

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
COLUMBIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, July 16, 2019 – 7 pm
Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room
323 Route 87, Columbia, CT**

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

Members Absent: First Selectman, Steven M. Everett

Also Present: Town Administrator, Mark Walter; Horace Porter Facility Manager, Mike Sylvester.

CALL TO ORDER: R. Hellstrom called the meeting to order at 8:14 pm.

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** R. Hellstrom MOVED to Approve the Agenda for July 16, 2019. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - 2.1 **Approval of BOS Regular Meeting Minutes for July 2, 2019.** L. Napolitano MOVED to Approve the BOS Regular Meeting Minutes for July 2, 2019. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.
3. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - 3.1 **Continuation of Tree Removal Funding Request and Setting Town Meeting for Fund Authorization and Transfer.** R. Hellstrom MOVED to set a Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at 6:45 pm in the Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room, 323 Route 87, Columbia, CT for the following purpose:

CLAUSE 1: To appropriate \$50,000 from the General Fund to the Tree Removal Capital Account to cover the estimated cost of tree removal due to tree damage from gypsy moth and other insect infestations. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.

M. Walter explained that Steven Everett accompanied the Tree Warden, Andy Andrews to view the trees on the town roads and it was clear that we are going to need an additional \$50,000. M. Walter stated that George Murphy, Public Works Director will be requesting in the next budget another \$50,000. L. Napolitano asked if the tree removal work would be in any of the Town's parks or open spaces. M. Walter stated it would not.
 - 3.2 **RFQ's for Horace Porter School: Emergency Generator, Surveillance Cameras, and Analog Phone System.** M. Walter provided the BOS with the list of bidders and lump sum prices for all three RFQ's. M. Sylvester explained the bidding process for the phone system and stated that Hilltop Technologies was the lowest bidder and recommended that we enter into a contract with Hilltop Technologies. R. Hellstrom MOVED to accept Hilltop Technologies bid proposal for the IP Phone System at a lump sum cost of \$11,945.04. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.

M. Sylvester discussed the RFQ for the surveillance camera and stated that we asked vendors to provide a bid on the specific design manufacturer; Avigilon. We currently use the Avigilon system and are very happy with it. M. Sylvester explained that Steven Everett toured the school and seemed very happy with the system as well. He added that vendors were allowed to submit alternatives to the bid and bids ranged from \$74,000 to \$170,000. M. Sylvester's recommendation was to award the bid to the lowest bidder, Security Technologies, Inc. He added that Security Technologies, Inc. bid included the preferred Avigilon design manufacturer. R. Hellstrom MOVED to accept Security Technologies, Inc. bid proposal for the Security Camera System at a lump sum cost of \$104,352.80. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.

M. Walter stated that we are going back out to bid for the generator because the bid's that were received were unacceptable for multiple reasons. M. Walter explained that when we go back out to bid, we will require bidders to include a maintenance agreement and we a list of acceptable generator brands will be provided.

4. COLUMBIA LAKE / DAM / BEACH:

- 4.1 Approval of Application for Replacement of a Raft for Angela Sposito, 23 Woodland Terrace #1.** W. O'Brien MOVED to Approve the Application for Replacement of a Raft for Angela Sposito, 23 Woodland Terrace #1 as stipulated by LMAC. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.

5. APPOINTMENTS / RESIGNATIONS:

- 5.1 Appointment of Michael Maziarz to the Columbia Board of Education.** Tom Currier, Chairman of the Democratic Committee read the letter of interest from Michael Maziarz to be appointed to the Board of Education (BOE). R. Hellstrom MOVED to Approve the Appointment of Michael Maziarz to the Columbia Board of Education. MOTION CARRIED 4.0
- 5.2 Appointment of Terri Lasota, Building and Land Use Administrative Assistant.** W. O'Brien MOVED to Approve the Town Administrators recommendation to appoint Terri Lasota as the Administrative Assistant in the Building and Land Use department. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.

6. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

- 6.1** Reminder of FiPAC Meeting on 7/17/19 with a Presentation from Trust for Public Land and Open Space Committee.

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

- 7.1** Horace Porter School Superintendent, Maria Geryk's Letter of Acknowledgement for Beverly Ciurylo, Director of Finance.
- 7.2** Thank You Letter from Sexual Assault Crisis Center Eastern CT for donation support.
- 7.3** Monthly State Police Report.
- 7.4** Lamont Signs Crumbling Foundation Law.
- 7.5** Chronicle Articles including, Hop River Trail Improvements, 4th of July Parade & Eagles.
- 7.6** EHHD Opioid Misuse, Abuse & Overdose meeting on 8/16/19 @ 10:30am at Beckish Senior Center

8. BUDGET:

8.1 Transfers: R. Hellstrom MOVED the Transfers \$1,650.00 as presented.

TRANSFER #/AMOUNT	FROM A/C# DESCRIPTION	TO A/C# DESCRIPTION
2019-062 / \$550.00	10-4410-630 / Rental	10-4410-600 / Repairs/Maint.
2019-063 / \$100.00	10-4410-630 / Rental	10-4410-610 / Bldgs/Grounds Rep/Maint.
2019-064 / \$300.00	10-4420-515 / Contracted Services	10-4420-500 / Prof/Tech
2020-003 / \$700.00	10-4260-230 / Electricity	10-4260-515 / Contracted Services

MOTION CARRIED 4.0.

