

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
COLUMBIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, June 5, 2018 – 7 pm
Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room
323 Route 87, Columbia, CT**

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Town Administrator, Mark Walter; Finance Director, Beverly Ciurylo; Ryan Linars, Greenskies; Carol Price, Tax Collector

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 add to the Agenda under New Business: 6.3, the 2018 Neglected Cemetery Account Grant Program and under the Town Administrator's Report: 9.6, the calculation of the 2018-2019 Mill Rate if the Town did not receive any state funding. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - 3.1 **Approval of BOS Regular Meeting Minutes for May 15, 2018.** W. O'Brien MOVED to approve the BOS Regular Meeting Minutes for 5/15/18. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.1 with Robert Bogue abstaining.
4. **AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:**
5. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - 5.1 **Approval of revised Purchase Power Agreement with Greenskies for new Porter School PV Solar Array.** M. Walter invited Ryan Linars from Greenskies to present to the BOS the design amendment for the Horace W. Porter School that was provided to the BOE at their June 4th meeting. R. Linars stated that Greenskies hired a 3rd party electrical and structural firm to review the Porter School and found that the cafeteria at the school could not structurally support the solar with an extreme snow load on top; therefore, they reduced the size of the electrical system to work within the existing system. R. Linars added that the school has a roof warranty of 28-year; therefore, Greenskies has proposed a 25-year contract with the town. With the revised solar design and LED lighting offset it will provide a 74% electricity offset. R. Hellstrom asked how the roof warranty would be affected after the solar panels are taken off in 25 years. R. Linars stated that when removing and setting the solar panels the roof manufacturer will be on-site to ensure that there will be no problems. L. Napolitano asked what happens when new technology is developed and surpasses the electrical savings from solar. R. Linars stated that newer technology is very far out at this point. S. Everett MOVED to approve the revised Purchase Power Agreement with Greenskies for the new Porter School PV Solar Array. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

- 5.2 **Update on the Moor's Indian Charity School: The State Historic Preservation Office will recommend the application for funding at their next Historic Preservation Council meeting on June 6, 2018.** M. Walter stated that the grant application was recommended for approval and we will proceed with the next steps.
- 5.3 **Update on the July 15th & August 19th Boat Tours.** M. Walter stated that the boat tours are strictly a Historical Society event and not a Town event. R. Bogue MOVED that the BOS make a statement that it is not endorsing or sponsoring the Historical Society Boat tours. The issue is tabled.
6. **NEW BUSINESS:**
- 6.1 **Revised employment application.** M. Walter stated that the revised employment application was re-written to be applicable to the law and that we have added a statement regarding a pre-employment background check. W. O'Brien MOVED to approve the revised employment application as presented. MOTION CARRIED 5.0
- 6.2 **Discussion of fireworks at Columbia Lake.** S. Everett stated that the CLA committee is advising against illegal fireworks. The DEEP will provide a letter regarding the dangers of fireworks and are strongly against it. M. Walter asked what our next step would be regarding the DEEP letter on fireworks. S. Everett stated we should do what we did last year and send out a letter from DEEP to residents.
- 6.3 **2018 Neglected Cemetery Account Grant Program and under the Town Administrator's Report.** S. Everett MOVED to approve the Town of Columbia to apply for the 2018 Neglected Cemetery Account Grant Program. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.
7. **COLUMBIA LAKE / DAM / BEACH:** None.
8. **APPOINTMENTS / RESIGNATIONS:**
- 8.1 **Resignation of Joan Hill from the Columbia Open Space Committee.**
- 8.2 **Resignation of Mary Latour as a floater for the Town of Columbia.** S. Everett MOVED to accept the resignations as proposed for Joan Hill from the Columbia Open Space Committee and Mary Latour as a floater for the Town of Columbia. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.
9. **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**
- 9.1 **New Lockbox system: Tax bill payment by mail.** C. Price stated that our attorney conducted a very successful tax sale on 4 properties with 20 bidders registered and \$160,000 was collected in back taxes. She stated that the Lock Box system is moving forward, and Webster bank will be testing at the end of the week. C. Price added that once the mail is received it is immediately processed and the fee has been reduced to 95 cents. This system will allow for an easier way for residents to pay their tax bill. The process will start on July 1st. M. Walter thanked both Carol Price and Beverly Ciurylo for their hard work.
- 9.2 **BOS summer schedule.** S. Everett asked if the BOS would like to cut to one meeting in July and August. The consensus was to keep the BOS meetings as scheduled and review as the summer develops.
- 9.3 **Assistance to storm damaged towns.** S. Everett stated that he asked George Murphy from DPW to look at the DPW budget and availability for 2 to 4 staff members to help some of the towns that were hard hit in the

last storm. G. Murphy reached out to several towns to ask if they needed any assistance. Those towns responded that they did not need any additional assistance but conveyed their appreciation.

- 9.4 **Greenskies analysis of possible maintenance agreement on existing 5 town solar array sites, which include the old Firehouse, new Firehouse, Transfer Station, and Public Works.** M. Walter asked Greenskies to give us an analysis on our existing solar and they said they will be working on a proposal for us. M. Walter added that we do have another proposal from another company as well.
- 9.5 **Informational packet for the June 7th Special BOS Meeting to discuss and decide upon a course of action for the invasive species weed control at Columbia Lake.** M. Walter re-stated that he supplied the BOS with the packet for the June 7th meeting.
- 9.6 **Calculation of the 2018-2019 Mill Rate if the Town did not receive any state funding.** M. Walter stated this is a report that is put together every year and inserted on the tax bills showing the mill rate impact if we don't get the funding from the state.

- 10. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
 - 10.1 **Mystic Carvers.** M. Walter shared an article about the Mystic Carvers that meet at the Senior Center, commemorating the Mayflower.
 - 10.2 **State Trooper's monthly police services report.**
 - 10.3 **Lake dedication ceremony to Carmen Vance in the Chronicle.**

- 11. **BUDGET:**
 - 11.1 Transfers: R. Bogue MOVED to approve the transfers totaling \$1,581.00.

TRANSFER #/AMOUNT	FROM A/C#, DESCRIPTION	TO A/C#, DESCRIPTION
10-4132-750/\$10.00	Conferences/Seminars	10-4132-720, Professional Dues
10-4440-230/\$110.00	Electricity	10-4116-230, Electricity
10-4112-120/\$20.00	Telephone	10-4117-120, Telephone
10-4420-600/\$497.00	Repairs/Maintenance	10-4420-300, General Supplies
10-4420-110/\$69.00	Postage	10-4420-630, Rental
10-4420-515/\$125.00	Contracted Services	10-4420-230, Electricity
10-4670-110/\$50.00	Postage	10-4670-770, Transportation
10,4640-110/\$50.00	Postage	10-4640-300, General Supplies
10-4112-040/\$650.00	Group Insurance	10-4112-230, Electricity

MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

- 11.2 Refunds: R. Bogue MOVED to approve the refund of \$34.69.

AMOUNT	FROM	TO
\$34.69	Town of Columbia	Armand Audet

MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

- 12. **APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS:** R. Bogue MOVED to approve the payment of bills totaling \$367,581.40.46 for 17/18 Emergency, 17/18 Regular and Bond '01 Principal & Interest, Credit Card and Paychex. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

13. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** R. Hellstrom said that two other individuals are interested in joining the EAC. R. Hellstrom said that if anyone else is interested to please let him know. R. Bogue expressed interest. R. Hellstrom asked when the next review of the charter is. W. O'Brien said that the charter was approved in 2010. S. Everett stated we should look into it, but believes it is done every ten years.
14. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Real Estate per State Statutes Section 1-200(6)(D). S. Everett MOVED to enter into executive session at 8: 17 pm with M. Walter, Town Administrator and Henry Beck, Town Attorney were invited to join. Executive session ended at 8:44 pm.
15. **ADJOURNMENT:** R. Bogue left at 8:50. S. Everett MOVED to Adjourn the regular BOS meeting at 8:55 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at 7:00 pm. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer C. LaVoie

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Absent: Robert Bogue, Selectman.

Also Present: Town Administrator, Mark Walter; Finance Director, Beverly Ciurylo; Superintendent, Lol Fearon.

CALL TO ORDER: S. Everett called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** S. Everett Moved to approve the Agenda for May 15, 2018. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
- 3.1 **BOS Regular Meeting Minutes of 5/1/18 and Public Hearing Minutes of April 25, 2018.** S. Everett stated that the BOS did not need to approve the Public Hearing Minutes of April 25, 2018. W. O'Brien MOVED to approve the BOS Regular Meeting Minutes for 5/1/18. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.
4. **AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:** Mary Roickle; Michelle Firestone, Chronicle Reporter; Millie Ramsey, Town Moderator; Henry Beck, Town Attorney.
5. **OLD BUSINESS:** None.
6. **NEW BUSINESS:**
- 6.1 Sign off on Application for Artis Energy Solutions, LLC for LED Conversion of Porter School. L. Fearon gave a brief overview of the LED conversion. He stated that the project started last fall with an audit that identified what changes needed to be made and the potential savings. The project was held up with the State budget last year until it was finally released in March. He explained that the school would recognize a savings of \$19,000 a year in energy usage and that they looked at this project as a long-term solution for the school. He added that this LED lighting conversion combined with the solar project that is in the planning stages will bring more energy efficiency to the school. He stated that in the last BOE meeting they voted to approve sending it forward for BOS approval. L. Fearon explained that the funding for this project will be financed by M-Core and will be a 4-year no interest loan. S. Everett asked what savings we have incurred to date with our other energy efficient projects. B. Ciurylo explained that we have not realized a savings yet due to the harsh winter M. Walter stated that the school LED conversion project includes dimmers for the lighting and this will be a significant contribution to the energy savings. because the BOE savings will be able to dim the lighting at the school. L. Fearon added that there are 1200 fixtures at the school and the dimmers will contribute to the energy efficiency.

R. Hellstrom asked if we are confident that the technology will continue to offer us the savings over the next 10 years. L. Fearon stated that they did ask Artis Energy the same question and were informed that the LED lighting technology is cutting edge and would remain relevant.

L. Napolitano asked if we had priced this out to a local electrician. L. Fearon responded that we had not priced it out with a local electrician. He added that they felt confident that with the previous work at Mercy High School and Old Saybrook provided the reassurance that they needed that Artis Energy was a good choice. M. Walter explained that because this project is in partnership with Eversource and funded with M-Core that Eversource put the LED conversion projects out to qualified contractors and locked in pricing.

S. Everett MOVED to approve the LED conversion project for the Porter School and the Town Annex building and to authorize myself, Steven Everett, to sign off on the loan application through M-Core Credit Corporation. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.

