

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
COLUMBIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Tuesday, May 17, 2016 - 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 arrived f Executive Session.

**Also Present:** Finance Director Bev Ciurylo; Public Works Director George Murphy; Building Official Jim Rupert; Fire Marshal Mike Lester; Ann Dunnack; Bryan Tarbell; Andrea Drabicki.

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

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **MINUTES: BOS Meeting Minutes of May 3, 2016:** R. Hellstrom MOVED to approve the minutes of May 3, 2016 and the MOTION CARRIED 4:0.
3. **AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:** None.
4. **OLD BUSINESS:**
  - 4.1 **Discussion re: Trees at Beach:** C. Vance stated that the proposed plan is to level off the beach and correct erosion issues and to allow ADA accessibility. C. Vance stated a couple of the listed trees are in decline but aren't actually rotted. R. Hellstrom stated that it is unfortunate but sometimes the trees must go. He would hate to see something specially designed in order to save one tree. Trees can be replanted and will grow. W. O'Brien stated that he feels as a Board a town meeting should be held to present the possible options to the public for their opinion. He feels that the trees on Pine Street were removed aggressively and fast and he was very upset about that. S. Everett asked about the possibility of removing only the necessary trees and leaving others as they are. Discussion ensued. G. Murphy will convey to the designer the desires of the town to move forward with the beach grading and ADA access. This will be brought back to the BOS. C. Vance stated that two meetings were held last year to discuss options and that the plan is to have a public hearing on the final proposal(s).
5. **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - 5.1 **Covering of Trash Loads in Transport to Transfer Station:** C. Vance stated that she spoke with Trooper DeCarli who will do speed checks on Wednesdays in the requested area. G. Murphy researched and an existing town policy that states trash must be covered so it does not fly out of truck beds. G. Murphy feels as though there were amendments to the original ordinance to pertain only to commercial haulers which are no longer permitted in the Transfer Station. Any violation to the transfer station ordinance may result in a fine up to or equivalent to \$50. G. Murphy suggests having a trooper there on a Wednesday so people are aware that the ordinance will be enforced if the problem is not corrected. R. Hellstrom suggested a sign be put up at the Transfer Station announcing that the ordinance will be enforced in the future. Discussion followed. C. Vance asked W. O'Brien to review the ordinance prior to taking any action. This item will be discussed at a future BOS meeting.
6. **COLUMBIA LAKE / DAM / BEACH:** None.

**7. APPOINTMENTS / RESIGNATIONS:**

**7.1 Hire of 2016 Marine Patrol Officers:** C. Vance MOVED to appoint the following individuals to the 2016 Marine Patrol:

- Robert Powell, Head Marine Patrol Officer (MPO)
- Carmen Vance, Substitute MPO
- Jan Thibodeau, Substitute MPO
- Thomas Griffith, MPO
- George Lewandowski, MPO
- Jay Derring, MPO
- Lucy Drabek, MPO
- Sharon Smith, MPO
- Kelly Mabry, MPO

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

**8. CORRESPONDENCE:**

**8.1 Official Statement from Governor Malloy re: PUBLIC WORKS WEEK:** C. Vance announced that May 16-May 21 has been named "Public Works Week" and that a letter of appreciation has been given to the Public Works Department on behalf of the BOS.

**9. BUDGET**

**9.1 Transfers:** S. Everett MOVED to approve the following transfers:

<b>TRANSFER # / AMOUNT</b>	<b>FROM A/C #, DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>TO A/C #, DESCRIPTION</b>
2016-040 / \$180	10-4570-110, Land Use Postage	10-4570-720, Land Use Professional Dues
2016-041 / \$435	10-4133-505, Tax Collector DMV fees	10-4133-110, Tax Collector Postage
2016-042 / \$500	10-4132-130, Assessor Legal Notices	10-4132-010, Assessor Salaries
2016-042 / \$840	10-4132-710, Assessor Professional Improvement	10-4132-010, Assessor Salaries
2016-042 / \$750	10-4132-500, Assessor Prof/Tech	10-4132-010, Assessor Salaries
2016-043 / \$3,375	10-4800-900, Contingency	10-4135-500, FiPAC Prof/Tech

MOTION CARRIED 4:0.

**9.2 Refunds:** None.

**10. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS:** C. Vance MOVED to pay bills in the amount of \$45,297.42 including regular bills, credit cards and paychex. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

**11. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** C. Vance informed the Board of a unique situation regarding a resident who was transported to the hospital via ambulance this week. This individual happens to own dogs. C. Vance explained that efforts have been made but there has been no luck getting in touch with any family at this time. Therefore, the Animal Control Officer, Public Works Director and Resident State Trooper will be work on getting into the home to be sure the dogs are properly cared for in the meantime.

**12. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**12.1 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);** C. Vance MOVED to enter into executive session at 7:31 pm with B. Ciurylo, G. Murphy, Ann Dunnack and Chris Tolsdorf present. MOTION CARRIED 4:0. A. Dunnack and C. Tolsdorf exited executive session and J. Rupert and M. Lester entered executive session. Executive session ended at 8:40 pm.

**13. ADJOURNMENT:** C. Vance MOVED to ADJOURN at 8:41 pm and the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The next meeting of the BOS is scheduled for Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kimberly A. Bona