. He added that the company that put the panels on the old firehouse are no longer in business and that the Town is currently working with the new solar company (Greenskies) that Town has contracted for the school and asked them if they could come and take a look at the other facilities and see if they can come up with a scenario for energy efficiency.
 - 5.2 S. Everett added that he and M. Walter recently met with a representative of Eversource regarding a formal easement off the existing driveway at Rec. Park. This easement is for Eversource to be able to access their lines behind Rec Park to perform maintenance. Eversource stated that in the past they have asked the Town for an easement to access their lines and a discussion with the representative ensued about the possibility of Eversource providing assistance with re-building the road/driveway in Rec Park. The representative seemed

receptive to this idea and would further investigate it. S. Everett stated that we are getting updated numbers for revenue collection and is looking very good.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- 6.1 Request from Connecticut Cycling Advancement Program (CCAP) for the 2018 Breakaway Benefit Ride on May 12, 2018.** S. Everett MOVED to Approve the CCAP Road Race. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.
- 6.2 Request for the Twenty Seventh Annual Steeple Chase Bike Tour Fund Raiser – Saturday August 18, 2018.** S. Everett MOVED to Approve the Twenty-Seventh Annual Steeple Chase Bike Tour. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.
- 6.3 Policy on Economic Development Committee membership.** S. Everett MOVED that the Board of Selectman hereby establishes a policy that, in order to avoid the potential for conflicts of interest, either perceived or actual, residents should not serve concurrently as members for the Planning & Zoning Commission and the Economic Development Commission. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.
- 6.4 Notice of Award for the Village Bridge Masonry Repairs project.** S. Everett stated that the cap on the walls needed replacement and that the project is a 60/40 split with Lebanon, with Lebanon holding 60% of the cost. We had three bids of \$57,000, \$73,990, and \$140,000. We are going to accept the bid of \$57,000 from Mattern Construction Inc. We have done business with Mattern Construction before and have been very happy with their work. S. Everett MOVED to allow the First Selectman to enter into agreement with the Town of Lebanon to fix the Village Hill Bridge with Columbia and acceptance of the \$57,000 bid. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

7. COLUMBIA LAKE / DAM / BEACH: None.

8. APPOINTMENTS / RESIGNATIONS:

- 8.1 Appointment of Rob Hellstrom to EDC.** S. Everett MOVED to Approve the Appointment of Rob Hellstrom to the EDC for a period of 4 years. MOTION CARRIED 4:0:1 R. Hellstrom abstained.
- 9. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:** M. Walter presented a letter that he prepared to support the Windham Regional Transit District regarding the new state budget that has not allocated enough money towards the Special Transportation Fund (STF). The STF is the way in which all of the public transit in CT gets its funding. Because of this, CTDOT has been forced to threaten cuts to transportation, but they are not doing it evenly. Currently the cuts are only focused on the Transportation Districts (Windham, 9 Town, Southeast Area Transit, Middletown, etc.) and no cuts are proposed for the state-run systems (Hartford, New Haven, Stamford, Waterbury, etc.). The letter is to request a universal 2.8% cut for everyone.

M. Walter presented the Columbia Lake Gate Schedule of Operation. S. Everett asked when Fishing season opens. L. Napolitano replied that Fishing season opens the 2nd Saturday of April. S. Everett wants to talk to Bob Powell about opening day and how we can plan for the fisherman. M. Walter said he would follow up with this. A. Dunnack added that she respectfully suggests that we talk to the fishermen as well.

M. Walter talked about the procedures of how we process billing and how we can get the Payment of Bills to the BOS for them to review before the meeting. It was determined that B. Ciurylo will email the bills to R. Hellstrom and L. Napolitano

on Tuesday morning before the BOS meeting, as well as give all the BOS hard copies before the meeting.

M. Walter presented the CCM Legislative update. In particular he pointed out several House Bills (HB). He discussed HB 5143 that is an act lowering the age of eligibility for property tax relief for elderly persons. This would lower the age from 70 to 65 to be available for property tax relief; HB 5312 is an act concerning recommendations by the DMV regarding the vehicle statutes. He added right now our Assessors can call the DMV and get information on registered vehicles in CT. DMV says it's not "their job" so they want to repeal the law that Assessors can't call the DMV to get this information; and HB 5370 is an act concerning change orders in construction contracts. This act would require all pending or approved change order or directives to have a minimum allowable rate of overhead and profit of 15%. This would include the cost of all labor, direct supervision, material and equipment required to perform such extra work. M. Walter also stated on the positive side that there is legislation to help with crumbling foundations by attaching a \$20.00 surcharge to insurance companies.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

10.1 Monthly CT State Trooper Police Report. M. Walter also added two articles from Willimantic Chronicle regarding the Columbia grand list showing an increase and the Director of CCM asked Windham to stay with CCM.

