

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
COLUMBIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2015, 7 P.M.
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 Rob Hellstrom, and Selectman Robert Bogue

Also Present: Town Administrator Natasha Nau, Mark Paquette, Finance Director Beverly Ciurylo, State Trooper Greg DeCarli, Ann Dunnack, Fire Marshal Michael Lester, Willimantic Chronicle reporter Danielle Faipler, and Recording Secretary Linda McDonald

CALL TO ORDER: C. Vance called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. MINUTES: 4/7/15 Regular Meeting:

S. Everett MOVED to approve the regular meeting minutes of 4/7/15 as presented. MOTION CARRIED 5:0:0.

3. AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS: There was no audience of citizens.

4. OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business for discussion.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

5.1 Resident State Trooper Program: C. Vance reported that a law may pass in the budget that would require towns to fund their State Trooper position at 100%. M. Paquette said the Board will be receiving the contract for the State Trooper at a future meeting as this contract ends June 30, 2015. State Trooper DeCarli spoke about some of the pros and cons of alternatives to the State Trooper program such as a town police force, a regional police force, sharing a Resident Trooper (he believes if the town did not have a Resident State Trooper, this would be the most cost effective alternative for the town), or no Resident Trooper program. Trooper DeCarli then spoke about the benefits of the current Resident Trooper program and his accomplishments benefiting the town since he has been on the job and future endeavors he would like to pursue.

C. Vance commented that the CVFD is very supportive of continuing the Resident State Trooper program.

Trooper DeCarli responded to a question from the Board that the position allows him flexibility in his working hours to address problems that happen outside his regular hours.

S. Everett said he appreciates the informational presentation from Trooper DeCarli.

M. Paquette said, based on his research, it is his recommendation to the Board not to move away from the Resident Trooper program.

Board members posed some questions to Trooper DeCarli.

As Fire Marshal and Burning Official, M. Lester spoke in support of the Resident State Trooper program and said there is no price on public safety.

- 5.2 Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year: The town has participated in this awards recognition for several years. C. Vance suggested Chick Shiffrin's Marine business. S. Everett suggested Certified Auto.

S. Everett MOVED to nominate Certified Auto owners, Josh Pagano and John McAdams as the Chamber of Commerce Business of the year. MOTON CARRIED 5:0:0.

- 5.3 Establishment of 2015 Annual Budget Town Meeting:

C. Vance MOVED to establish the 2015 Annual Town Budget Meeting for Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in Yeomans Hall, 323 Route 87, Columbia, CT for the following purpose:

Clause 1- To take action on the proposed Annual Town Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

MOTION CARRIED 5:0:0.

6. COLUMBIA LAKE/DAM/BEACH: N. Nau reported that she received email from M. Coleman and water level in the lake should be up to normal by the end of May.

7. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS:

C. Vance MOVED to add to the agenda: Appointment of Natasha Nau as the Town of Columbia representative to Eastern Highland Health District (EHHD). Motion carried 5:0:0.

S. Everett moved to appoint Town Administrator Natasha Nau as the Town of Columbia representative to Eastern Highland Health District (EHHD). Motion carried 5:0:0.

- 7.1 Hire of New Lifeguards:

C. Vance MOVED to hire Allison Cox, Christian Handel and Lauren Arnold as new lifeguards for the 2015 summer beach season beginning 5/22/2015. MOTION CARRIED 5:0:0.

- 7.2 Resignation of Sebby Randazzo from the Recreation Committee: The Board accepted the resignation of Sebby Randazzo from the Recreation Committee with gratitude for his services.

8. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: M. Paquette reported that he has updated N. Nau on the STEAP grant and other town projects. He said it has been a privilege to work for the town. The Board expressed appreciation to Mark for his help to the town.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

- 9.1 Connecticut Armed Forces Day Luncheon

- 10. BUDGET
- 10.1 Transfers

C. Vance MOVED to APPROVE the following transfer of funds:

AMOUNT	FROM	TO
\$4567.00	10-4800-900, Reserve for Contingency	20-6190-001, Rec Area Improvement

MOTION CARRIED 5:0:0.

S. Everett Moved to APPROVE the following transfer of funds:

\$30.00	10-4530-750, Conferences/Seminars	10-4530-720, Professional Dues
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MOTION CARRIED 5:0:0.

- 10.2 Refunds: S. Everett MOVED to APPROVE the following refunds:

TO	FROM	AMOUNT
Nancy Shaw	Town of Columbia	\$37.05
Ashley Boucher	Town of Columbia	\$29.17

MOTION CARRIED 5:0:0.

- 11. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS: S. Everett MOVED to APPROVE payment of regular bills totaling \$143,749.78. MOTION CARRIED 5:0:0.
- 12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: No comments.
- 13. ADJOURNMENT: C. Vance MOVED to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:52 p.m. MOTION CARRIED 5:0:0.

The next regular meeting of the BOS is scheduled for Tuesday, May 5, 2015.

Respectfully submitted by Linda H. McDonald

Please see the minutes of subsequent meetings for the approval of these minutes and any corrections hereto.