- 6.2 Establishment of Informational Meeting and Discussion on June 7, 2018 for the Invasive Species Weed Control at Columbia Lake.** S. Everett MOVED to establish a special Board of Selectman Meeting for June 7, 2018 at 7:00pm to discuss and decide upon a course of action after hearing from LMAC, Columbia Lake Association, Environmental Advisory Committee, residents and interested citizens to discuss Invasive Species Weed Control at Columbia Lake. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.
- 6.3 Columbia Lake Boat Tours July 15th & August 19th.** M. Walter explained that if you charge a fee this may require the boat owners to have a Captains license and he would recommend that we have this without a fee aspect. Henry Beck stated that the CIRMA insurance requirements are extensive and would also require each boat owner to get an endorsement. The extensive requirements would probably be too much to make this event worth doing. S. Everett recommends to table it until we get more information and work with the Historical Society and Rec Department to see how we might move this forward.
- 6.4 Resolution Authorizing Application for Preservation Grant for the Moor's Indian Charity School.** M. Walter explained that we don't have to take action tonight, that this information is just to make the BOS aware that we will have to set a town meeting if we get the grant because we will be providing an easement for the Preservation Restriction that will be put on the property by the State Historic Preservation Organization.
- 7. COLUMBIA LAKE / DAM / BEACH:**
- 7.1 LMAC approval for Eric Sondergren of 166, Route 87 for a permit to install a mooring on Columbia Lake.** W. O'Brien MOVED to approve the application for Eric Sondergren of 166, Route 87 for a permit to install a mooring on Columbia Lake as set in the conditions that LMAC states in their approval letter. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.
- 8. APPOINTMENTS / RESIGNATIONS:** None.

- 9. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**
- 9.1 Senior Van Donations:** The van donations for January and February 2018 were \$81.00 and for March and April they were \$69.00. Also included was a draft van donation letter.
- 10. CORRESPONDENCE:** None.
- 11. BUDGET:**
- 11.1** Transfers: S. Everett MOVED to approve the following transfers:

TRANSFER #/AMOUNT	FROM A/C#, DESCRIPTION	TO A/C#, DESCRIPTION
10-4260-230 / \$110.00	Electricity	\$10.00 10-4260-710 Prof. Improv. \$100.00 10-4260-720 Prof. Dues
10-4510-500 / \$800.00	Prof/Tech	10-4510-130 Legal Notices
10-4640-515 / \$300.00	Contracted Services	10-4640-300 Supplies
10-4640-520 / \$175.00	Printing	10-4640-300 Supplies

MOTION CARRIED 4.0.

- 11.2** Refunds: S. Everett MOVED to approve the following refunds:

AMOUNT	FROM	TO
\$31,61	Town of Columbia	JP Morgan Chase Bank

MOTION CARRIED 4.0.

- 12. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS:** S. Everett MOVED to approve the payment of bills totaling \$23,681.46. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.
- 13. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** None.
- 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 Statues Section 1-200(6)(A). None.
- 15. ADJOURNMENT:** S. Everett MOVED to Adjourn the meeting at 6:52 pm. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer C. LaVoie



Application for Employment

Town of Columbia
 323 Jonathan Trumbull Highway
 Columbia, CT 06237

Phone: (860) 228-0110 Fax: (860) 228-1952

Application Date: _____
 Position(s) being applied for: _____

We consider applicants for all positions without regard to race, color, religion, sex, gender identity or expression, national origin, ancestry, age, marital or veteran status, genetic information, present or past history of mental disability, intellectual disability, learning disability or physical disability except where a bona fide occupational qualification may require consideration of any of the foregoing, or any other legally protected status.

Name:	Last		First		Middle												
Address:	No.	Street		City		State Zip											
Email:																	
Telephone:	Home			Daytime													
	Area Code	No.		Area Code	No.												
Date available for work:																	
Availability: <input type="checkbox"/> Full-Time <input type="checkbox"/> Part-Time <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary																	
EDUCATION	Elementary		High		College/Technical		Graduate/ Professional										
School Name																	
Years Completed: (circle)	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Diploma/Degree(s)																	
Course of Study:																	
Specialized Training, Apprenticeship, Skill, and Extra-Curricular Activities																	
Licenses/Certifications (i.e. CDL, etc)																	
Additional information that may be helpful in considering your application.																	

ATTACH RESUME HERE

Employment Experience

Start with your present or last job. Include military service assignments and volunteer activities.

Employer	Dates Employed	From:	To:
Address	Work Performed		
Job Title			
Supervisor			
Reason for Leaving			
Employer	Dates Employed	From:	To:
Address	Work Performed		
Job Title			
Supervisor			
Reason for Leaving			
Employer	Dates Employed	From:	To:
Address	Work Performed		
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Employer	Dates Employed	From:	To:
Address	Work Performed		
Job Title			
Supervisor			
Reason for Leaving			
Special skills and qualifications acquired from employment or other experience.			

Are you a United States citizen or are you authorized to work in the United States? (Proof of identity and citizenship or authorization to work in the United States will be required upon hire.) Yes _____ No _____

Answer **ONLY** if a driver's license is REQUIRED FOR THE POSITION YOU SEEK

Do you have a valid Connecticut driver's license? Yes _____ No _____

Issuing State: _____ Number: _____

Applicant's Statement

I certify that answers given herein are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I authorize investigation of all statements contained in this application for employment as may be necessary in arriving at an employment decision. I understand that this application is not and is not intended to be an offer or contract of employment.

In the event that I am offered employment or employed, I understand that false or misleading information given in my application or interview(s) may result in revocation of an offer of employment or discharge. I also understand that I am required to abide by all rules and regulations of the Town of Columbia.

Signature

Date



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

Application for Employment Supplement for Highway Department

Name:		Date:	
Have you ever worked construction?		Yes _____	No _____
Please check next to all of the following machines that you have operated:		Please state length of time you have operated each of the machines indicated (months/years):	
	Backhoe		
	Front end loader		
	Dump truck		
	Chain saw		
	Sickle mower		
	Flail mower		
	Paving machine		
	Roller		
	Jet sander		
	Snow plow		
Please list any other equipment and length of experience you believe appropriate:			
Can you weld?		Yes _____	No _____
Can you do mechanical work?		Yes _____	No _____
In the course of your work, would you be willing to do the following when needed?			
Laborer	Yes _____	No _____	Sweeping
	Yes _____	No _____	Yes _____
Cutting Grass	Yes _____	No _____	No _____



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Pre-employment Background Check

The Town and / or its agent(s), in considering your application for employment by the Town, will perform a background check which may include obtaining a consumer report or similar report. The Town may use any such report(s) in order to make decisions regarding your eligibility for and employment by the Town.

I hereby authorize the Town and / or its agent(s) to conduct a background review through a consumer report and/or similar report regarding my eligibility for and employment by the Town. I understand that the scope of the consumer report/investigative consumer report may include, but is not limited to, the following areas: verification of Social Security number; current and previous residences; employment history, including all personnel files; education; references; credit history and reports; criminal history, including records from any criminal justice agency in any or all federal, state, or county jurisdictions; birth records; motor vehicle records, including traffic citations and registration; and any other public records.

I, _____, authorize the complete release of these records or data pertaining to me that an individual, company, firm, corporation, or public agency may have. I hereby authorize and request any present or former employer, school, police department, financial institution, or other persons having personal knowledge of me to furnish the Town or its designated agents with any and all information in their possession regarding me in connection with an application of employment. I am authorizing that a photocopy of this authorization be accepted with the same authority as the original.

I understand that, pursuant to the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act, if any adverse action is to be taken based upon the consumer report, a copy of the report and a summary of the consumer's rights will be provided to me.

Signature

Date

**FIREWORKS AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT
TO THE
COLUMBIA LAKE ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

APRIL 25, 2018

BACKGROUND:

The Fireworks Ad Hoc Committee was charged with reviewing the issues surrounding fireworks at Columbia Lake and with reporting back any suggestions or proposal(s) for further action to the CLA Board of Directors. The committee's responsibilities included: defining the committee's activities to be in harmony with the CLA mission; gathering information and identifying standards, differentiating fact from fiction; and considering CLA alternatives and assessing consequences.

The members of the Committee are Dan O'Neill, Mary Roickle, Henry Beck, Mike Gnazzo and Joel Mrosek. On February 29, the committee held its first meeting. Prior to the meeting a copy of the agenda was e-mailed to the CLA membership along with an invitation to attend. Glenn Keegan attended. The minutes of this meeting were e-mailed to the CLA membership and discussed with CLA BOD. On April 25, the Committee and CLA members Ann Hudd, Kathy Joppru and Karl Then met and finalized this report.

We discussed an extensive number of issues regarding the use of fireworks on the lake. The overarching issue is the illegality of consumer fireworks, as well as the legal restrictions on legal commercial displays. Our discussions boiled down to three major areas of investigation: the technical feasibility of a legal commercial display; the practical viability of such a display; and addressing the problems with using illegal fireworks.

Considering the wide-ranging feelings of the CLA membership about the myriad issues with fireworks (see below), the committee believes that it unlikely that a CLA sponsored effort to coordinate the event and raise the needed funds would be successful. Therefore, we have concluded that a legal fireworks display is not practically viable. However, if the CLA membership is in favor of it, forming a committee to do so is an option. It should be noted that a significant donation has been offered for a legal fireworks display to occur on a non-holiday, and when the eagles will not be harmed.

ILLEGAL FIREWORKS PROBLEMS:

For many years, the fact that fireworks are illegal has not been a significant issue when it came to the Fourth of July at Columbia Lake. However, there have always been specific annoyances, but those annoyed have, for the most part, accepted the situation. Last year, the presence of the fledging eagle was a major issue that brought to bear another layer of laws, not to mention the true concern for the eagle. It also started a discussion that led to the revelation of many other problems with fireworks that had remained unspoken before.

Even if there is no legal fireworks display at the lake, the possibility exists that there could still be one or more illegal displays at times during the year. It is also possible that the displayers may not be fully aware of the potential legal and community ramifications of their actions.

While the CLA cannot condone these displays, it may be able to serve an educational role and dissuade the displayers. There are two main areas of concern, the legal issues, and the issues that can raise the ire of neighbors.

From the legal perspective: possession of fireworks can result in fines; damage or injury from illegal fireworks can result in a felony conviction (possible jail time); disturbing eagles can result in fines, and repeated offenses can result in felony conviction. Though no research was performed, it was noted that illegal fireworks displays raise insurance coverage questions.

From a good neighbor perspective, the following issues can range from annoying to angering: distressed pets; late night disturbance; debris on the roof, lawn, docks and in the lake; burns on boat covers; distressed eagles; all the preceding extending well before and after the 4th.

Office of Policy and Management
2018 NEGLECTED CEMETERY ACCOUNT GRANT PROGRAM
Request for Applications (RFA)

INTRODUCTION:

The Office of Policy and Management (OPM) is accepting applications from eligible Connecticut municipalities seeking grant funds from the Neglected Cemetery Account.