11. BUDGET:

11.1 Transfers: R. Bogue MOVED to Approve the following Transfers:

AMOUNT/TRANSFER#	FROM A/C# DESCRIPTION	TO A/C#, DESCRIPTION
\$72.00 / 10-4112-040	Group Insurance	10-4112-460 / Commercial Insurance
\$340.00 / 10-4133-300	Supplies	10-4133-110 / Postage

MOTION CARRIED 5:0

11.2 Refunds: S. Everett MOVED to Approve the following Refunds of \$15,927.41 to the respective business and homeowners.

AMOUNT#	FROM	TO
\$3,641.77	Town of Columbia	Corelogic Real Estate Tax Service on behalf of Kathleen & Michael Hamilton
\$4,559.14	Town of Columbia	Corelogic Real Estate Tax Service on behalf of James & Cory Hoover
\$2,763.82	Town of Columbia	Corelogic Real Estate Tax Service on behalf of Bryan & Melinda Tarbell
\$1,773.23	Town of Columbia	Corelogic Real Estate Tax Service on behalf of Kathryn Tuckewycz
\$3,108.93	Town of Columbia	Corelogic Real Estate Tax Service on behalf of David & Lynn White
\$38.36	Town of Columbia	Jeffrey & Donna Vose
\$36.33	Town of Columbia	Jeffrey & Donna Vose
\$5.83	Town of Columbia	Kenefick Construction

MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

- 12. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS:** R. Bogue MOVED to Approve 2017-2018 Emergency, 2017-2018 Regular, SBL Grant Payment 4 of 4, Credit Card, and Paychex totaling \$130,442.85. MOTION CARRIED 5:0

S. Everett asked about whether we had any Rec Park Funds that we can set up a donation to fund memorial benches. B. Ciurylo said we used to have this set up years ago, but do not have that set up presently. S. Everett asked B. Ciurylo to look into this and maybe put something into Columbia Views.

- 13. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** BOS discussion on the Oberlander timeline extension.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- 14.1 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

- 15. ADJOURNMENT:** S. Everett MOVED to end the meeting at 8:12 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by Jennifer C. LaVoie

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Also Present: Town Administrator, Mark Walter

CALL TO ORDER: S. Everett called the meeting to order at 7:22pm

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** S. Everett MOVED to Approve Agenda. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.
- 2.1 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** S. Everett MOVED to approve the BOS Regular Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2018. MOTION CARRIED 4:0:1 with W. O'Brien abstaining.
3. **AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:** Vera Englert, Ann Dunnack, Joan Hill
4. **OLD BUSINESS:** None
5. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - 5.1 **EDC Presentation:** Vera Englert, Rte 87, Spokesperson for EDC presented the EDC's Tax Incentive Program for current and new business' After surveying several surrounding towns regarding their tax incentive programs, Vera Englert, Tom Currier, and Larry Preston came up with a proposal tax incentive program for Columbia. She outlined the several programs that included an Outdoor Beautification Program, Existing Business/Building Renovation, New Building, and New or Upgrade in Business Equipment. Discussion ensued regarding adding agriculture to the program. R. Bogue asked if there is any reason that we can't include agriculture to the program, as this is in the research stage at this point. Tom Currier, 15 Columbia Landing responded that the EDC's charge was to focus on commercial and manufacturing, but he didn't see why they couldn't add agriculture. V. Englert concluded the discussion by stating that if anyone had questions about the research she did to please reach out to her.
6. **COLUMBIA LAKE / DAM / BEACH:** None
7. **APPOINTMENTS / RESIGNATIONS:** None
8. **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**
 - 8.1 **Update on projects:** M. Walter provided updates on several projects:
 - Beach project: The project is coming along nicely and will be wrapping up. It was discussed between S. Everett and the Beach Project Advisory Committee about extending the wooden guardrail. The funding for this

will come from the funds that were not used in the completed projects for the Town siding and annex roof.

- Salt Shed: Currently analyzing two proposals.
- Town parking lot: The parking lot will be re-finished once better weather is here.
- Village Hill Bridge: \$25,700 budgeted for masonry repairs to the bridge. Proposals are due March 29th.
- Pucker St. Bridge: Wrapping up the STEAP grant. \$1,894.00 left in budget. We are working with the State of CT for fund acceptance.
- Latham Hill Bridge: An Engineering Study is needed.
- Hop River Bridge: A long term plan is needed for this bridge.
- Flanders Rd. Bridge: The project was over budget due to complications to the decking. Waiting for final invoice from Coventry.
- Hop River Trail Park: This is on hold by the State.
- Rec Park Master Plan: A presentation will be given to FiPac on Wednesday, 21st.

8.2 **FiPAC Budget Summary to Date:** M. Walter stated that FiPAC had no changes at this time since the last meeting, so there are no updates.