8.2 Refunds: None.

9. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS: R. Hellstrom MOVED to Authorize the 2018-2019 Emergency, 2018-2019 Regular, 2019-2020 Regular, Credit Card and Paychex totaling \$42,726.06 on the stated attachments. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.

10. AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS: A. Dunnack said that she commends the Sustainable CT Committee for the initiatives they are implementing. She stated that she did not know about the Town Meeting for the sale of town owned property and was completely unaware. She stated that she would encourage the town to work with the Nicholes for a more suitable solution.

11. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: W. O'Brien stated that he is upset with the steel building that is being built at 130 Pine St and it looks like a commercial business is being run out of that location. L. Napolitano stated that she is unhappy with the chemical usage on the park and rec fields. She stated that if the town keeps using chemicals on our athletic fields, she will not support any more athletic fields. She added that there are classes that the town land managers can attend regarding best practices for organic solutions.

12. 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 enter into Executive Session at 8:52pm for Personnel. MOTION CARRIED 4.0. R. Hellstrom MOVED to end the Executive Session with no action taken at 9:12 pm. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.

13. ADJOURNMENT: R. Hellstrom MOVED to ADJOURN the meeting at 9:13 pm. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully Submitted by Jennifer C. LaVoie

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

Also Present: Town Administrator, Mark Walter; Finance Director, Beverly Ciurylo; Tree Warden, Andy Andrews.

CALL TO ORDER: S. Everett called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** S. Everett MOVED to Approve the Agenda for July 2, 2019. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - 3.1 **Approval of BOS Regular Meeting Minutes for June 18, 2019.** S. Everett MOVED to Approve the BOS Regular Meeting Minutes for June 18, 2019. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.
4. **OLD BUSINESS:** None.
5. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - 5.1 **Tree Removal.** S. Everett explained that the Department of Public Works Director, George Murphy submitted a letter to the BOS requesting an increase of \$50,000 for hazardous tree removal. A. Andrews explained the severity of the trees affected by Gypsy Moths and the Emerald Ash Borer that are on Town property. S. Everett asked if these trees are just along the roadways that need attention. A. Andrews stated that yes, the trees are on Town-owned land. S. Everett stated that he would like to take a ride with A. Andrews to take a look firsthand of the damage. L. Napolitano stated that she met with the State Forester and it was explained to her that there is a six-year bell curve and we are in the first couple of years. S. Everett MOVED to table the 50,000 requests until next BOS Meeting on July 16, 2019. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.
 - 5.2 **Capital Transfers and Setting of Town Meeting.** S. Everett MOVED to set a Town Meeting on July 16, 2019 at 6:45 pm in the Town Hall Conference Room for Capital Transfers. **CLAUSE 1:** To transfer \$10,000 from the 2018-2019 Contingency account (10-4800-900) to the Capital account titled Preliminary Design & Cost Estimate (20-6189-001) in order to cover the cost above the 2018-2019 budget as well as projected costs of engineering and design fees for Capital Projects. **CLAUSE 2:** To appropriate an additional \$10,000 from the General Fund as of July 1, 2019 to the Capital account titled DPW Capital Improvements-Buildings (20-6206-002) for projected costs above the 2019-2020 budget for completion of the Public Works Salt Shed. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

- 6. **COLUMBIA LAKE / DAM / BEACH:** None.
- 7. **APPOINTMENTS / RESIGNATIONS:** None.
- 8. **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**
 - 8.1 **CIRMA Members' Equity Distribution.** M. Walter explained that CIRMA will be giving an members' equity distribution this year to the Town of Columbia for \$8,934.00.
 - 8.2 **Horace Porter School RFP's for Generator, Surveillance Cameras and Classroom Phone Systems.** M. Walter explained that all 3 RFPs have been issued.
 - 8.3 M. Walter explained that at the last FiPAC meeting they requested presentations from Open Space and Rec Department, and he asked if July 17th is a good time to have Open Space present. The BOS consensus is the July 17th date will work. M. Walter will confirm with FiPAC on the July 17th date.
- 9. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
 - 9.1 **Article in *The Chronicle* on Fireworks and Eaglet.**
 - 9.2 **Article in *The Chronicle* on Hop River State Park Trail.**
 - 9.3 **Moody's Investors Service Report.**
- 10. **BUDGET:**
 - 10.1 **Transfers:** S. Everett respective accounting for \$7,586.00. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