OVERVIEW:

Program:

C.G.S. Sec. 19a-308b established the Neglected Cemetery Account and authorizes OPM to make grants to eligible municipalities for the purpose of municipal maintenance of neglected burial grounds and cemeteries, as described in C.G.S. Sec. 19a-308.

Pursuant to C.G.S. Sec. 19a-308(a) a "neglected cemetery" is:

- a burial ground or cemetery containing more than six places of interment;
- a burial ground or cemetery that is not under the control or management of any currently functioning cemetery association; and
- a burial ground or cemetery which has been neglected and allowed to grow up to weeds, briars and bushes, or about which the fences have become broken, decayed or dilapidated.

Subsection (b) of C.G.S. Sec. 19a-308 relieves municipalities, municipal employees, and agents and officers of municipalities from criminal or civil liability for undertaking the care and maintenance of a neglected cemetery.

Allowable Use of Grant Funds:

In accordance with C.G.S. Sec. 19a-308(a), only expenditures for the following four types of work can be reimbursed with Neglected Cemetery Account Grant funds:

- Clearing of weeds, briars and bushes;
- Mowing of the ground's lawn areas;
- Repairing of the ground's fences or walls; and
- Straightening of memorial stones.

Municipal labor utilized to perform only the specific work listed above will be considered an allowable expenditure **only** if such labor is performed **OUTSIDE** the course of the employee's regular work schedule.

Award Amounts and Terms:

Awards will be made on a first-come, first-served basis until the funds in the Neglected Cemetery Account are exhausted. Grants will be awarded as follows:

- \$2,000 for a 12 month term per successful applicant; and
- If funding is available, up to an additional \$2,000 for a second 12 month term. Should additional funding be available for a second 12 month term, a new RFA in 2019 will not be released. Only those successful applicants who respond to this RFA will be eligible to receive any such additional funding for a second 12 month term.

Eligibility:

- The state reserves the right to not award new grant funds from this program to those municipalities that have unexpended grant funds from a previously awarded Neglected Cemetery Account grant.
- Additionally, pursuant to C.G.S. Sec. 8-23, as amended by P.A. 15-95, eligible municipalities will be those that have adopted a plan of conservation and development (POCD) within the past ten years. Municipalities that have not adopted a POCD within the past ten years may be eligible for funding if (1) in accordance with C.G.S. Sec. 8-23(a)(2), the municipality submits a notice to the OPM Secretary and the Commissioners of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, Department of Economic and Community Development and the Department of Transportation, explaining why the POCD has not been adopted within the past ten years, and (2) in accordance with C.G.S. Sec. 8-23(b), the OPM Secretary expressly waives the prohibition of discretionary state funding. Additional information, guidance, and forms are available at this link.

Official State Contact:

OPM has designated the individual below as the Official State Contact for purposes of this RFA. The Official State Contact is the **only authorized contact** for this RFA and, as such, handles all related communications on behalf of OPM. Applicants, prospective applicants, and other interested parties are advised that any communication with any other OPM employee (including appointed officials) or personnel under contract to OPM about this RFA is strictly prohibited. Applicants or prospective applicants who violate this instruction may risk disqualification from further consideration.

Martin Heft

Office of Policy and Management

450 Capitol Avenue, MS# 54 GSU

Hartford, CT 06040

Phone: 860-418-6355

E-Mail: Martin.Heft@ct.gov

Application Information:

- The complete RFA, any associated updates, addendums or related documents are available in electronic format from the Official State Contact or on the Internet at the following locations:
 - DAS State Contracting Portal at:
https://biznet.ct.gov/SCP_Search/Default.aspx?Acclast=2
 - OPM RFP Web Page: www.ct.gov/opm/RFP

- **It is strongly recommended that all applicants or prospective applicants interested in this RFA establish a BizNet account to receive e-mail alerts from the State Contracting Portal.** Subscribers will receive notifications announcing procurements and addendums that are posted on the portal. This service is provided as a courtesy to assist in monitoring activities associated with State contracting, including this RFA. Follow this link to create an account:
 - <http://portal.ct.gov/DAS/Procurement/Contracting/DAS-Procurement-BizNet-Accounts>

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

- All submissions related to this RFA must be sent via regular mail to the Official State Contact named in the RFA. The outside of the envelope should clearly state “Neglected Cemetery Grant Application” and be addressed to the Official State Contact.
- Applications are due on July 31, 2018 by 12:00 PM/EST
- Eligible municipalities may submit **one application only**, on the prescribed application form included with the RFA. Submit the original, completed signed application, plus one copy.
- Eligible municipalities must submit certified minutes of the meeting of its Board of Selectmen, Town or City Council (or equivalent body) which:
 - identifies the Chief Elected Official by name and title, and states:
 - that the Chief Elected Official is authorized to apply for and accept, on behalf of the town, a grant from the Neglected Cemetery Account, and
 - that said official is authorized to enter into and execute any and all agreements, contracts and documents necessary to obtain said grant should the town be selected for a grant award. Submit 2 certified copies.
- Submit 2 copies of the Municipal Certification of Eligibility for Discretionary State Funding form (including associated attachments as noted on form, if applicable).
- Submit 1 copy of OPM Vendor/Bidder/Applicant Profile Sheet – Form OPM-A-15
- Attach a completed copy of the “Neglected Cemetery RFA Checklist”

Schedule:

Application Due Date: July 31, 2018 by 12:00 PM/EST

RFA Results: Municipalities selected to receive a grant will be listed on OPM’s website. It is anticipated that municipalities selected to receive a grant will be contacted during the week of August 13, 2018 on how to proceed with the grant process including how to obtain a fully executed Notice of Grant Award (Contract), which is needed prior to incurring grant funded expenditures. Once a municipality has a fully executed Contract, such Contract will be posted to the DAS State Contracting portal.

GRANT CONDITIONS AND RIGHTS RESERVED TO THE STATE:

General Grant Conditions:

Submission of an application in response to any RFA seeking funding through this program certifies that the applicant agrees to comply with OPM's General Grant Conditions should the applicant be selected to receive an award.

The applicant also agrees to comply with the following:

Rights Reserved to the State:

A. The State reserves the right to award in part, to reject any and all applications in whole or in part for misrepresentation or if the applicant is in default of any prior State contract, or if the application limits or modifies any of the terms and conditions and/or specifications of the RFA. The State also reserves the right to waive technical defect, irregularities and omissions if, in its judgment, the best interest of the State will be served.

B. The State reserves the right to correct inaccurate awards resulting from its clerical errors. This may include, in extreme circumstances, revoking the awarding of a grant already made to an applicant and subsequently awarding the grant to another. Such action on the part of the State shall not constitute a breach of contract on the part of the State since the grant with the initial applicant is deemed to be void *ab initio* and of no effect as if no grant ever existed between the State and the applicant.

C. The State may amend or cancel this RFA, prior to the due date and time, if the State deems it to be necessary, appropriate or otherwise in the best interests of the State. Failure to acknowledge receipt of amendments, in accordance with the instructions contained in the amendments, may result in an application not being considered.

D. Any costs and expenses incurred by applicants in preparing or submitting applications are the sole responsibility of the applicant.

E. No additions or changes to the original application will be allowed after submission. While changes are not permitted, clarification of applications may be required by the State at the applicant's sole cost and expense.

F. All responses to the RFA must conform to instruction. Failure to include any required signatures, provide the required number of copies, meet deadlines, answer all questions, follow the required format, or failure to comply with any other requirements of this RFA may be considered appropriate cause for rejection of the response.

G. This RFA is not an offer and neither this RFA nor any subsequent discussions shall give rise to any commitment on the part of the State or confer any rights on any applicant unless and until a contract is fully executed by the necessary parties. The contract document will represent the entire agreement between the applicant and the State and will supersede all prior negotiations, representations or agreements,

alleged or made, between the parties. The State shall assume no liability for payment of services under the terms of the grant until the successful applicant is notified that the grant has been accepted and approved by the State. The grant may be amended only by means of a written instrument signed by the State and the applicant.

H. The applicant represents and warrants that the application is without collusion or fraud. The applicant further represents and warrants that they did not participate in any part of the RFA development process, had no knowledge of the specific contents of the RFA prior to its issuance, and that no agent, representative or employee of the State participated directly in the applicant's application preparation.

POST SELECTION INFORMATION:

Municipalities selected to receive a grant will be required to submit additional paperwork. Once the paperwork has been submitted to and approved by OPM, a fully executed Contract will be issued to the grantee. No grant funds will be paid to any municipality which fails to fully execute a Contract with OPM. Grantees should not incur any grant related expenditures until they have received a copy of their fully executed Contract.

Grants will be paid on a reimbursement basis, and reimbursements will only be made for allowable expenditures incurred between the start and end dates of the grant. The start and end dates of the grant will be provided by OPM to the municipality upon notification of a fully executed Contract. Reimbursement will only be made for the allowable specified work performed at the specific locations as submitted on the municipality's application.

Neglected Cemetery Grant Program Grant Application

This application, its receipt, and/or any subsequent announcement or notification of an award associated with this application does not constitute a contract. A contract exists only when all required contractual documents are submitted and approved by OPM and the Grantee is notified that the contract is fully executed.

Name of Municipality:		030 Columbia
Contact person name for the Application:		George Murphy
Contact Title:	Public Works Director	
Contact Street Address:	3232 Route 87	
Contact City/State/ZIP:	Columbia, 06237	
Contact Phone Number:	860-228-4270	
Contact E-mail Address:	gmurphy@columbiact.org	
Remittance Street, City, State, ZIP:		323 Route 87, Columbia Ct. 06237
Amount Requested For Twelve Months (max \$2,000.00):		\$2,000
Name and address of cemetery where work is to be performed:		Type of work to be performed
Between 330 and 332 Route 87		Mowing of the ground's lawn areas Click to choose an item from the list Click to choose an item from the list Click to choose an item from the list
Root Family Burial Ground, Parcel 38-4L Lyman Woods Subdivision		Straightening of memorial stones Click to choose an item from the list Click to choose an item from the list Click to choose an item from the list
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Certification below must be by the Chief Elected Officer (e.g., Mayor, First Selectman, Town/City Manager):

I do hereby certify the following:

1. I have reviewed this Grant Application and all attachments and links thereto.
2. The information contained herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
3. Should my municipality receive a grant award, grant funds will only be used for allowable purposes to maintain a neglected cemetery/cemeteries as defined in C.G.S. Sec. 19a-308.
4. I am authorized to apply for these funds.