8.3 **Open Space Committee – Ramm Easement Property:** M. Walter provided the Open Space Committee’s letter regarding their evaluation of the Ramm Easement property. The conclusion of the letter proposed that the Ramm Easement property on Wells Wood Rd, though it is a desirable acquisition, the price was too high, and they would not recommend pursuing the purchase. R. Hellstrom stated that besides the economics, the abutting property owners who bought the property and thought this would be their open space and that converting this to open space, people would be walking on the property. A. Dunnack added that the owner of the property placed a conservation easement on the property and that the Town of Columbia are responsible for monitoring that. She added that the neighbors were violating the easement at the invitation of the owner. A. Dunnack contacted the owner and he stated that he did not know the neighbors were using the property. W. Obrien asked if there is something the BOS could do about this situation? T. Currier said that the Zoning Enforcement should be notified. A. Dunnack said she notified Zoning Enforcement.

8.4 **Make Safe Protocol- Road Blockage and Utility Management.** M. Walter provided the form to coordinate the blocked roads during the last storm. L. Napolitano asked if we can put this on the website so that the residents will be kept informed. S. Everett said we could do that.

8.5 **Legislative Update: CRCOG, CCM & Solar Tax Exemption:** M. Walter provided information from CCM regarding revitalizing CT, despite risk to local aid and included CRCOG analysis of the process for house and senate bills. Also provided was information on the SB420 – an act repealing the commercial solar tax exemption.

8.6 **CIRMA Liability-Auto-Property and Workers’ Compensation 2018-19 Budget Indications:** 3-year guarantee for LAP (liability auto policy) reevaluated the 3rd year to 0, saving us a \$1,000.

9. CORRESPONDENCE:

9.1 Thank you letter to Jim Blair

10. BUDGET:

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

AMOUNT/TRANSFER#	FROM A/C# DESCRIPTION	TO A/C#, DESCRIPTION
\$150.00 / 10-4134-710	Professional Improvement	10-4134-750 / Conference/Seminar

MOTION CARRIED 5:0

10.2 Refunds: S. Everett MOVED to approve the refunds of \$9,811.30.

AMOUNT#	FROM	TO
\$2,202.10	Town of Columbia	Sean & Christa McManus
\$7,053.94	Town of Columbia	Leneta Real Estate Tax Service on behalf of Peck Keith D. & Galica Peck Kelley M.
\$60.00	Town of Columbia	Cheryl Hanley-Munoz and David M. Storer Muoz
\$495.26	Town of Columbia	Acar Leasing Ltd.

MOTION CARRIED 5:0

11. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS: R. Bogue MOVED to approve 2017/18 regular, credit card and PayChex totaling \$88,039.99. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: None

13. 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 Statutes Section 1-200(6)(A): R. Hellstrom MOVED to go into Executive Session. MOTION CARRIED 5:0. The Board of Selectman entered into Executive Session at 8:11 with M. Walter present. Executive Session ended at 8:59pm. No action taken.

14. ADJOURNMENT: S. Everett MOVED to ADJOURN at 9:00 pm and the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer C. LaVoie

March 14, 2018

Town of Columbia

E-Mail: severett@columbiact.org

Request for Use of Local Roads

Request the use of the following roads (Please refer to the attachment for details) on May 12th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 pm. The roads will be used to conduct the CCAP BREAKAWAY BENEFIT '18 ride.

The Breakaway Benefit is the largest fundraiser of the year for the Connecticut Cycling Advancement Program and is an integral part of our vision to provide healthy lifestyle opportunities to Connecticut's youth through the sport of cycling. The Breakaway Benefit funds programs that introduce youth to cycling and create communities where youth can learn and thrive in and out of schools across the state. Each school participating in this fundraising event will receive a portion of the funds they raised. The CCAP is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

We anticipate a total of 200 riders plus 3 to 4 support vehicles to be traveling through your town's local roads. All riders and vehicle operators will obey all traffic laws at all times. There will be no alcohol consumption before or during the ride. Can you please provide written clearance for use of the roads outlined in the Route Map attached to this document? If you have any questions or need any further information please don't hesitate to call or email me.