TRANSFER #/AMOUNT	FROM A/C# DESCRIPTION	TO A/C# DESCRIPTION
2019 #050 / \$704.00	10-4112-120 / Telephone	10-4112-230 / Electricity
2019 #051 / \$41.00	10-4417-240 / Fuel	10-4116-230 / Electricity
2019 #052 / \$57.00	10-4417-230 / Electricity	10-4117-230 / Electricity
2019 #053 / \$634.00	10-4260-230 / Electricity	10-4260-230 / Electricity
2019 #054 / \$55.00	10-4640-240 / Fuel	10-4640-230 / Electricity
2019 #55 / \$475.00	10-4410-600 / Repairs/Maint	10-4410-610 / Bldgs/Grounds/Rep/Maint
2019 #56 / \$100.00	10-4410-600 / Repairs/Maint	10-4410-710 / Prof. Development
2019 #57 / \$20.00	10-4250-540 / Community Outreach	10-4250-110 / Postage
2019 #58 / \$3,425.00	10-4112-040 / Group Insurance	10-4132-010 / Salaries-Assessor
2019 #59 / \$1,900.00	10-4112-040 / Group Insurance	10-4260-010 / Salaries-Sr. Center
2019 #60 / \$175.00	10-4520-130 / Legal Notice	10-4520-010 / Salaries-Inland/Wetlands

- 10.2 **Refunds:** None.
11. **APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS:** S. Everett MOVED to Authorize the payment of bills consisting of \$214,280.41 for a total payment 18/19 Emergency and 18/19 Regular, 2019-20 Emergency and 19/20 Regular that consists of Library Grant Payment 1 of 4, Credit Card and Paychex. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.
12. **AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:** A. Dunnack, 103 Lake Rd. asked how much does it cost to have a town meeting? M. Walter stated that the cost is associated with the legal notice and depends on the word length. A. Dunnack stated that G. Murphy made it very clear that the trees were an ongoing problem and that the budget is too low for the tree removal.
13. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** L. Napolitano asked for the schedule of chemicals that are being used at Rec Park and would like the information to be available to the public. M. Walter stated he will get L. Napolitano the information she requested.
14. **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).** S. Everett MOVED to go into Executive Session at 7:49 pm with Mark Walter, Town Administrator for real estate and pending litigation. MOTION CARRIED 5.0. S. Everett MOVED to end the Executive Session with no action taken at 8:08 pm. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.
15. **ADJOURNMENT:** S. Everett MOVED to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:09 pm. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully Submitted by Jennifer C. LaVoie

RFP Analogue IP Phone System for Horace W. porter School
Solicitation Number 2019-3
BID OPENING 07/15/19 @ 3:00 pm

DATE	NAME	COMPANY	BID PRICE SUBMITTED
7/15/19	Robert Johnston	Hilltop Technologies	\$11,945.04
7/15/19	Nancy Sardi Ferguson	American Business Telephone and Technologies, LLC	\$22,206.37
7/15/19	Steffania Volto	Allied Communications	\$12,556.00

RFP Emergency Generator for Horace W. Porter School
Solicitation Number 2019-2
BID OPENING 07/15/19 @ 3:30 pm

DATE	NAME	COMPANY	BID PRICE SUBMITTED
7/15/19	Shaji Habib	Technology International, Inc.	\$61,376.00 Annual Maintenance Agreement included
7/15/19	Joseph D. Netter	Ramsay-Bliese Corp. DBA Leete Generator	\$47,900.00 No Annual Maintenance Agreement included in the Bid
7/15/19	Robert Lockwood	Power Edge	\$52,800.00 Annual Maintenance Agreement included.
7/15/19	Aaron Dupont	Tiles in Style LLC DBA Taza Supplies	\$34,500.00 No Annual Maintenance Agreement included

RFP Surveillance Security System for Horace W. porter School
Solicitation Number 2019-1
BID OPENING 07/15/19 @ 4:00 pm

DATE	NAME	COMPANY	BID PRICE SUBMITTED
7/15/19	Jonathan Sadlon	Johnson Control	Base Bid: \$102,519.91, Annual Maintenance/Inspection \$9,352.86 Alternative 1: \$12,040.73, Additional Annual Maint./Insp. \$976.89 Alternative 2: \$15,153.27, Additional Annual Maint./Insp. \$1,194.34 Total Lump Sum Price: \$129,713.91, \$11,524.09/year
7/15/19	Dominic DuBaldo	DuBaldo Security Systems, Inc.	Base Bid: \$104,746.00 Alternative 1: \$10,985.00 Alternative 2: \$18,032.00 Total Lump Sum Price: \$133,763.00
7/15/19	Neal Kerr	Security Technologies, Inc.	Base Bid: \$105,173.60 Alternative 1: \$10,759.75 Alternative 2: \$14,779.60 Total Lump Sum Price: \$130,712.95
7/15/19	Gerard LePine	LePine Electric	Base Bid: \$112,300.00 Alternative 1: \$11,200.00 Alternative 2: \$16,450.00 Total Lump Sum Price: \$139,950.00
7/15/19	Kenneth J. Macleod	Valley Communications Systems, Inc.	Base Bid: \$126,588.45 Alternative 1: \$11,432.35 Alternative 2: \$16,097.43 Total Lump Sum Price: \$154,118.23
7/15/19	David LeCours	Three-Way Communications, Inc.	Base Bid: \$119,500.00 Alternative 1: \$11,385.00 Alternative 2: \$16,875.00 Total Lump Sum Price: \$147,760.00
7/15/19	Sophia Christina Aravidis	NPS International, LLC.	Base Bid: \$54,923.00 Alternative 1: \$8,178.00 Alternative 2: \$11,111.00 Total Lump Sum Price: \$74,212.00

