

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
COLUMBIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, July 24, 2018 – 7 pm
Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room
323 Route 87, Columbia, CT

Members Present: Deputy Selectman, Robert Hellstrom; Selectman, William O'Brien; Selectman, Robert Bogue; Selectman, Lisa Napolitano.

Members Missing: First Selectman, Steven M. Everett.

Also Present: Town Administrator, Mark Walter; Ann Dunnack; Tom Currier, Gary Littlefield; *The Chronicle Reporter*, Michelle Firestone.

CALL TO ORDER: R. Hellstrom called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** R. Hellstrom MOVED to approve the Agenda. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - 3.1 **BOS Regular Meeting Minutes for June 19, 2018 and July 10, 2018.** W. O'Brien MOVED to approve the BOS Regular Meeting Minutes of June 19, 2018, with R. Bogue abstaining. MOTION CARRIED 3.0. W. O'Brien noted that the minutes for July 10, 2018 should identify the BOS who voted in favor and who opposed for item number 6.2 - Discussion based upon a request from the Open Space Committee to update the Markel property appraisal. L. Napolitano MOVED to approve the minutes as corrected. MOTION CARRIED 3.0, with W. O'Brien abstaining.
4. **AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS :** None
5. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - 5.1 **Establishment for a Town Meeting to address and approve the extension of the Purchase and Sale Agreement for the Oberlander property.** R. Hellstrom MOVED to establish a special Town Meeting for September 4, 2018 at 6:45 pm in the Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room, 323 Route 87, Columbia CT to address and approve that the previous Town Meeting approvals for the acquisition by the Town of an undeveloped parcel of land consisting of 57± acres identified as parcel 3 on Map 43 by the Town Assessor and known as the "Oberlander Property" be extended and that such extension and acquisition be on such terms and conditions as have been or will be approved by the Board of Selectmen provided that the purchase price is no higher than that last approved by a Town Meeting and the acquisition is consummated by June 30, 2019. The MOTION CARRIED 4.0
6. **NEW BUSINESS:** None
7. **COLUMBIA LAKE / DAM / BEACH:**
 - 7.1 **Application for Construction of a Structure on or Over Columbia Lake for Mr. Eric Sondergren, 166 Route 87, Columbia, CT – PWC Lifts Application.** Based on the limited information provided, W. O'Brien stated that the BOS reached a consensus that they would like LMAC to provide more information, in order for

the BOS to make a decision on the application for Mr. Sondergren. M. Walter will follow up with LMAC to get additional information for the next BOS meeting.

8. APPOINTMENTS / RESIGNATIONS:

8.1 BOE resignation of Karen Vertefeuille. R. Hellstrom MOVED to accept the application of resignation. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.

8.2 Columbia Democratic Town Committee's recommendation to appoint Joanne Prague Doyle to fill the vacancy of Karen Vertefeuille on the BOE. Tom Currier read the letter of interest to fill the vacancy of Karen Vertefeuille from JoAnne Prague Doyle to the Democratic Committee. Tom Currier stated that the Democratic Committee supports the nomination of Joanne Prague Doyle. W. O'Brien MOVED to approve the recommendation to appoint Joanne Prague Doyle to the BOE. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.

9. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

9.1 CIRMA Member Equity Distribution. M. Walter explained that based on the Town's risk management efforts we received a member equity distribution of \$7,637.00 from CIRMA (Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency).

9.2 Dam Safety Permit for DEEP Mono Pond Dam. M. Walter explained that this is a notice that the state wants to repair the dam. He added that this dam is a State-owned dam, it is not owned by the Town.

9.3 AHM Youth & Family Services. M. Walter explained that for FY 2018-2019 the Town of Columbia paid \$44,176.00 to AHM Youth & Family Services. We received a \$14,000 grant from the State and an enhancement grant of \$3,062.00. L. Napolitano stated that she would like a breakdown from previous years. M. Walter stated that he will gather the necessary information and provide this to the BOS.

9.4 Emergency Action Plan (EAP) Columbia Lake Dam. M. Walter stated that the EAP provides the Town with a detailed plan to help reduce the risk of human life loss and injury and minimize property damage during an unusual or emergency event at Columbia Lake Dam.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

10.1 Monthly State Trooper services report.

11. BUDGET:

11.1 Transfers: None

11.2 Refunds: None

12. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS: R. Bogue MOVED to approve the payment of bills totaling \$56,895.95 comprised of 2017-2018 Regular, 2018-2019 Emergency, 2018-2019 Regular, Credit Card, and Paycheck. MOTION CARRIED 4.0

13. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: R. Bogue asked about Village Hill Bridge and M. Walter explained that we are repairing the parapet walls because they had deteriorated to the extent that it was causing water to migrate further into the concrete and cause further damage and that the project is proceeding as planned.

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: R. Hellstrom MOVED to ADJOURN at 7:35 pm and the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer C. LaVoie