Signature: _____
Printed Name: **Steven Everett**

Title: First Selectman
Date: **6/1/2018**

**Municipal Certification of
Eligibility for Discretionary State Funding**

(This form to be completed by municipality)

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Name of Municipality & Town Code: 030 Columbia (hereinafter referred to as "Town/City")

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AND

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I attest that the aforementioned information is accurate and complete and that I am the representative of the Town/City who is authorized to execute this certification.

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Signature: _____

6/1/2018

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6/1/2018

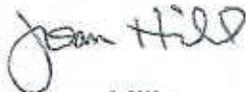
030 Columbia

May 17, 2018

To Whom It May Concern;

I am tendering my resignation from the Columbia Open Space Committee effective immediately.

Respectfully,



Joan Hill
23 Cards Mill Rd.
Columbia, CT 06237

Received: May 21, 2018

At 1:14 PM

Attest: Paul M. Thatch

Town Clerk/Assistant Town Clerk ASST
TC

May 9, 2018

To: The Town of Columbia Board of Selectmen
From: Mary Latour

I have enjoyed my position as a floater for the Town of Columbia for the last four years.

But I am submitting a letter of resignation as a floater for the Town of Columbia to the Board of Selectmen effective July 1, 2018.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Latour".

Mary Latour

cc: Mark Walter
Maty Lavallee

Memo

Mark Walter, Town Administrator
From: Carol Price, Tax Collector
May 31, 2018

Tax Sale held May 16, 2018

This collection method began September 2017 with 13 properties.

- 6 were paid prior to deadline set to turn over to Attorney Cohen.
- 3 paid Attorney Cohen prior to Sale (properties were turned over to him January 2018).
- 4 were sold during the tax sale.

Total revenue collected by Attorney Cohen \$159,251.

The property transfers to the new owner after the retention period ends on November 19, 2018 (6 months).

Tax Bills and Webster Bank Lockbox

In an ongoing effort to keep the tax office within allocated resources I made the recommendation to research utilizing the lockbox service offered by Webster Bank.

- November 2017 discussions were held with Beverly, Webster representatives (the Town's Bank) and Quality Data Service, our software provider to decide viability.
- Presentation to the Board of Selectmen was held and received approval February 2018.
- Implementation schedule was set by Webster. QDS assisted me in necessary software changes.
- Weekly phone meetings with Webster on progress and tasks are completed as necessary.
- Testing process begins the week of June 4th in the tax office.
- Training session to be scheduled in the next 2 weeks.
- System will be ready to receive payments for July 1, 2018.

Changes include:

- Closing PO Box 25, Columbia, mail has 1 year forwarding.
- New mailing address for tax payments (see #9 envelope).
- Return address will now be the same as all other departments 323 Route 87, (see #10 envelope).
- Tax bills changed to reflect new address, scan box that takes you directly to online payment search line and Webster's numbers along the bottom of the bill.
- New remittance address will be on the notice that goes with each bill (see copy). It was mentioned in the last issue of the Columbia Views and will be on the website, front door and wherever it will be helpful to taxpayers.
- Negotiated a reduced fee for online payments using a checking or savings account from \$1.95 to \$.95 keeping the cost to the Taxpayer not the Town. Credit and debit card fees remain at 2.95%.

The changes made are intended to improve service and efficiency in the tax office while utilizing technology.

**SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
COLUMBIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Thursday, June 7, 2018 – 7 pm
Yeomans Hall
323 Route 87, Columbia, CT**

CALL TO ORDER:

- 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

- 2. NEW BUSINESS:**
 - 2.1** To discuss and decide upon a course of action after hearing from Lake Management Advisory Committee (LMAC), Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission (IWWC), Columbia Lake Association (CLA), Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC), residents and interested citizens to discuss Invasive Species Weed Control at Columbia Lake.
 - 2.1.1** LMAC Overview of Phragmites Australis Invasive Species.
 - 2.1.2** Scientific Support ~ Greg Bugbee, The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station.
 - 2.1.3** Public Comments and Questions and Answers Session.
 - 2.1.4** LMAC Recommendation and Motion to the Town of Columbia Board of Selectmen.
 - 2.1.5** IWWC Statement of Support for the LMAC Motion.
 - 2.1.6** Environmental Advisory Committee Statement of Support for the LMAC Motion.
 - 2.1.7** Deliberation of the BOS and action on the motion.

- 3. ADJOURNMENT:**

Lake Management Advisory Committee

Phragmites Australis Invasive Species Overview ~
Town of Columbia Informational Meeting: June 7, 2018



Phragmites Australis Invasive Species Identified



**Eagle Scout Project:
Lake Cleanup & Education
To Protect Columbia Lake**

November 2016

Columbia Lake, Columbia CT

Locations of Phragmites Stands: Four Lake Bed & Two Wetlands Locations

AREA D: Lower Woodland Terrace ~ on lakebed 3 houses down from Woodland Terrace Association common dock

AREA C: Camp Asto Wamah on Lily Pad Cove ~ in front of Hungerford House infringing on bed of cat tails ~ can access on right of way after 54 Erdoni Road;

AREA E: Small stand on wetlands across street from Erdoni Rd Beach

3. AREA B: Lake Road ~ facing the lake on lakebed to left of Fochi property are Phragmites stands; right of way access next to 80 Lake Road

AREA A1 & AREA A2: Lake Road ~ Fochi Property ~ Phragmites is on lakebed and large field next to lakebed ~ right of way access next to 80 Lake Road

Phragmites Australis On or Near Columbia Lake



Camp Asto Wamah



Buell's Cove



Woodland Terrace



Erdoni Rd Beach

Why Eliminate Phragmites Australis? Negative Impacts

- Lake Ecosystem
 - ✓ Destruction of Natural Habitat
 - Crowding Out Native Plants
 - Limiting Feeding Grounds for Fish & Water Birds
- Recreational Use
 - ✓ Choke Out Lake Life
 - Swimming, Fishing, Docking Boats
 - Minimize Lake Views
- Economic Costs & Value
 - ✓ Ongoing & Costly Control Efforts
 - ✓ \$ Per Acre Cleanup Costs
 - ✓ Impact on Town Mill Rate & Tax Base



Phragmites Australis Treatment Information

- Treatment Efficacy & Safety
- Treating Before vs. After Lake Draw Down: Safety/Efficacy Impact
- Timing of PA Herbicide Treatment Could Impact Efficacy
- Permits
- Cutting and Removing Phragmites Australis



LMAC Recommendations to Town of Columbia Board of Selectmen

- Based on the thorough research conducted, LMAC recommends the Town of Columbia move forward to eliminate the invasive species, *Phragmites australis*, found on or near Columbia Lake.
- A motion approved by LMAC (9 -1) on May 2, 2018 recommends to the Board of Selectmen that the Town of Columbia hire SOLitude to treat the six stands of *Phragmites australis* found on or near Columbia Lake.
- Based on expert guidance:
 - ✓ LMAC recommends that the target treatment date be the last week of August 2018, at whatever natural water level the Lake is at that time, without a draw down.
 - ✓ LMAC recommends a second treatment, as needed, four to six weeks later before the first hard frost.

LMAC Backgrounder ~ May 2, 2018

Revised Request for Proposals (RFP) For Phragmites Australis (PA) Invasive Species Control Work On Columbia Lake CT

Synopsis Of RFP Revisions, Research & Interviews with Dr. Greg Bugbee, Nick McMahon, The Pond And Lake Connection and Joe Onorato, SOLitude

Consensus ~ the Revised Request for Proposals Combined with Three interviews Resulted in General Agreement for the Following Topics:

1. Herbicide Treatment Efficacy and Safety

- a. Systemic herbicides consistently produce the most effective control, have the highest success rates and is the recommended first step treatment versus other treatments as cutting, hand pulling, mowing, burning and/or flooding.
- b. The efficacy rates for eradicating small amounts of PA are in the 90% range with a possible need for a second treatment to fully eradicate PA.
- c. The recommended herbicide treatment options are EPA and CT DEEP approved. The CT DEEP approval further limits some herbicides for aquatic use.
- d. Based on the small amount of the four PA stands in and near Columbia Lake immediate treatment requires a miniscule amount of herbicide. As the PA grows treating it in 2, 3, 4, or 5 years increases the amount of herbicide required. In other words, 'nip it in the bud'. PA is a detriment to the lake ecosystem.

2. Treating Before vs. After Lake Draw Down: Safety/Efficacy Impact

- a. If the Town of Columbia (TOC) chooses to wait for the lake drawdown it is due to the comfort level for the town. Waiting for a drawdown does not improve safety. There is no data to support improving safety by treating PA in water versus out of water. The majority of the herbicide is applied on and absorbed by the PA plants. Any trace amounts in the water become inactive through dilution, hydrolysis and photodegradation. There is no bioaccumulation where the herbicide accumulates in plant or fish and is introduced to the food chain.
- b. Herbicide treatments have the same efficacy if applied before or after a lake draw down with one exception. The exception is when the first hard frost hits herbicide effectiveness is zero. (See Timing of Herbicide Application)

3. Timing of PA Herbicide Treatment Could Impact Efficacy

- a. The ideal timing for PA herbicide treatments to destroy the underground rhizomes is the July through September time period with late August thru September being the 'sweet spot'. In addition this timing allows for a follow up treatment if some PA remains.
- b. If the TOC desires a drawdown there are at least two efficacy risks. One is herbicide treatment will not be effective after the first hard frost. Note: The average First Frost Date for the Columbia CT areas is September 21 – September 30. (Map of CT Zone 6 - Plantmaps.com)
- c. The second efficacy risk is if needed a 2018 follow up herbicide treatment to eradicate PA is more likely to be compromised by hard frost or cannot be done after a draw down.
- d. If the preference is to treat after a drawdown, to manage the diminishing efficacy risk the following time frames should be considered:
 - i. Best Case ~ September 1 Draw Down; Treat September 15
 - ii. Good Case ~ September 15 Draw Down; Treat October 1*
 - iii. Worse Case ~ October 1 Draw Down; Treat October 15*

* Increased likelihood of no 2018 follow up treatment.

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 LMAC Backgrounder May 2, 2018 ~ ~ Page 2**

4. Permits

- a. Regardless of a lake draw down or not, CT DEEP treats the lake as the lake based on the perimeter (boundary) of the lake and not where the water is at a particular time. Permits and approvals must be obtained whether the PA is in standing water or when not in standing water if within the lake perimeter.

5. Cutting and Removal of Phragmites Australis (PA)

- a. Cutting and removing PA is 'nice' versus 'need'. The decision is based on aesthetics and/or to encourage native plant growth. PA will decompose on its own over time. However one could cut and mulch or cut and remove including appropriately disposing the PA by bagging it.
- b. Note: The PA in front of the Camp Asto Wamah Hungerford House is over taking cattail growth. In that area you may want to consider cutting and removing the dead PA to allow the cattails to grow again in that area.