Austin Charles
CCAP 353 Main St Middletown, CT 06457
Tel: 860-883-1063
austin@ctcyclingadvancement.org
www.ctcyclingadvancement.org

Print Name _____

Local Traffic Authority Signature _____ Date _____

THE CONNECTICUT
CCAP
CYCLING ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM

Direction	Road	Distance
Start!	A Villa Louisa	0 mi
Right	Birch Mountain Rd	0.6
Straight	Continue onto Birch Mountain Rd Ext.	2.1
Right	CT 85 S	2.8
Left	Steeles Crossing Rd	4.1
Right	Hop River State Park Trail	4.4
Keep Left	Stay on Hop River State Park Trail	8.4
Left	Parker Bridge Rd	10.8
Right	Bunker Hill Rd	11.8
Keep Right	Stay on Bunker Hill Rd	12.2
Left	South St.	12.8
Right	Cross St	12.9
Slight Left	Lake St.	13.5
Straight	Stonehouse Rd	13.9
Straight	Continue onto S. Eagleville Rd	15.7
Left	Storrs Rd	13.9
Right	Horsebarn Hill Rd	18.8
Quick Slight Right	Gurleyville Rd	18.8
Slight Right	Wormwood Hill Rd	21.9
Left	Mt Hope Rd	22
Straight	Tower Hill Rd	23.2
Slight Left	Chaplin St	26.5
Straight	N Bear Hill Rd	26.8
Right	Goshen Rd	29.5
Straight	N Brook St	29.7
Straight	Continue onto S Brook Rd	30.6
Left	S Brook Rd	31.4
Left	Kemp Rd	33.4
Sharp Right	Brooklyn Turnpike	34.2
Right	Back Rd	38.1
Left	Beaver Hill Rd	39
Right	CT-203 N	41.1
Straight	N Windham Rd Exd	41.3
Continue Straight	Mansfield Rd	41.6
Straight	Bates Rd	41.7
Continue Straight	Bassets Bridge Rd	42.1

Right	Storrs Rd	44.9
Left	Browns Rd	45.4
Slight Left	Crane Hill Rd	46.2
Continue Straight	Mansfield City Rd	47.3
Continue Straight	Stearns Rd	47.4
Left	CT-32 S	49.3
Right	Cider Mill Rd	49.7
Continue Straight	Flanders Rd	49.9
Right	Stay on Flanders Rd	50.2
Left	South St.	51.8
Left	Pucker St	52.3
Left	Babcock Hill Rd	54.1
Slight Right	Flanders River Rd	55.9
Straight	Flanders Rd	56.2
Left	CT-66	56.3
Right	Towards Cards Mill Rd	56.6
Right	Cards Mill Rd	56.7
Left	Stay on Cards Mill Rd	58
Right	Cook Hill Rd	58.1
Right	Synagogue Rd	58.9
Straight	Continue onto Latham Hill Rd	59.4
Straight	Doubleday Rd	60
Left	Chesbro Bridge Rd	61.3
Right	Tobacco St	61.9
Right	Leanoard Bridge Rd	63.1
Straight	Pine St	64.3
Straight	Continue onto Hennequin Rd	66.8
Left	Lake Rd	68.1
Right	Erdoni Rd	68.8
Left	Lake Rd	70.2
Slight Right	Lakeside Dr	70.7
Straight	School Rd	71.5
Right	CT-316 N	72.2
Left	State Hwy 603	72.5
Right	Wales Rd	73.2
Left	Shoddy Mill Rd	73.8
Left	Stay on Shoddy Mill Rd	74.4
Straight	Continue onto Skinner Rd	74.7
Left	Shoddy Mill Rd	74.8
Right	Hebron Rd	75.6
Left	Brian Dr	77.1
Left	CT 85 S	77.5
Right	Deming Rd	77.6
Keep Left	French Rd	77.9
Right	Stay on French Rd	78.9
Straight	Tinker Pond Rd	78.9
Left	Birch Mountain Rd	79.9

Left	Villa Louise Rd	80.1
Finish!	A Villa Louisa	80.1
For sag help, call: 860-358-0226		



CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

**APPLICATION FOR THE USE OF STATE HIGHWAYS
FOR SPECIAL EVENTS**

NAME OF APPLICANT(S): Steeple Chase Bike Tour c/o Sandy Stevens

ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER: 415 Bassetts Bridge Rd, Mansfield Center, Ct 06250

Email: sandyzerio@aol.com

Cell Phone: 860-965-1413

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT – Include name of event, date, time, and route(s) to be used (attach additional sheet if needed):

Twenty Seventh Annual Steeple Chase Bike Tour Fund Raiser – Saturday August 18, 2017

Our town has received route maps and pertinent safety information about this event and a copy of the liability insurance for that day.

NOTE: Please return the signed application to Sandy Stevens for inclusion in the package to be sent to The Department of Transportation for permit to use state roads for this event. Thank You

Please use one of the following methods:

Email: Sandyzerio@aol.com

In the event a police escort is required, a traffic plan (map) must be submitted to the Connecticut Department of Public Safety, Division of State Police, Traffic Services Unit, 1111 Country Club Road, Middletown, Connecticut and the Legal Traffic Authority for each town involved in the event detailing the route along with all intersections where traffic control will be utilized. The State Police must be notified and concur with the traffic plan for the event. Verification must be forwarded to the Department of Transportation District Office. Visit www.ct.gov/dot for additional information.