LAKE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

July 10, 2019

Mr. Steven M. Everett
First Selectman
323 Route 87, Yeoman's Hall
Columbia, CT 06237

RE: Application for Installing a Raft
Ms. Angela Sposito, 23 Woodland Terrace #1, Columbia, CT

On June 25, 2019, Ms. Angela Sposito, of 23 Woodland Terrace #1, Columbia, CT submitted an application for permit to install a raft on their property.

On Wednesday, July 10, 2019 the Lake Management Advisory Committee (LMAC) discussed the application at their regularly scheduled meeting. Ms. Sposito and her niece, Marybeth Murdoch were at the meeting to discuss the application. At the meeting the property owner amended their application to install a new raft, approximately 8'-0" x 8'-0" off the property and not attached to the seawall. The outer most portion of the raft would be located no greater than 75 feet from the shoreline. The proposal locates the raft centered on the mid-point line of the distance between the property lines.

After review, it is the recommendation of LMAC to the Board of Selectmen that this permit be approved and the following conditions should be considered:

1. The new raft will be no larger than 10'-0" x 10'-0".
2. The outermost portion of the raft will be located no more than 75 feet from the lakefront property line and centered on the mid-point line of the distance between the side property lines.
3. The raft will be located a minimum of 10'-0" from the existing lakefront property line (seawall) and from the existing dock.
4. The existing wooden dock will be removed before the installation of the new dock.
5. The applicant will insure the construction of the new raft will be of sound materials and shall not adversely affect the quality of the Lake water or aquatic life.
6. The raft must meet the Lake Guidelines for such structures.

Your consideration in this manner is appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted;

Robert R. Powell, Jr.

Robert R. Powell, Jr.
Chairman, Permit Application Sub-Committee
Lake Management Advisory Committee

Town of Columbia
323 Jonathan Trumbull Highway, Columbia, CT 06237
Phone: (860) 228-0110 Fax: (860) 228-1952

Application for Constructing Structures on or over Columbia Lake

Date submitted: 6/25/2019

Complete and return to the Board of Selectmen.

Property owner: Angela Sposito

Address: 23 Woodland Terrace #1

Property Location: 23 Woodland Terrace Lake near shore and on water

Daytime phone # (860)337-0256

Applicant if different from owner: Marybeth Murdoch

Address: 32 Cadbury Lane; South Windsor, CT 06074

Daytime phone # (860)648-1388 or (860)680-0515 cell

Structure Information:

Proposal is for: New Replacement Repair

Structure Type: Dock Seawall Raft Boat Cover

Application must include a sketch of the structure clearly indicating dimensions and placement of the structure in reference to the property, as well as information regarding materials to be used in construction/repair. Supporting information such as maps and pictures are also helpful and may help expedite the process.

Note: Applications made by persons other than the property owner must contain the written approval of the application by the owner. All fee-owners and owners of rights-of-way shall join in any application. Signature below indicates approval for the Board of Selectmen or authorized town personnel to visit property for the purpose of inspecting prior to and after construction.

Owner Signature: Angela M. Sposito Date: 6/24/19

Applicant Signature: Marybeth Murdoch Date: 6/24/19

Special note: Permission by the Board of Selectmen to construct a structure on or above the Town owned lake bottom shall not relieve the applicant from obtaining other required approvals, nor shall Selectmen approval indicate eventual approval by other officials.

Approved: _____ Date: _____

First Selectman

23 Woodland Terrace
Columbia, CT 06237

June 24, 2019

Dear Town of Columbia:

I am writing to confirm that I approve the application for a sun raft to be used on my lakefront property. 90% of the time, the raft will be next to the shore to allow easy access to the water. At times, it will float in the lake for recreational swimming.

My niece, Marybeth Murdoch, is giving the raft as a gift. She has made this application with my consent.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Angela M. Sposito". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the "Thank you," text.

Angela Sposito

Sun Raft



Color: Yellow

Green Ladder

Product Description

This Bolt together HDPE Sun swim raft features a 2 piece, shippable design. Molded-in inserts enable the raft to be bolted together easily (6 bolts on top and 4 on the bottom secure the raft). The joints feature built in supports that provide strength.