Non-Consensus Topics:

Discussion Topics	Greg Bugbee, Scientist	Pond & Lake Connection	SOLitude
Herbicides to Use	What experts recommend today; Aquatic herbicides registered by EPA & approved by CT DEEP.	Glyphosate – Rodeo based on efficacy and proven record that aquatic glyphosate does not contain surfactants found in Roundup that are toxic to aquatic organisms.	Imazamox – Clearcast based on efficacy, toxicology profile & negative publicity related to glyphosate; This product is safely used in & out of water for emergent, floating and shoreline invasive species.
Experience	Objective scientist whose expertise is the surveillance of invasive plants in lakes and ponds	Started in mid 1990's; In State of CT; Regional reach to CT, NY, NJ; Extensive Experience in Applications	40 years with National reach; Extensive Experience including Applications & Research as Esplanade Pilot Study
Cost of 1st Proposals	X	\$10,350 with Cutting & 2 Treatments	\$7,380 with Cutting & 2 Treatments
Cost of Revised Proposals	X	\$5,050 for Permitting, 2 Treatments & Reporting	\$2,880 for Permitting, 2 Treatments & Reporting
LMAC Recommendation			Hire SOLitude

INSURANCE COVERAGE

SOLitude is properly insured to undertake aquatic herbicide and algaecide application work in Connecticut. An insurance certificate will be provided upon contract award.

COST AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Costs shown below are inclusive of all tasks described above in the Scope of Services.

Management Task	Schedule	Description	Cost
Permitting/Notifications	- Upon Award	- Prepare and file Permit with CT DEEP - Shoreline posting	- \$500
Phragmites Initial Treatment	- August	- Perform treatment of Phragmites using Clearcast (Imazamox).	- \$1,280
Phragmites Follow-Up Treatment	- September/ October	- Perform follow-up application targeting Phragmites	- \$600
Year End Reporting	- December	- Prepare annual summary report following cutting, anticipated in January/February	- \$500

TOTAL 2018 PROGRAM COST..... \$2,880.00

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

SOLitude Lake Management shall invoice the Town directly commensurate with the completion of each task, and the amount is to be paid within 30 days.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

Additional monitoring/consulting services requested by the Town beyond the scope of work proposed herein would be billed at the following rates.

- Principal Biologist \$145/hr.
- Sr. Biologist/Environmental Engineer \$115-125/hr.
- Biologist.....\$85-105/hr.
- Field Technician/Technical Support..... \$60/hr.
- Expenses: (mileage \$0.35/mi; copies \$0.15/pg; faxes \$0.50/pg; water analysis, postage and miscellaneous expenses cost plus 15%)

We are confident that the proposed program will result in excellent control of the invasive Phragmites. Should you have any questions regarding our Proposal, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,



04/26/2018

Date

Joe Onorato
Business Development Consultant
SOLitude Lake Management
590 Lake Street
Shrewsbury, MA 01545

Town of Columbia
Finance Department
323 Jonathan Trumbull Highway
Columbia, Connecticut 06237
Office: 860-228-8423 Fax: 860-228-2392

DATE: 6/4/2018

TO: Carol Price, Tax Collector
Steven Everett, First Selectman
Mark Walter, Town Administrator

FROM: Bev Ciurylo, Finance Director and Treasurer

RE: **Columbia 2018-2019 Mill Rate if no state funding were received**

The Town of Columbia's 2018-2019 budget was approved and adopted at the Annual Town Meeting on May 15, 2018 with a Mill Rate of 29.33.

Below is a calculation of the 2018-2019 Mill Rate if the Town did not receive any state funding.

<u>BUDGETED 2017-2018 INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE:</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
320 Homeland Security Grant	1,500
352 Education Equalization Grant	2,409,369
353 Special Education Grant	150,000
354 School Transportation Grant	
755 School Construction Bond Pmt Reimbursement	6,940
361 Frozen Elderly Tax Relief Grant	
362 Circuit Breaker Elderly Tax Relief Grant	0
364 Disabled Persons Tax Relief Grant	500
365 Veterans Relief Grant	2,000
366 Exemption-Machinery & Equipment	
382 PILOT-State Property	3,666
383 Pequot-Mohegan Grant	4,857
367 Municipal Revenue Sharing	0
368 Municipal Projects Grants	26,763
368 Municipal Stabilization Grant	28,393
685 LOCIP Reimbursement	45,578
686 STEAP Reimbursement	
TOTAL BUDGETED INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	<u>2,679,566</u>
2017 Net Grand List (budgeted)	<u>486,906,745</u>
Value of One Mill, based on the Grand List prorated at a 97.5% collection rate:	<u>474,734.08</u>
Additional mills required if revenue above is not received	5.64
Actual 18/19 Mill Rate	<u>29.33</u>
Mill rate if no state funding were received	<u>34.97</u>

NOTES:

- * Prepared after the 05/15/2018 Annual Town Budget Meeting where annual town budget was approved.
- * The 2018-2019 Mill Rate was set by the Financial Planning and Allocation Commission after the Town Meeting.
- * The 2018-2019 Intergovernmental Revenues are based on the Proposed State Budget which is still pending as of

Nor'easter

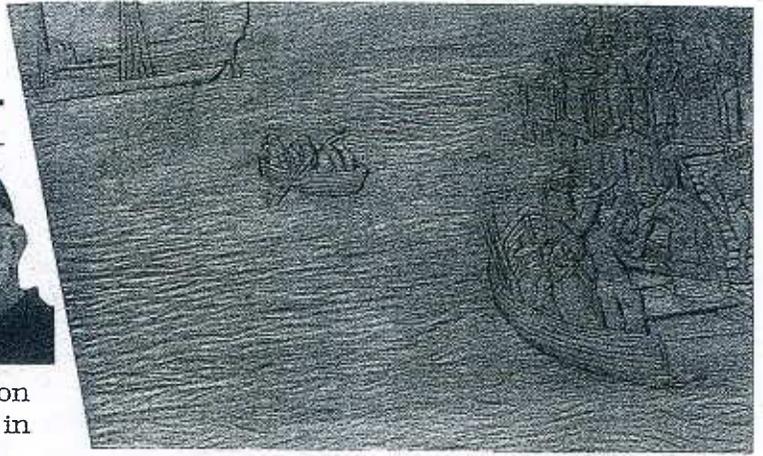
By JOE MARSHALL, NASHUA, N. H.

IN July of 1620, the *Mayflower* sailed from Rotherhithe on the Thames River with 65 passengers. The ship was headed to Southampton to rendezvous with the *Speedwell*, which was coming from Holland with English separatist Puritans on board. The plan was for the two ships to sail to the mouth of the Hudson River, which was part of the Colony of Virginia in America.



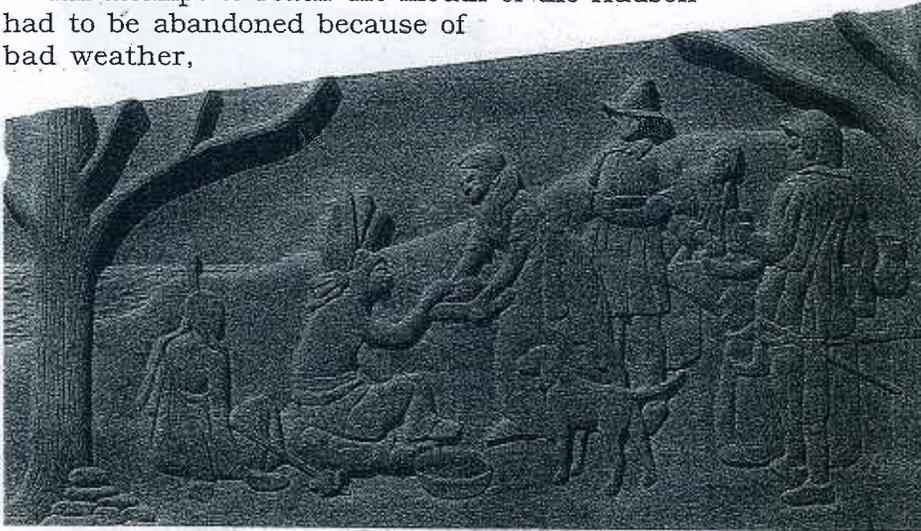
After a few false starts and because of leaking problems, the *Speedwell* had to be left behind. Finally, on September 6, 1620, the *Mayflower* sailed for America with 102 Pilgrims and approximately 25 crew members. After a long and difficult voyage, the *Mayflower* sighted land on November 9, 1620, but it was Provincetown Harbor on Cape Cod, not the mouth of the Hudson River.

An attempt to reach the mouth of the Hudson had to be abandoned because of bad weather,

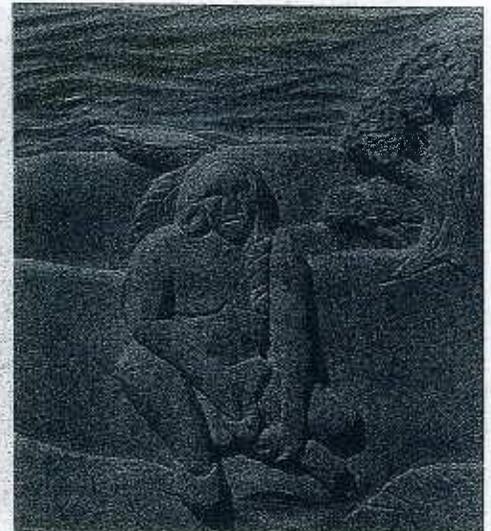


The departure from Holland carved by Roger Morency.