APPROVAL SIGNATURE OF THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (only if a police escort is required), Division of State Police, Traffic Services Unit, 1111 Country Club Road, Middletown, Connecticut:

Signature

Date

APPROVAL SIGNATURE OF CORRESPONDING LEGAL TRAFFIC AUTHORITIES (LTA'S) of town(s) which proposed event will travel:

TOWN (please print)

SIGNATURE (LTA)

Steeple Chase Bike Tour
50 Mile Route - follow the GREEN arrows.
Sponsored by: Perception Programs and Windham Area Interfaith Ministry

Look for arrow one telephone length from the intersection. You can stop at as many or as few of the rest stops as you'd like.					
Please keep as far to the RIGHT side of the road as possible and obey ALL traffic laws.					
Please try to stop at least once and show your number to a Tour official so we know you are still with us. If you decide to leave the route call us.					
Assistance or Emergency numbers: 860-450-6346 or 860-792-1892 or emergency 860-382-3765.					
L=Left/R=Right/BR=Bear Right/BL=Bear Left/RL=Right & Left/LR=Left & Right/S=Straight/C=Continue					
0.00	L	Mansfield City Road Towards Highway	26.20	R	West Town Street
0.70	L	Pleasant Valley Road	26.60	L	Rest Stop: St. Francis of Assisi
0.52	R	Ash Street	26.60	R	West Town Street
2.25	R	Woods Road	27.08	L	Route 207 East Cross Route 87 Caution!
2.77	R	Highland Road	28.07	L	Kick Hill Road
3.66	L	Sterns Road	29.02	L	Chappel Road
3.75	R	Candide Lane	29.10	R	Quick Right on to Bogg Lane. Check out the view!!!
4.35	L	Browns Road	30.31	S	Bogg Lane becomes Bush Hill Road
4.52	R	Route 32 North	31.73	BR	CAREFUL: VERY SHARP TURN WITH FAST DOWNHILL
5.43	L	Coventry Road	32.26	R	South Windham Road
5.52	S	Becomes Depot Road after crossing river	33.46	L	Main Street South Windham
6.05	L	Route 31 South	33.56	S	Cross Route 32 to Route 203 North
6.69	R	South Street Extention after the ball field	35.25	L	Plains Road Windham Center
6.73	L	Plains Road	35.26	L	REST STOP: St. Paul's Episcopal Church is on the left
7.34	L	Flanders Road	35.26	R	Plains Road to Route 14 west
8.19	R	Flanders River Road	30.27	S	Straight across to Route 14 East
9.54	L	Route 66 East	36.17	L	Back Road Move over to take the left hand turn lane
9.88	R	Cards Mill Road	39.94	S	Back Road Becomes Chewink Road
11.25	R	Johnson Road	40.14	L	Left to stay on Chewink Road
12.78	L	Szegda Road	41.87	S	Long downhill to Route 6. Cross to Route 198
13.76	L	Bear left to stay on Szegda Road	42.44	L	Bedlam Road
13.92	L	Route 87 South	43.72	L	South Bedlam Road
15.13	R	Doubleday Road	44.90	R	Bassetts Bridge Road
16.46	R	Chesbro Bridge Road	45.20	R	REST STOP: Holy Cow Shelter, Pastor M. Bosse
16.64	L	Pine Street	45.20	R	Bassetts Bridge Road
18.07	S	Pine Street becomes Leonard Bridge Road	47.35	L	Route 195 South
25.26	L	Maple Road	48.56	R	Conantville Road
21.81	L	Clubhouse Road	48.99	BR	Conantville Road Becomes Meadowbrook Road
23.08	R	Oliver Road	49.97	S	Finish - ECSU Athletic Complex
25.26	R	Route 87 South			
Town Key					
		Coventry Town Line			
		Columbia Town Line			
		Lebanon Town Line			
		Windham Town Line			
		Chaplin Town Line			
		Mansfield Town Line			



TOWN OF COLUMBIA

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

NOTICE OF AWARD

Date of Issuance:

Owner: Town of Columbia & Town of Lebanon

Project: Masonry Repairs to Village Hill Bridge CTDOT Bridge # 04619,
Over the Ten Mile River

Contract Name: Masonry Repairs to Village Hill Bridge over the Ten Mile River, CTDOT
Bridge NO. 04619, Columbia, Connecticut

Bidder: Mattern Construction, Inc.

Bidder's Address: 26M Bushnell Hollow Road, Baltic, Ct. 06330

TO BIDDER:

You are hereby notified that the Town of Columbia and Town of Lebanon has accepted your Bid dated March 29, 2018 for the above Contract, and that you are the Successful Bidder and are awarded a contract for:

Masonry Repairs to Village Hill Bridge over the Ten Mile River, CTDOT Bridge NO. 04619,
Columbia, Connecticut

The Contract Price of the awarded Contract is: Fifty seven thousand dollars and no cents
(\$ 57,000.00) lump sum.

