

REGULAR MEETING MOTIONS
COLUMBIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, May 19, 2020 – 7:00 pm
Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room
323 Route 87, Columbia, CT

Members Present via Remote Access: Steven M. Everett, First Selectman; Deputy Selectman, Robert Hellstrom, Judy Ortiz, Selectman; Lisa Napolitano, Selectman.

Members Absent: William O'Brien, Selectman.

Also Present via Remote Access: Mark Walter, Town Administrator; Beverly Ciurylo, Finance Director; Marc Volza, Recreation Director, Bernadette Derring, Senior Center Director.

- **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** S. Everett MOVED to Approve the Agenda as written. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.
- **BOS Regular Meeting Minutes for April 21, 2020.** S Everett moved to Approve the meeting minutes for April 21, 2020. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.
- **BOS Regular Meeting Minutes for May 5, 2020.** S. Everett MOVED to Approve the Regular BOS Meeting Minutes for May 5, 2020. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.
- **Board of Selectmen Resolution Re-acceptance of the Donation Agreement between Trust for Public Land and the Town of Columbia for the Markell Property.** S. Everett read the following motion and the MOTION CARRIED 4.0.

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen has previously recommended that the Town accept the donation by Markell Properties of that certain 100' x 100' parcel of property located on Pine Street in accordance with a certain Donation Agreement between The Trust for Public Land and the Town of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen will refer this proposed acceptance of such donation to the Financial Planning and Allocation Commission for informational purposes only; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission has reviewed and approved the proposed acquisition under CGS 8-24 at its January 13, 2020 meeting;

WHEREAS, the Town Charter would ordinarily require a special town meeting to accept the donation of the subject property; and

WHEREAS, in light of the current Declaration of Public Health and Civil Preparedness emergencies in the State of Connecticut and executive orders issued by Governor Lamont in conjunction with such declaration the holding of a town meeting would not be prudent; and

WHEREAS, Section 4 of Executive Order 7JJ issued by Governor Lamont on May 6, 2020 permits the Board of Selectmen, upon finding that taking such action in a timely manner serves an important public interest or to avoid

financial loss, to take action to acquire interests in real property without complying with the Town Charter or any statutory requirement to hold a town meeting or referendum to approve such acquisition; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen has determined that delaying the acquisition of the subject property would potentially adversely impact the associated open space transactions that have been previously approved by special town meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:

RESOLVED: That, pursuant to the authority granted under Section 4 of Governor Lamont's Executive Order 7JJ, the Board of Selectmen does hereby accept the donation by Markell Properties of that certain 100' x 100' parcel of property located on Pine Street in accordance with that certain Donation Agreement between The Trust for Public Land and the Town of Columbia.

- S. Everett MOVED to accept the rules and guidance as written by the Rec Director. MOTION CARRIED 4.0

State Guidelines for Beaches currently require the following

- Limit capacity to 50%.
- 15 feet between blankets/groups of people.
- No sports/activities.
- No groups larger than 5, groups should be from the same living unit.
- Masks are required when social distancing is not possible.

Columbia Lake Procedure

- Residents will purchase beach passes using the regular process and beach pass system. Passes will go on sale May 20th.
- Memorial Day weekend and the last weekend of May we will use staff to limit the capacity of the beach to 30 people at a time and enforce social distancing by residents. (swimming will be at your own risk)
- Beginning June 6th, we will begin staffing the beach with lifeguards, checking for beach passes, while still limiting the beach capacity and enforcing social distancing.
- The Murphy House bathrooms will remain closed, 2 portables have been rented along with a sanitizing unit.
- We will not be selling concessions this year due to Covid-19.
- The floating dock will remain beached this year due to social distancing issues it will cause.
- Using beach markers to mark 15ft between groups.

- **BUDGET:**
Transfers. S. Everett MOVED to Approve Transfers totaling \$2,781.00.

TRANSFER#/AMOUNT	FROM A/C# DESCRIPTION	TO A/C# DESCRIPTION
2020-030/\$1,000.00	10-4420- 500/Professional /Tech	10-44420-300/General Supplies
2020-031/\$1,500	10-4440-230/Electricity	10-4112-230/Electricity
2020-032/\$8,000.00	10-4660-230/Electricity	10-4670-120/ Telephone/Communication
2020-033/\$111.00	10-4260-230/Electricity	10-4260-120/ Telephone/Communication

MOTION CARRIED 4.0.

- **Refunds:** S. Everett MOVED to Approve Refunds totaling \$6,045.00.

AMOUNT	FROM	TO
\$6,045.00	TOWN OF COLUMBIA	Steven S. Adil

MOTION CARRIED 4.0.

- **APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS:** S. Everett MOVED to Approve payment of bills totaling \$221,225.72 consisting of 2019-2020 Emergency, 2019-2020 Regular, Bond '01 payment, Credit Card, and Paychex. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.
- **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).** None.
- **ADJOURNMENT:** S. Everett MOVED to Adjourn the Meeting at 8:15. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully Submitted by Jennifer C. LaVoie