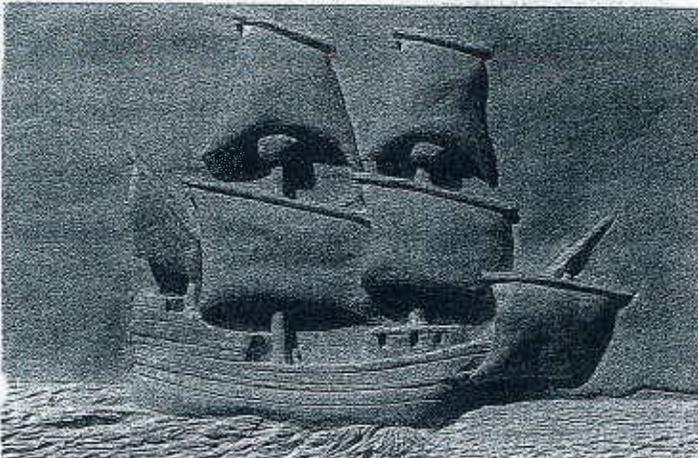
so the *Mayflower* returned to Provincetown Harbor on November 11 where they wrote the Mayflower Compact. The pilgrims explored various parts of Cape Cod and eventually sought a suitable location for a permanent settlement west of Cape Cod Bay. They settled in the shelter of Plymouth Harbor, disembarking on December 21, 1620, an event that



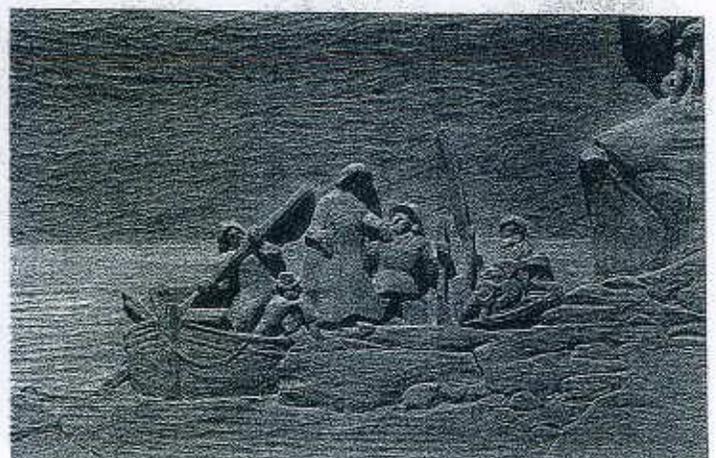
Thanksgiving feast of 1621 celebrates the first harvest; carved by Eugene Good.



Dennis Tormey carved Squanto.



The *Mayflower* carved by Lawrence Wood.



Landing in Plymouth carved by Wayland Stetson.

would lead to the establishment of the United States of America.

Approximately 396 years later, Mystic Carvers member Mary Brown had an idea to commemorate the upcoming 400th anniversary (in 2020) of the sailing of the *Mayflower*. Mary thought the Mystic Carvers should carve a tribute to the Pilgrims' voyage, and the events leading up to their journey. Her fellow Mystic Carvers enthusiastically accepted the idea. The end result is "The Pilgrims' Odyssey," an 8-foot by 5.5-foot rolling frame shaped like the silhouette of the *Mayflower* [see cover photo].

Designed by David Schulze, this frame would hold relief carved tiles depicting key events of the Pilgrims' odyssey. The *Mayflower Compact* is carved on the back side.

Mary also enlisted the help of the Connecticut Society of Mayflower Descendants, who contributed to the cost of the frame materials.

Those woodcarvers who participated include Randel Russo, Ned Wilson, Charles Larkins Sr., Dennis Tormey, Alice Mellor, Roger Morency, Jack Costello, Lillian Vincent, Lawrence Wood, Eugene Levesque, Ritva Autio, Raymond Johnson, Wayland Stetson, Kate Clauson, Ben Anderson, John K. Harris, Robert Vredenberg, Warren J. Blessing Jr., Hilaire Cote, Lou Monaghan, Thomas Fritz, Eugene Good, and Louis Gerolami.

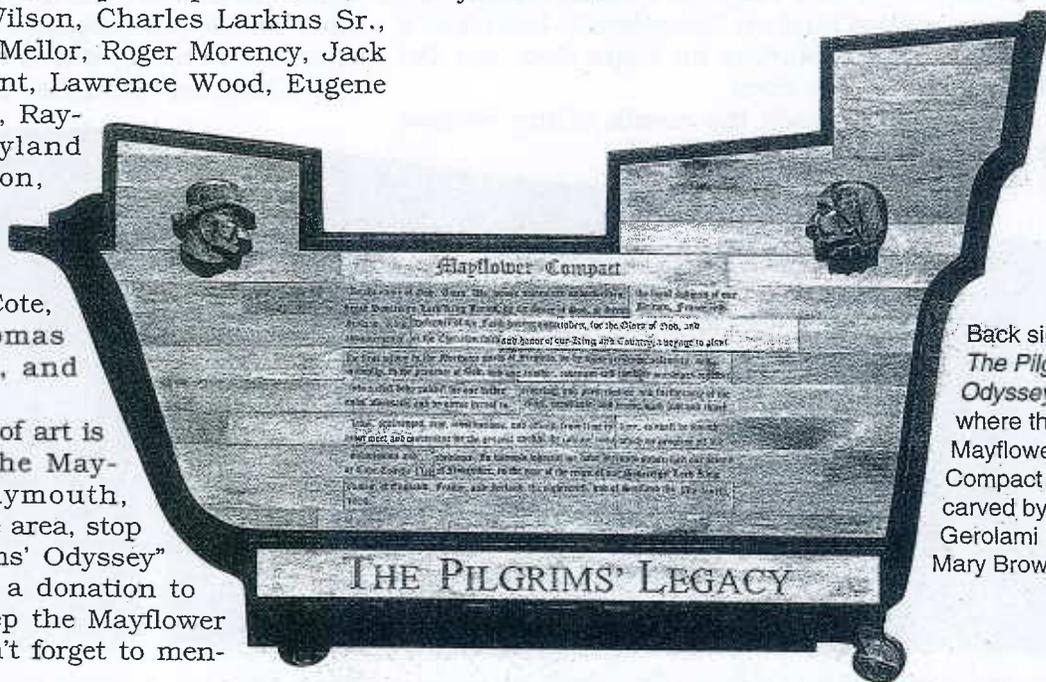
The finished work of art is now on display at the *Mayflower House* in Plymouth, Mass. If you are in the area, stop by to see "The Pilgrims' Odyssey" and consider making a donation to support efforts to keep the *Mayflower* story alive — and don't forget to men-

tion you are a woodcarver.

Photos of all of the carved tiles are on the New England Wood Carvers website at www.newc.org; also, a booklet containing more detailed information about the project and carvers is available on the website. Click on The Pilgrims' Odyssey tab along the top of the page. Any history buffs might enjoy reading Nathaniel Philbrick's book, *Mayflower*, or visiting Wikipedia at <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mayflower> for more information.

I want to thank Ed Ertel for bringing this project to my attention, and a special thank-you to Mary for engaging her fellow carvers in creating a work of art that highlights such a significant step in the founding of our great country.

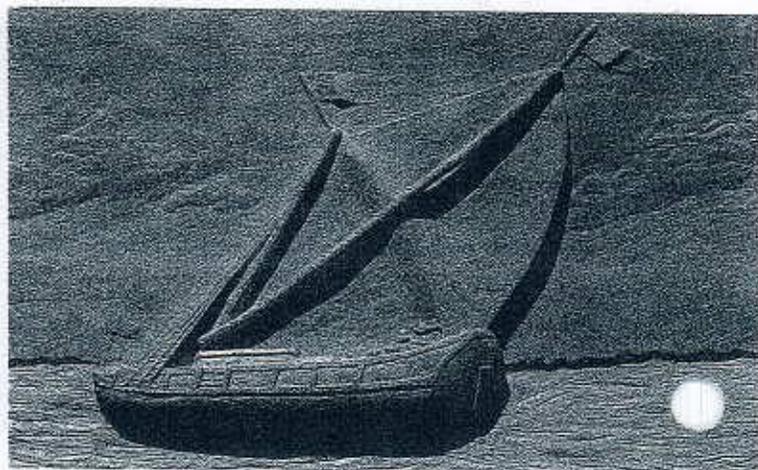
Interesting note. While preparing this column, I learned that there were 26 vessels bearing the name *Mayflower*. In those days in England, ships were often named after plants. I guess shipbuilders liked mayflowers. ■



Back side of *The Pilgrims' Odyssey*, where the *Mayflower Compact* was carved by Lou Gerolami and Mary Brown.



"Signing of the *Mayflower Compact*" carved by Ray Johnson.



The Speedwell is the work of Jack Costello.



Commanding Officer

State of Connecticut



Connecticut State Police Troop K - Colchester



Executive Officer
Master Sergeant William Kittle

Date: 05-01-2018

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 April 2018 the Columbia Resident Trooper as well as Troop K Troopers responded to 248 Calls for Service in the Town of Columbia. Of these Calls for Service the most notable are:

Accidents:	5
Burglaries:	1
Larcenies:	1
Other Criminal:	7
Other Non-Criminal:	4
Non Reportable Matters:	147
Other Noteworthy Events (List):	
2 narcotics arrest	
1 sex assault	
1 fugitive from justice	

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

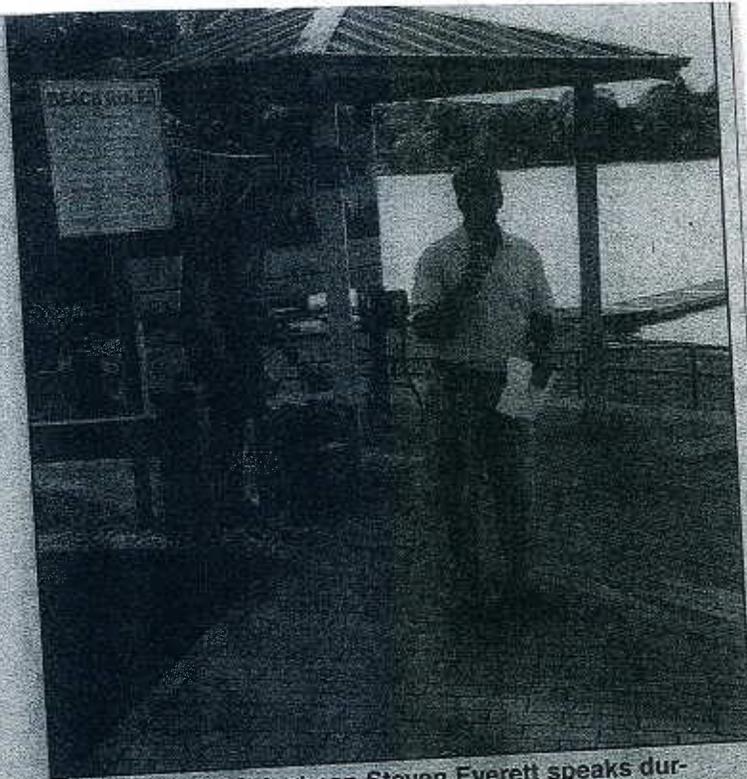
On-Sight DWI:	0
Traffic Citations:	67
Written Warnings:	15

Sincerely,

W. A. 

Master Sergeant Kittle
Executive Officer
Troop "K" Colchester, CT

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Columbia First Selectman Steven Everett speaks during a dedication of a new pavilion at Columbia Lake on Thursday. Contributed photo

Dream for lake becomes reality

Vance honored for her work

MICHELLE FIRESTONE
CHRONICLE STAFF WRITER

COLUMBIA — For nearly two decades, Carmen Vance worked tirelessly on behalf of the citizens of Columbia.

One of the former first selectman's goals was to make the beach at Columbia Lake handicapped-accessible.

With her help and that of several others in town, that dream has become a reality.