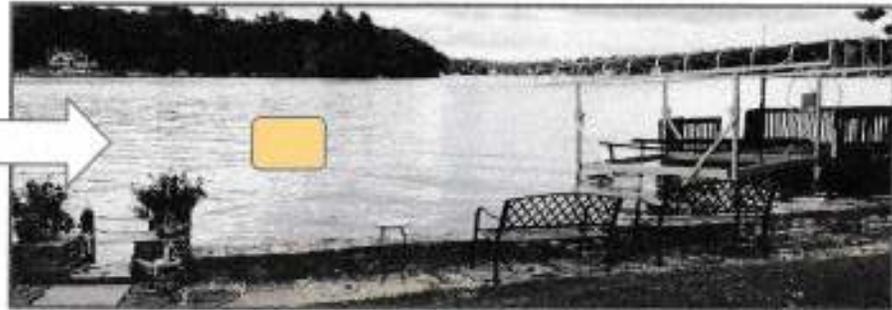
- Non Skid Surface
- Anchor connection molded in bottom
- Molded in handles around entire raft bottom
- All edges smoothed out for swimmer safety
- Molded in reflector holders
- One piece HDPE Ladder with rounded handles
- Length: 8'
- Width: 8'
- Weight: Approx. 200lbs.
- Weight Capacity: 1600lbs.

This swim raft is replacing the wooden one that is currently on the property. It is similar in size, but the new raft is made of HDPE material and is rounded, not square.



This is the current swim raft. The replacement is the same size or an inch or two smaller.

Occasionally, the swim raft will be used for recreational swimming in this location.



Thomas Currier
15 Columbia Landing
Columbia, CT 06237
Tchbjc2003@yahoo.com
(860) 208-0324
June 30, 2019

Board of Selectman
Yeomans Hall
323 Rte. 87
Columbia, CT 06237

As the Chair of the Columbia Democratic Town Committee, I would like to recommend that Michael Mazinarz be placed in the open Democratic seat that is available on the Columbia Board of Education. He has been an educator for 13 years in the Hartford High School as a social studies teacher as well as their principal. He currently is a principal at Pathways Academy of Technology & Design in East Hartford.

Mr. Mazinarz lives with his wife in Columbia and has 3 young children. He is invested in his children's education as well as in the Town of Columbia.

I feel his experience as an educator and administrator will make him a valuable member of the Columbia Board of Education and strongly recommend him for this position. Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Thomas Currier
Chair, Columbia Democratic Town Committee

Board of Education

From: Maziarz, Michael (MAZIM001@hartfordschools.org)

To: tchbjc2003@yahoo.com

Date: Wednesday, June 26, 2019, 8:53 AM EDT

Hello Tom,

I'm writing this email to express my interest in the open seat on the Columbia Board of Education. I was contacted by Judy Ortiz, and met with her and Kathy Tolsdorf. I am a registered Independent but was told the open seat could be "unaffiliated".

For your reference, I have been an educator for 14 years in the Hartford Public Schools. I spent 13 years at Hartford Public High School, first as a Social Studies Teacher, and then 6 years as Principal. I am now the Principal at Pathways Academy of Technology & Design, also a Hartford School. More importantly, I have three children attending Horace W. Porter, Mikey is 8, Mary is 6, and Matty is 4. My wife (who is also a teacher) and I are very invested in our children's education and in the town of Columbia. I have spent my career in the service of students and families, and would be honored to serve my own children and my community.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Michael Maziarz
Principal
Pathways Academy of Technology & Design
Executive Assistant, Janet Cormier-Ortiz, 860-695-9452
(860) 695 - 9451 (Office)
(860) 416 - 6000 (Cell)
(860) 569 - 5569 (Fax)
2 Pent Road, East Hartford, CT 06118
mazim001@hartfordschools.org

<https://www.pathwaystotechnology.com/>

Town of Columbia
Financial Planning and Allocation Commission
Regular Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, July 17, 2019
Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room
323 Route 87, Columbia, CT. 06237

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Audience of Citizens
4. Approval of Minutes:
 - 4.1. FiPAC Regular Meeting Minutes of June 19, 2019.
5. **Correspondence**
6. **Old Business**
7. **New Business**
 - 7.1. Presentation from Trust for Public Lands and Open Space Committee on The Proposed Columbia Community Forest.
 - 7.2. Questions and Answers.
8. **Transfers**
9. **Next Meeting**
10. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Real estate per State Statutes Section 1-200(6)(D).
11. **Adjournment**

Town Administrator

From: Maria Geryk <MGeryk@hwporter.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 02, 2019 2:40 PM
To: Mark Walter
Cc: Beverly Ciurylo; Brenda Morey; Steven Everett; Christopher Lent; Ernie Sharpe
Subject: Positive Feedback

Dear Mark,

I want to take a minute to acknowledge the work of Bev Ciurylo, Director of Finance. Bev has been an amazing resource this year in my efforts to navigate a new school district. As you know, Bev holds a high degree of technical expertise, readily provides support to others, and clearly cares deeply about the Town of Columbia. In addition to her routine responsibilities, which are vast, Bev lead us through a seamless change in health insurance providers. These types of changes are often fraught with tension, however Bev was a calm and steady presence. In addition, she skillfully managed the behind the scenes workload associated with this change.