Unexecuted counterparts of this Agreement, (ie: Contract Documents) accompany this Notice of Award, or has been transmitted or made available to Bidder electronically.

Three sets of Drawings will be delivered separately from the Contract Documents.

(Continued)

You must comply with the following conditions precedent within 10 days of the date of receipt of this Notice of Award:

1. Deliver to the Owner (3) counterparts of the Agreement, fully executed by the Bidder.
2. Deliver with the executed Agreement(s) the Contract security (performance and payment bonds) and insurance documentation as specified in the Bid Document.
3. Other condition precedent is submittal of **Certificate of Insurance and full insurance policies** with the Town of Columbia and the Town of Lebanon named **additional coinsured**.

Failure to comply with these conditions within the time specified will entitle Owner to consider you in default, annul this Notice of Award, and declare your Bid security forfeited.

Within ten days after you comply with the above conditions, Owner will return to you one fully executed counterpart of the Agreement, together with any additional copies of the Contract Documents.

Owner: Town of Columbia, Connecticut, 323 Route 87, Columbia, Ct. 06237
Town of Lebanon, Connecticut, 579, Exeter Rd., Lebanon, Ct. 06249

By: Steven Everett

Title: First Selectman

Signature _____

Date:

By: Betsy Petrie

Title: First Selectman

Signature _____

Date:

Copy: Public Works Director

Village Hill Bridge, CTDOT # 04619, Masonry Repairs

Low Bid	Base Bid
Vendor	
Mattern Construction, Inc.	\$57,000.00
Machnik Bros., Inc.	\$73,990.00
New England Infrastructure, Inc.	\$140,000.00



TOWN OF COLUMBIA

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

OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

April 3, 2018

RE: CTDOT Proposed Cuts to State Subsidies for Public Transportation

Dear Transportation Committee:

CTDOT has proposed cutting state subsidies to public transportation by 15 percent, but this cut would not be implemented evenly. The systems owned by CTDOT (run by private bus operators that contract with CTDOT under the CTTransit name) are *not* being cut in FY19; in fact, some new service is being added to CTTransit Hartford.

Transit districts are absorbing all the impact of the cuts in FY19. For Windham Region Transit District, this could mean service reductions of 20 percent. This would likely include elimination of a fixed route, as well as reductions in other fixed routes and Dial-A-Ride Service.

Because of this, CTDOT has been forced to threaten cuts to transportation, but they are not doing it evenly. Currently the cuts are only focused on the Transportation Districts (Windham, 9 Town, Southeast Area Transit, Middletown, etc.) and no cuts are proposed for the state-run systems (Hartford, New Haven, Stamford, Waterbury, etc.).

If CTDOT had chosen to distribute the bus subsidy reductions evenly across all service providers, the reduction would be about 2.8 percent in FY 19. While this would require some service reductions, it would be manageable. Instead, DOT decided to target only transit districts, which make up about 25 percent of the total budget, for all funding reductions--this despite that fact that transit districts, unlike CT Transit divisions, actually receive local municipal contributions toward transit service.

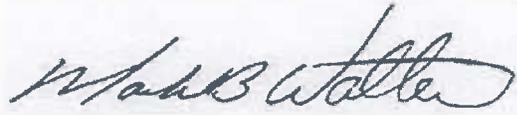
Public transit moves people to work, school, medical appointments and other important activities. It is imperative that citizens throughout our state have continued access to public transportation, regardless of the governance structure of their transit providers. The importance in rural areas are even more vital because of the lack of alternate substitutes for a car.

Mark Walter, Town Administrator

We urge the Transportation Committee to require even distribution of the cuts in FY19—an across-the-board percentage of the current subsidy—and to develop a permanent funding formula based on population, population density, and other factors.

Sincerely,

Mark B. Walter



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Mark Walter, Town Administrator

2018 Columbia Lake Gate - Schedule of Operation

Spring Schedule

Start Date	End Date	Days	Hours
May 19, 2018	May 20, 2018		9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Summer Schedule

Start Date	End Date	Days	Hours
May 26, 2018	September 9, 2018	Sun - Sat	10:00 AM to 9:00 PM

Fall Schedule

Start Date	End Date	Days	Hours
September 15, 2018	October 14, 2018	Sat & Sun	9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Note: The gate will be closed during inclement weather

Columbia grand list shows an increase

MICHELLE FIRESTONE
CHRONICLE STAFF WRITER

COLUMBIA — Columbia saw a slight increase in its 2017 grand list, to the tune of 0.53 percent, from the 2016 grand list.

The total assessed value is \$486,906,745, an increase of \$2,579,666 from the 2016 grand list.

While Columbia officials said it is always good to have grand list growth, they are hopeful the grand list will grow more in the future.