The new pavilion at the beach was dedicated to

Vance in honor of the work she has done for the town during an event Thursday evening.

"It's nice to be recognized by your colleagues and that's how I felt last fall when they announced they were going

to dedicate it to me," Vance said Thursday afternoon.

The event also celebrated the opening of the town beach.

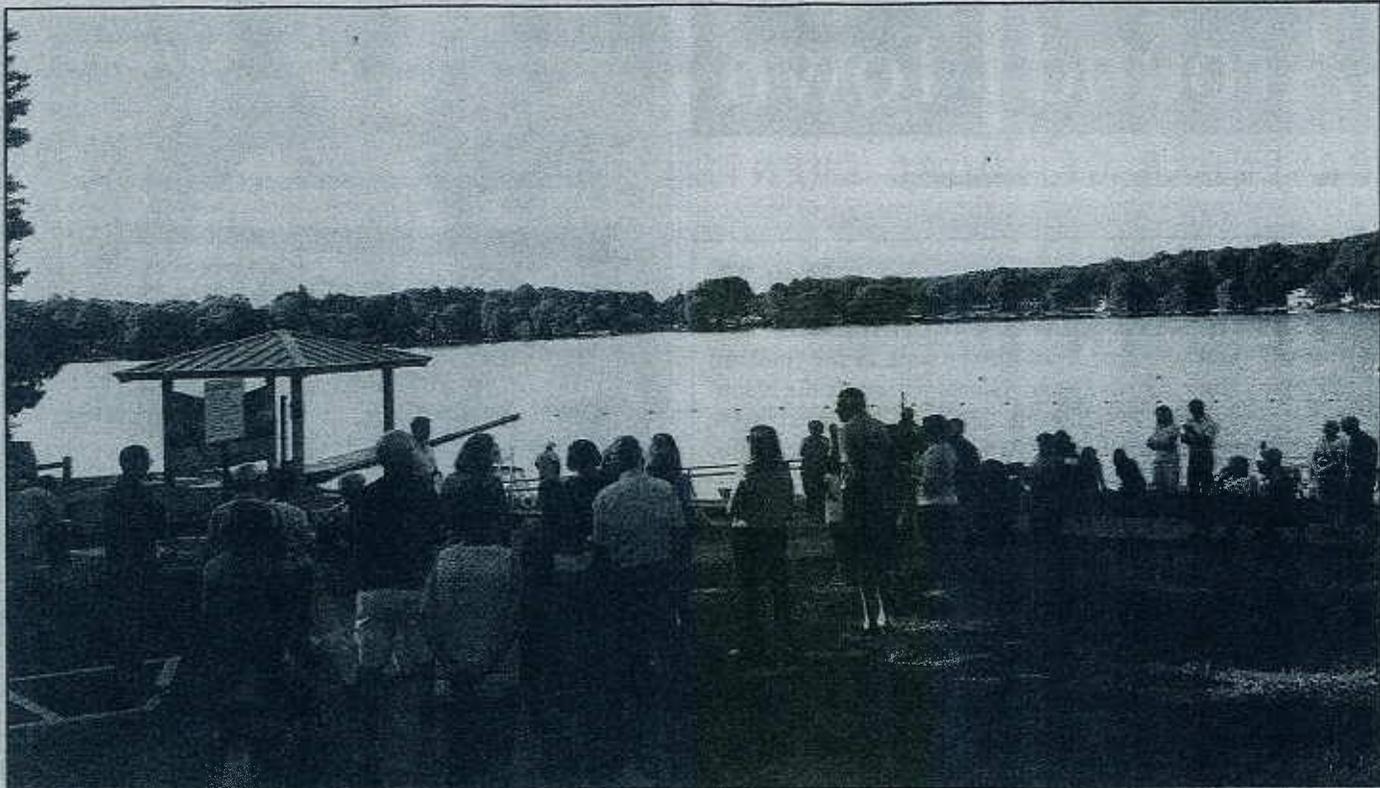
After 14 years on the board of selectmen, including eight as first selectman, Vance passed on the torch to current First Selectman Steven Everett, who was elected in November.

Vance, who lives by the



Former first selectman Carmen Vance listens during the ceremony.

Contributed photo



A crowd gathers for the dedication of a new pavilion and handicapped-accessible improvements at Columbia Lake on Thursday. Contributed photo

Dream for lake becomes reality

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lake, was very involved with the committee in charge of bringing in a pavilion and the handicapped-accessible improvements.

"I'm glad she helped drive it to completion and it will be a good reminder of all she did for the town," Columbia Town Administrator Mark Walter said.

James Blair Landscape & Design of Columbia built a retaining wall to prevent sand erosion, which was a problem in the past.

His company also installed handicapped-accessible sidewalks.

Walter had high praise for Vance, whom he worked with from July 2016, when

he started his position, to November 2017.

"She was amazing in the sense that she always had her pulse on what was going on in the town and her memory was great," he said.

Everett said Vance has been a mentor and friend to him.

In addition to her service on the board of selectmen, she served on and was chairman of the board of education from 1999 to 2003.

"She did a great job for the town," Everett said.

Vance, who served for more than a decade on the lake patrol, said she was pleased with how the beach improvements turned out.

"It will be interesting to see how it gets used all summer," she said of the handicapped-

accessible area.

According to Walter, the town budgeted \$111,369 for the beach improvements in the capital improvement plan and \$116,952 was spent.

He said that included the handicapped-accessible area and reducing the slope of the beach "to make it a nicer beach for the public."

Walter said the project went slightly over budget because the town decided to build an additional wall along the sidewalk running down to the boat house to help hold back and retain the slope.

That aspect of the project was not included in the original budget.

Walter said the town also added a wooden guardrail to the parking lot as a barrier

for cars.

He said the town decided to put up a pavilion because a big maple tree was taken down.

The tree was removed because its roots were in the way of where the wall had to go.

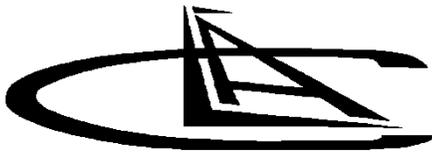
The pavilion was purchased because, without the tree, there was no shade in the area.

"It's all a really good layout," said Walter. "It looks great."

Vance said she loves Columbia and she enjoyed being able to work with town staff.

"It's just a great place to be, great place to live," she said.

Follow Michelle Firestone on Twitter - @mfirestonec.



The WAVE

Columbia Lake Association

Volume XXVI 1st Edition

May 31, 2018

Message from the President

Welcome to the Spring/Summer 2018 edition of The WAVE! Our long, cold, snowy winter and wet, rainy spring season left us with a full lake by mid April. And finally in May some glorious spring weather arrived. Already many have enjoyed kayaking, canoeing, boating, fishing, skiing and tubing.

My opening remarks to kick off the 2018 season speak to two themes. The first theme is to recognize the commitment and the accomplishments of CLA members and other town residents who are dedicated to preserving and protecting the lake. You will find a series of updates throughout The WAVE related to winter activities by LMAC, the Inlands Wetlands Commission, the Fireworks Ad Hoc Committee and your Board of Directors (BOD) with an emphasis to protect and preserve our lake. Kudos and thank you to our CLA members and other town residents who took time to support initiatives focused on protecting our lake ecosystem.

The second theme refers to the journey we are taking as an organization - we are an ecosystem, too, meaning a community of interacting organisms that evolves, and whose change is ongoing and dynamic. Past examples of change for the benefit of the lake include the creation of Wetlands Districts, a Nutrient Allocation Plan and a Boat Launch Gate. Now we face issues with a terrestrial wetlands invasive species, blue algae blooms and cohabitating with new wildlife, our eagles. Within any community as we evolve there will be concerns. Concerns aren't negative; they are unanswered questions. As we move forward we want your voice to be heard so change is not done to one but done with one. Thus, we welcome your feedback.

In closing, four pearls of wisdom were shared by a mentor regarding how change can be done with one. First, **Show Up** as your presence makes a difference. Second, **Speak Up** using the power of voice to shape and frame the agendas as our CLA evolves. Third, **Look Up** and ensure you do what's right and stand for our collective vision and values. Fourth, **Team Up** as everything goes better when you partner for solutions. When we gather, speak and do the right thing in partnership so much can and will continue to be accomplished.

See you on the lake!

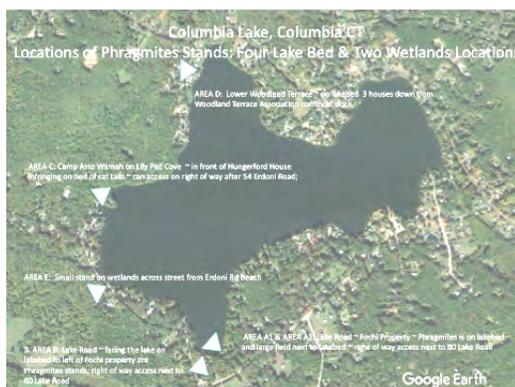


S.A.I.L. with the CLA ~ Socialize, Advocate, Influence and Learn!

CLA May 24, 2018 Meeting

Based on winter activities related to LMAC and the Wetlands Commission's actions to combat the invasive species called Phragmites Australis (PA), the Town of Columbia's Planning & Zoning Regulations proposed revisions to Section 10 for non conforming lots and the Fireworks Ad Hoc Committee Report, the CLA BOD called for a meeting on May 24th to provide updates, discuss actions and consider motions for the membership to consider. The following articles are a synopsis of the discussions, motions and agreed actions.

Phragmites Australis (PA) Invasive Species

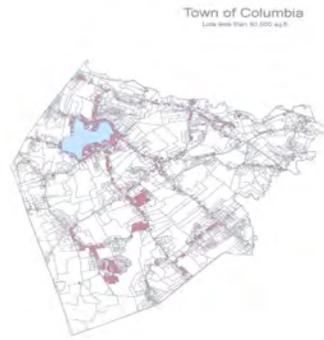


As background, in 2016 six stands of PA a non-native wetlands reed found throughout CT and the USA were identified to be in or near the lake perimeter. Initially, PA seeds spread by wind. Once anchored PA aggressively spreads by underground rhizomes a horizontal stem that sends out roots and shoots to start new plants. Rhizomes, create thick underground mats and can expand at the rate of 30 feet per year. Note the PA stand on Erdoni Rd measured 20' in length last year; it now measures 50' in length. PA has biological impacts as limiting feeding grounds for fish and water birds and crowding out native plants (e.g. the cattails in Lily Pad Cove). In addition PA has recreational and visual impacts (e.g. Woodland Terrace and Buell's Cove) and ultimately as it spreads, higher economic costs and diminished value. Upon seeking the guidance of an Eastern CT State University Biologist, Russ Koning and our Limnologist, Robert Kortmann in 2016, conservative measures to cut and remove and to cover areas with plastic barriers to prevent sunlight were taken to eliminate the PA. The measures failed; the PA grew back denser and spread further. LMAC with the Wetlands Commission then sought the advice of one of Connecticut's leading PA experts, Greg Bugbee from The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station. And we thoroughly researched how to best eliminate PA. Bottom line, careful and targeted application of specific herbicides to destroy the rhizomes by licensed applicators has proven to be the most successful solution. LMAC recommended that our Board of Selectmen (BOS) secure request for proposals to eliminate the PA. The town secured bids and upon review LMAC and the Wetlands Commission recommended that the BOS move forward with the firm SOLitude to perform the treatments to eliminate PA this year. On May 24th the CLA membership virtually unanimously (one dissenting vote) approved a motion that CLA membership adopt LMAC's recommendation to the BOS endorsed by the Wetlands Commission to hire SOLitude and implement their plan of action.