I feel fortunate to work with such a skilled Director of Finance.

Best,

Maria Geryk
Superintendent
Columbia School District

July 8, 2019

Mr. Steven M. Everett
First Selectman
Town of Columbia
323 Jonathan Trumbull Hwy.
Columbia, CT 06237

Dear Mr. Everett:

We wish to convey our thanks for the contribution to the Sexual Assault Crisis Center of Eastern CT, Inc. for fiscal year 2019/2020 in the amount of \$500. We very much appreciate your continued and generous support of our agency.

Please convey our appreciation to the Town of Columbia for supporting our services to residents. Your assistance is very important in helping us to continue to provide 24-hour accompaniment, crisis intervention and counseling at no cost to victims.

Thank you once again.

Sincerely,

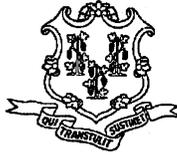


Hope Botti
Executive Assistant



Commanding Officer
Lt. Marc Petruzzi #037

State of Connecticut



Connecticut State Police Troop K - Colchester



Executive Officer
Master Sergeant Eric Peck
#085

Date: 07-01-2019

Mr. Steve Everett
Columbia First Selectman
323 Jonathan Trumbull Highway
Columbia, CT 06237

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 June 2019 the Columbia Resident Trooper as well as Troop K Troopers responded to 218 Calls for Service in the Town of Columbia. Of these Calls for Service the most notable are:

Accidents:	7
Burglaries:	0
Larcenies:	0
Other Criminal:	2
Other Non-Criminal:	0
Non Reportable Matters:	140
Other Noteworthy Events (List):	

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

On-Sight DWI:	0
Traffic Citations:	54
Written Warnings:	11

Sincerely,

Lt. Marc Petruzzi #037

Lt. Marc Petruzzi #037
COMMANDING OFFICER
Troop "K" Colchester, CT

15A Old Hartford Road
Colchester, Connecticut 06415
Phone (860) 537-7500
FAX (860) 537-7550

https://www.journalinquirer.com/politics_and_government/lamont-signs-crumbling-foundation-law/article_3908e712-a264-11e9-af7b-6f94e38c9ffb.html

Lamont signs crumbling foundation law

- By Eric Bedner
ebedner@journalinquirer.com
- Jul 9, 2019

HARTFORD — Gov. Ned Lamont has signed into law a comprehensive crumbling foundation bill that aims to protect unsuspecting buyers from purchasing affected homes. It also establishes a low-interest loan program for repairs, allows condominium owners to participate in the captive insurance company, and develops more cost-effective methods for repairs.

The law requires that new information be provided on residential disclosure reports when a home is for sale.

These include disclosing if the seller has any knowledge of the presence of pyrrhotite in the foundation, if there is any deterioration due to pyrrhotite, and if there were repairs done to the foundation.

Real estate agents would also have to provide any information they know about a crumbling foundation. If real estate agents have any knowledge they don't disclose, they could face punitive action, including fines, suspension, or revocation of their license.

If a municipality that the Capitol Region Council of Governments determines is affected or potentially affected by crumbling foundations acquires a home through foreclosure, the municipality must provide the same information in a residential disclosure report.

A buyer will be able to bring a civil suit against a seller who has knowledge of pyrrhotite but doesn't disclose it.

The law creates a low-interest loan program that will provide up to \$20 million, with the state guaranteeing \$2 million to protect banks from defaults.

A public-private partnership funded by banks and backed by the state will provide loans of up to \$75,000 for up to 20 years for repairs other than foundations that are not covered by the captive, including repairs to lawns, decks, and other property that is damaged or destroyed when replacing a foundation.

In order to qualify for the program, an affected homeowner first must have gone through the process of receiving a participation agreement or grant from the captive.

Additionally, Connecticut Innovations Inc., will administer a program to develop new technologies and techniques regarding the prevention, identification, and repair of affected properties.

The law also clears up language included in past legislation, such as allowing condominium owners to participate in the captive insurance company and ensuring a \$12 annual surcharge on homeowners' insurance policies is charged only to the first person on the policy.

The state will also work with the captive to collect data necessary to conduct research on crumbling foundations, and a working group will be established to develop a quality control plan for quarries and study the workforce of contractors fixing foundations.

The legislation is the result of a session-long collaboration by the bipartisan Crumbling Foundation Caucus, consisting of dozens of area legislators.