"We're happy any time it increases and I think, next year, will be more optimistic," said Columbia Town Administrator Mark Walter.

He said the grand list increase will ease some of the tax burden on residents.

"We're hoping for a continued increase in the grand list," said Walter.

He said there is more commercial activity now than there had been.

For example, Biggins Auto Repair LLC is moving from 1071 Main St. in Willimantic to Route 66 East in Columbia, according to Columbia's land-use department.

"We need more houses to go in and, hopefully, more business activity," said Columbia Tax Assessor Mary Lavallee. "I'm certainly doing everything I can to make sure that everything is on there (the grand list) that can be."

Town officials are currently working on the 2018-19 budget, so the mill rate has not been finalized.

Based on the current mill rate of 28.88, however, the added tax revenue from the 2017 grand list equates to approximately \$74,501.

Teddy bears for a walk together, Nelmar Rosado,

Community logs

WILLIMANTIC POLICE

Rose Feliciano, 38, of 29 Boston Post Road, Willimantic, was arrested with improper use/markings, license/registration, illegal operation of motor vehicle without minimum insurance, operation of unregistered motor vehicle and failure to have headlamps March 2. Court: March 16 in Danielson.

Marcus Brooks, 32, of 2 Terrace Ave., New London, was charged with second-degree breach of

litation/suffocation, third-degree assault and first-degree reckless endangerment Feb. 27. Court: Feb. 28 in Danielson. Bond: \$15,000.

Luz Hernandez, 59, of 129 West Ave., Willimantic, was charged with improper parking, failure to display lights and operation of motor vehicle when registration or license is refused/suspended or revoked March 2. Court: March 16 in Danielson.

Jorge Luis Talavera-Lopez, 32, of 66 Spring St., Willimantic, was charged with third-degree criminal mischief, interfering with an officer and resisting arrest, assault of public safety, emergency medical or public transit personnel and disorderly conduct March 3. Court: March 5 in Danielson. Bond: \$1,500.

Denzel Mitchell, 24, of 25 Whiting St., Willimantic, was charged with second-degree failure to appear in court March 3. Court: March 5 in Danielson. Bond: \$2,500.

Scott Thompson Riall, 57, of 457 N. Main St., Moosup, was charged with second-degree criminal trespassing March 4. Court: March 16 in Danielson. Bond: \$1,500.

Brendon Royal Underwood, 22, of 15 Carey St., Willimantic, was charged with third-degree criminal mischief and second-degree breach of peace March 3. Court: March 16 in Danielson. Bond: \$1,500.

James Reynolds, 63, of 134 Church St., Willimantic, was charged with second-degree breach of peace March 3. Court: March 16 in Danielson. Bond: \$500.

Darrell Emanuell Highsmith, 26, of 25 Whiting St., Willimantic, was charged with multiple counts of violation of probation March 4. Court: March 5 in Danielson. Bond: \$70,000.

Alex James Giansanti, 20, of 151 Audubon Ave., Newington, was charged with simple trespass, second-degree breach of peace and third-degree criminal mischief March 4. Court: March 16 in Danielson. Bond: \$1,500.

Cody Gulioso, 20, of 276 Prospect St., Wethersfield, was charged with simple trespass, second-degree breach of peace and third-degree criminal mischief March 4. Court: March 16 in Danielson. Bond: \$1,500.

Eduardo Lopez-Lozada, 55, of 75 Bridge St., Willimantic, was charged with assault of public safety, emergency medical or public transit personnel March 4. Court: April 5 in Danielson. Bond: \$10,000.

Real estate assessments totaled \$411,284,400, an increase of \$1,699,980, or 0.42 percent, over the 2016 grand list; personal property assessments totaled \$20,520,255, a decrease of \$105,454, or 0.51 percent, over the 2016 grand list; and motor vehicle assessments totaled \$46,469,170, an increase of \$1,286,180, or 2.8 percent, over the 2016 grand list.

Lavallee said motor vehicle assessments are run through the Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles.

"We had a heavy increase in permits, but they were mostly due to additions, decks and pools," she said. "We had a few new homes."

Regarding personal property, Lavallee said there was a decrease because businesses had personal property items on their records they had gotten rid of a while ago, but were still on their records, such as old machinery.

"Many businesses were cleaning up their personal property filings," she said.

The top 10 taxpayers are:

- Eversource Energy, utility, \$15,366,860.
 - Columbia Manufacturing Inc., commercial, \$2,862,340.
 - DNB LLC, commercial (part of Columbia manufacturing), \$2,293,100.
 - Storage Pros Columbia LLC, storage facility (commercial), \$1,964,600.
 - EA Patton Co., manufacturing, \$1,548,320.
 - Tourgate Realty, commercial, \$1,410,200.
 - Michael J. Angelides and Susan H. Angelides, residential, \$1,345,900.
 - OSWA LLC, commercial, \$1,145,900.
 - Alice Englert, trustee, mix of commercial and residential, \$1,040,500.
 - Cornerstone of Columbia LLC, commercial, \$994,800.
- Follow Michelle Firestone on Twitter - @mfirestonetc.