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Trail improvements are discussed

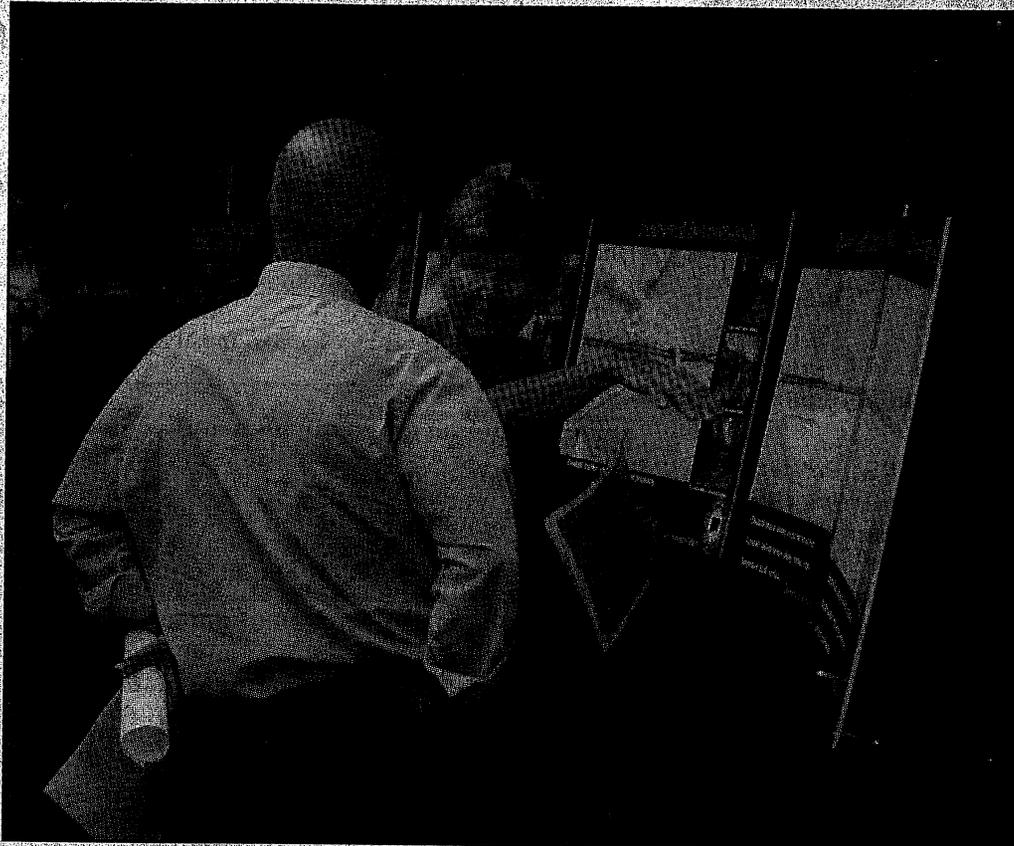
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COLUMBIA/COVENTRY
— Parking, aesthetics and traffic appeared to be the major local interests regarding the state's bridge replacement project on the Hop River State Park Trail.

Residents, representing Coventry, Columbia, Windham, Manchester and other surrounding towns raised no objections toward the Hop River bridge replacement project at an informational meeting by the state Department of Transportation Tuesday in Columbia's Yeomans Hall.

Developments and improvements on the trail, including the Hop River bridge replacement, are entirely funded through the state and cost approximately \$4 million.

The main purpose of the project is to eliminate the
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Columbia resident Ann Dunnack and VHB Project Manager Chris Faulkner discuss preliminary plans for the Hop River bridge replacement at Yeomans Hall in Columbia on Tuesday. Lisa Massicotte | Staff

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break in the Hop River Trail and to ensure the structural safety of the trail and bridge.

Currently, there is a dilapidated trestle bridge over the Hop River and the DOT is initiating its replacement with a new, prefabricated pedestrian bridge.

Preliminary plans for the project show improvements are to begin on the west side of Kings Road in Coventry at the trail's current breaking point and improvements will continue east over the Hop River into Flanders Road in Columbia.

Once completed, the trail will connect to the existing trail by the Willimantic River crossing and will become part of the East Coast Greenway's route, connecting Maine to Florida.

Manchester resident and avid cyclist John Sloan attended the meeting in strong support.

"I use this trail all the time and come out to Willimantic from Manchester," Sloan said.

He said with the greenway being completed after this project, he would be able to bike from his house in downtown Manchester to Willimantic — the same distance he currently needs to drive.

Plans, however, do not include any new parking areas.

The overall lack of parking at not only the Hop River Trail, but at most nearby trails, was brought up by several attendees Tuesday.

"I think that's something you really need to take into consideration when building these projects," Windham resident Carole Williamson said.

Coventry Town Manager John Elsesser said he raised the issue to the DOT earlier in the design process.

"As part of this project in Kings Road, you'd need a temporary construction site that could end up being a parking area and the town had some land that we would allow for parking and state access," he said.

Construction is expected to commence in spring 2021 and be completed in sum-

mer 2022.

During the construction period, project designers said Route 66 will not be closed.

"Essentially what we're going to do is you're going to come down Route 66 until you intersect Route 32, take a left on 32, ride 32 up and you're going to take a left on Cider Mill Road, cross that river and Cider Mill Road becomes Flanders Road," BL Cos. project manager and lead landscape architect Dominick Celtruda said.

"You come to a left-hand turn you get onto Flanders River Road and you come back down to the river — Flanders River Road becomes Flanders Road and you're back," Celtruda said.

Because the project involves going into the Hop River, project designers said they require extensive permitting.

BL Cos. project manager Brett Stark said species of interest have been identified in the area and designers have been working closely with the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

Aside from necessary permitting required for the completion of the project, there are also right-of-way impacts.

Project designers said they believe three property owners with land overlapping the construction area will be affected.

The DOT could either go through the process of land acquisition or involve temporary construction easements.

Celtruda said they are leaning towards the latter.

Proposed plans for the Hop River Trail improvements and bridge replacement are available in the town halls of Coventry and Columbia.

The DOT is taking written public comments and suggestions until Tuesday, July 9.

Comments can be sent to the DOT Transportation Principal Engineer Hugh Hayward hugh.hayward@ct.gov.

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Columbia celebrates its way

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COLUMBIA — Independence Day will be celebrated Columbia's way this year by combining its annual Fourth of July parade with the Columbia Congregational Church's 300th anniversary.

"This is one of the major events that the town puts on," Columbia First Selectman Steven Everett said. "We're very proud of it."

The 57th annual parade, which is organized by the Columbia Lions Club, begins at 10 a.m. at Horace W. Porter School, 3 Schoolhouse Road, on Thursday, the Fourth of July.

The parade proceeds along a short portion of Route 66 onto Route 87 and up to Lake Road.

"It's not one person that makes this happen, it's the whole club and community that comes together," Columbia Lions Club Parade Chairman Paul Horvath said.

Town pride is also emphasized, again, for this year's parade theme: "Independence Day, The Columbia Way."

The theme was submitted by Porter School third-grade student Enryce Henry.

"It has a wonderful, small-town-neighbor type of feel to it and it brings out a lot of different people," Everett said.

Horvath said longtime Columbia Congregational Church member and current church council president Arnold Hinckley will be the parade's grand marshal.

Since the 300th anniversary of the church is coming

up in June 2020, Lions Club parade organizers allowed the congregation to nominate Columbia's 2019 parade marshal.

The congregation nominated Hinckley to recognize "all his years of service within the church," the Rev. Betsey Polglase said.

Hinckley moved to Columbia from Willimantic in 1965 and joined the church shortly thereafter, according to Polglase.

On Thursday, roads will be closed from 10 a.m. to about 11:30 a.m. for the parade.

Roads will be detoured from Route 66 by Porter School to Lake Road off Route 87.

"I think it's a great thing that the Lions do for the town," Horvath said. "And it's a great cooperative endeavor

between the Lions and the town. Without the town, the parade wouldn't happen."

Awards are also part of the parade festivities.

Floats, bands, marching units, drill teams, buses and other marching units will assemble at the school starting at 9 a.m. for preliminary judging.

Everett, who served in the Navy for more than 30 years, will be on the judge's panel, as he has every year for almost two decades.

Everett said awards are based on precision, appearance, organization and execution.

He said Columbia's Independence Day parade will give a "patriotic feel for everyone who attends."

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Give the eagles a quiet holiday

Is there anything more majestic than a bald eagle, our nation's symbol of strength and valor, soaring over a serene lake on a summer day?

Doubt that.

And for folks living around Columbia Lake, as has been the case in the past, the majesty of America's favorite bird of prey is there for all to see.

That's because a family of eagles and their recently born eaglet are back nesting in the quiet, Tolland County community of Columbia.

As a result, state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection officials are asking folks in the Columbia Lake area to refrain from using fireworks (legal or illegal) until July



A bald eagle rests in a tree near Columbia Lake recently. File photo

The temporary ban has taken place this time of year since 2017, when the eagles were first seen locally.

Why the fireworks ban?

According to DEEP officials, young eagles are still not adept at flying and they're also sensitive to loud noises and disturbances.

The pop, pop, pop of fireworks could harm and possibly result in the death of the baby eagles.

No one wants that, right?

Thankfully for the eagles, Columbia and its lake residents have a history of abiding by the temporary law and not setting off fireworks, despite it being a Fourth of July tradition.

You see, the eagles have quickly become a source of pride in town and folks obviously want to keep it that way.

While people using fireworks near the birds is unlikely, we just want to remind residents who might not be in the know to avoid them.

A large-winged bird of prey hovering over a pristine lake is a much more memorable sight than the temporary flashes of fire in the sky.

Keep the fireworks away until the eagles move on.