CCM director asks Windham to stay

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The mission of CCM is completely against what a community like Windham is looking for."

Krich said Windham needs to find a different way to advocate in Hartford because CCM "hasn't been effective."

According to Krich, Windham heavily relies on state money and being part of a group that "advocates on taking money away from us is unconscionable."

"We shouldn't support that," Krich said.

Windham has been paying \$14,691 in membership fees to CCM and this amount was removed from the budget for fiscal year 2018-19 at the March 6 council meeting.

DeLong told the board of finance, if it wasn't for CCM's advocacy last legislative session, Windham "would be delivering a budget that would have at a minimum \$2.5 million-worth more cuts than you are facing."

That's because, he said, CCM voted for the minority budget that didn't have a teacher's retirement plan pushed on towns and cities.

For Windham, that number would have been \$2.5 million.

Additionally, DeLong said CCM has provided a lot of benefits to Windham, including a prescription drug program and scholarships for students at Windham Public Schools.

DeLong said Windham residents have used the prescription drug program 528 times, which saved them about \$41,324.

Plus, he said, about 30 municipal employees attended CCM workshops and community members have often used research capabilities the organization offers.

Board of finance Chairman Thomas White said he is 'not a big advocate of CCM either way.'

These benefits are the reason why CCM's membership is at its highest, DeLong said.

Currently, the organization consists of 168 members out of 169 municipalities.

Woodstock is the only non-member town, but it's looking to join CCM too, he said.

"We work very hard to support the needs of our communities," he said.

DeLong also said CCM doesn't set its agenda. The municipalities do.

"From the advocacy stand point, if we take a position you don't like, it's very, very easy to change it," DeLong said.

Rivers said it's "hard to see how one group can lobby on behalf of all these other communities" that have different views and interests.

Board of finance Chairman Thomas White said he is "not a big advocate of CCM either way." He said the board of finance could put the membership fee back in, but it's up to the town council whether they want to stay with CCM.

"Whether you stay or whether you go, I'm always available to do anything I can to support our communities," DeLong said.

If Windham leaves CCM, DeLong said residents who already use the prescription drug program will be allowed to use their cards until they expire. However, new ones won't be reissued, he said.

Follow Ekaterine Tchelidze on Twitter - @ktchelidze.

Director asks Windham to stay in CCM

EKATERINE TCHELIDZE
CHRONICLE STAFF WRITER

WINDHAM — A few weeks after the town council voted to no longer be a member of Connecticut Conference of Municipalities, the organization's executive director came to Windham to try and revert that decision.

Joe DeLong, executive director of CCM — the state's largest nonpartisan organization, comprised of municipal leaders who represent towns and cities statewide — attended the board of finance meeting Wednesday.

According to town council President Thomas DeVivo, Windham has been part of CCM for about two decades.

However, at the town council meeting March 6, members voted to cancel the town's membership.

The motion passed on a 7-3 vote, with DeVivo, Mayor

Victor Funderburk and councilwoman Rose Reyes voting against it. Councilman Randal Prose abstained.

Town Manager Jim Rivers said the decision was triggered by the fact CCM voted in favor of the Republican state budget that brought about \$800,000 in cuts to Windham.

"While some communities might have benefited from the Republican budget that passed, I'm not sure we did," Rivers said.

During the public comment portion of the board of finance meeting, town councilman Charles Krich spoke about the rationale behind wanting to leave CCM.

"We decided we are no longer going to fund CCM," Krich said. "Their mission is not compatible with what the Town of Windham needs.

CCM DIRECTOR, Page 4



Commanding Officer

State of Connecticut



Connecticut State Police Troop K - Colchester



Executive Officer

Date:

Mr. Steve Everett
Columbia First Selectman
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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 February 2018 the Columbia Resident Trooper as well as Troop K Troopers responded to 288 Calls for Service in the Town of Columbia. Of these Calls for Service the most notable are:

Accidents:	<u>9</u>
Burglaries:	<u>0</u>
Larcenies:	<u>1</u>
Other Criminal:	<u>10</u>
Other Non-Criminal:	<u>3</u>
Non Reportable Matters:	<u>142</u>
Other Noteworthy Events (List):	
1 reported sexual assault (past)	
4 warrant arrests	
2 narcotic arrests	
1 untimely death	
3 domestic disturbances	

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

On-Sight DWI:	<u>0</u>
Traffic Citations:	<u>88</u>
Written Warnings:	<u>41</u>

Sincerely,

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