CLA MEMBERS NEXT ACTION STEPS:

1. Review the LMAC Backgrounder outlining the research and rationale to eliminate PA while it poses a nuisance and before it becomes widespread further endangering the lake's ecosystem.
2. On **June 7, 2018 at 7:00 PM** attend a Board of Selectmen Informational Meeting at Yeoman's Hall to support LMAC and the Wetlands Commission recommendation to hire SOLitude to eradicate the PA. Let's eliminate PA before a nuisance becomes a hazard and danger! Our voices count and are needed.

Town of Columbia Planning & Zoning Commission Section 10 Non Conformity Revisions



As the map above outlines, the maroon color shows non-conforming lots in the town. A large amount ~ 283 lots surround Columbia Lake in the Wetlands LAR district. For nearly three years the CLA BOD and our Liaison with the Town Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Commission, Dan O’Neil partnered with the P&Z and our Town Planner Paula Stahl related to revisions to Non Conformity, Section 10 of our P&Z regulations. The CLA BOD recognizes and applauds the partnership with the P&Z to provide revisions that are clear, concise and consider feedback throughout the development. Upon review of the proposed revisions to be discussed at a June 11, 2018 Public Hearing the CLA BOD shared the following two changes to Section 10.4.2 for the membership to consider supporting. They are:

- In order to build reasonable houses that the proposed table section for non-conforming lots between 12,501 and 25,000 square feet be changed to be the same minimum side and minimum front/rear setbacks as lots less than 12,500 square feet. The rationale for this change is that the Public Health Codes relative to placements of septic systems and wells are the primary determinant for the placement of structures on a lot. For lots 25,000 square feet or less the proposed minimum setbacks can present a ‘double whammy’ on if or where a structure can be placed and can impact the ability to build an acceptable structure considering the neighborhood’s character.
- Add a requirement that when applying for a zoning permit using the proposed table the applicant will need to receive written approval of adjoining neighbors. If approval cannot be attained a Special Permit Application would need to be submitted to the Zoning Board of Appeals that includes a Public Hearing. The rationale for this change is current P&Z regulations require a Special Permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) that requires a Public Hearing alerting neighbors within 500 feet of the lot. Thus communicating to your neighborhood is now required. The proposed revision has no communication/approval procedure. The suggested compromise is so when one wishes to build this is discussed with adjoining neighbors only. Also it allows for consideration of neighbors to assess if building occurs, it does not infringe on their ability to build on their own lot at a later time.

The CLA Members unanimously voted for a motion recommending the CLA Membership support the two proposed changes. The CLA will present a statement for the record at the June 11th Public Hearing.

CLA MEMBERS NEXT ACTION STEPS:

1. Review the Town’s Section 10 Proposal for Revision to Non Conformity
2. On **June 11, 2018 at 7:00 PM** attend the Town’s Public Hearing at Yeoman’s Hall to voice your support the two changes recommended by the CLA membership. Your voice counts! The number of supporters will be important!!

Fireworks Ad Hoc Committee Report

In July 2018 the committee was formed to consider legal fireworks in harmony with the CLA mission, gather information and identify alternatives to choose from with a report and recommendations made to the CLA BOD. This winter the committee chaired by Dan O'Neil and members Mike Gnazzo, Joel Mrosek, Henry Beck and Mary Roickle met and discussed an extensive number of issues regarding fireworks on the lake. The major areas of investigation researched were the technical feasibility of a legal commercial display, the practical viability and acknowledging issues of illegal fireworks.

The concluding recommendations were presented to the CLA BOD including to not establish a fireworks policy, not pursuing, organizing or sponsoring a legal fireworks display and providing information updates as needed. The CLA BOD voted to receive the Fireworks Ad Hoc Committee Report, to take no action with respect to the report and to make the report available to the membership upon request. At the May 24th meeting, the CLA Membership unanimously endorsed the CLA BOD's decisions.

During the meeting discussions two points were made of note. One is that the CLA is not and should not be the enforcer with respect to laws and regulations pertaining to fireworks. The second is that our focus should be to educate and be advocates for behaviors that protect the lake ecosystem that includes all living organisms and the physical environment. We will be guided by doing the right thing respective to our mission and values. For a copy of the ad hoc committee's report email Sharon Ladd at columbialakeassociation@gmail.com. Thank you to Dan and the committee for their thoughtful discussions and conclusions.

Moments in History: Columbia Lake ~ Through The Years

The Columbia Historical Society Exhibit

Come one, come all and learn about the many moments in history in Columbia Lake! On May 20th, the Columbia Historical Society opened its first exhibit in its new home, The History Place (Across Rt. 87 from the Library). On Selected Sunday afternoons through October, the exhibit will be open to the public at no cost. The exhibit will trace the history of the Columbia Lake Watershed from its early use by Native Americans, to its industrial uses during the 18th & 19th centuries, and its recreational use since the early twentieth century. It also examines the more recent history of stewardship by the town and private groups as the CLA, to ensure that it provides scenic and recreational resources for humans and important habitat for wildlife well into the future.

A special "Go Fish" game will be offered to children twelve and under who visit the exhibit and learn about the fish who live in the lake. Participants will be entered into a free drawing with the chance to win fishing equipment prizes.

Exhibit Open Hours ~ Sunday June 3, 1-4; Sunday June 17, 1-4; Wednesday July 4, 9-12; Sunday July 22, 1-4; Sunday August 12, 1-4; Sunday August 26, 1-4; Sunday September 16, 1-4; Saturday October 20, 12:30-4

Associated Activities ~

- **Utley Mills & Lake Watershed Walk** ~ Saturday June 2, 1-3pm – Leaders are Joan Hill & Ann Dunnack. Meet at rear of Recreation Park (60 Hennequin Rd) at 12:45
- **Historical Float Trips on Columbia Lake** ~ Sunday, July 15 & Sunday, August 19 3PM & 4PM,. Prior registration is required at millieramz@gmail.com or 860 729-5472. There will be a \$5.00 fee for each individual. This event is co-sponsored by the Town of Columbia Recreation Dept. and the Columbia Historical Society.

Our Resident Eagles ~ Bert, Harry & Welcome 'Special K'



It seems this winter humans were not the only ones conducting business regarding the lake ecosystem. There were sightings of Bert and Harry on and about the lake. It appeared they busied themselves upgrading their nest and preparing for the breeding season. Well there was breeding success as around mid-April Ken Koper, an avid photographer of our eagles captured the first picture of a new eaglet as seen above on the left. And my how this 'little one' is growing.

The next four pictures courtesy of Amy Worrell depicts the eaglet banding process conducted by CT DEEP's Wildlife Division as eaglets approach 6 to 8 weeks. DEEP aims for around 6 weeks of age as the chicks are easiest to handle at that age. A DEEP wildlife specialist is the climber to the nest. He gently bagged the chick and he/she is lowered to the ground; they are held by an eagle professional as 2nd DEEP wildlife specialist bands the eaglet and essentially performs a physical. The eaglet weighed 6 and ½ pounds. A blood sample was taken as well as a series of measurements that indicate age and sex. The blood samples are used to measure exposure to environmental contaminants. The DEEP specialists believe that this eaglet is a male. The second from right picture depicts the eaglet undergoing a physical after banding. The third picture from the right shows the eaglet being bagged for his return trip to the nest. It was interesting that an unhatched egg was found in the nest. This is a rare occurrence as unhatched eggs usually are destroyed in the nest. It was taken for analysis.

It is quite a process to the dismay of Bert and Harry. Mom and Dad stayed nearby within view of the nest while the banding occurred. Adults are rarely aggressive. As big birds, they are not very agile and don't feel safe attacking a person because it could be hard for them to fly off again. In several years of banding eagles, it was shared no climber has been hit by an adult. Yet, worried as the parents were when all was done Bert and then Harry returned to the nest and now continue to nourish their youngster.

You can see in the second picture above the band starts with the letter "K". The DEEP specialist, Jenny suggested that the male eaglet's name be 'Special K'. It seems that name has stuck as I have heard it now more than a few times from some of the folks who witnessed the banding. So welcome Special K to Columbia Lake!



PS ~ there have been a sightings of beavers on the lake as late as May 30th when the above photo was taken! If you see a beaver give them there space and report when/where seen at columbialakeassociatin@gmail.com

The Marine Patrol

The Columbia Marine Patrol looks forward to the start of the 2018 boating season. The Marine Patrol service roles to Columbia residents using our lake include performing safety and registration inspections of vessels operating on the lake; providing educational & safety instruction to boaters for their protection while boating on the lake; performing inspections for aquatic invasive species; providing educational information regarding the dangers of aquatic invasive species; how to prevent the transfer of invasive species. As we kick off the 2018 season below are a few Marine Patrol reminders for all town residents:

- Drones ~ Per the Town of Columbia drones are not allowed to be used on or near Columbia Lake.
- Motorized vessels must be currently registered with the State of Connecticut. All boats must also be registered to residents of Columbia. Long term (more than 30 days) home renters may also operate a vessel on the lake.
- The Beach and Boat Launch Town Ordinance amended in 2017 provides for a gated boat launch with set hours for safety and invasive species inspections. Town residents who desire access to the lake after open gate hours must be certified to self inspect their boats.
- The Beach and Boat Launch Town Ordinance also outlines the maximum horsepower for an outboard engine at 80 HP and the maximum for an inboard engine at 150 HP. Hours for operating an internal combustion engine on the lake are from 7:00 AM to 10:00PM.
- Paddleboard operators are reminded that paddleboards are considered vessels and as such operators must carry a personal flotation device (PFD) when operating the paddleboard more than 100 feet from shore.

Columbia Lake Gate Hours ~ Summer Schedule

May 26, 2018 Through September 9, 2018 ~
Sunday Through Saturday 10:00 am – 9:00 pm

Columbia Lake Gate Hours ~ Fall Schedule

September 15, 2018 – October 14, 2018
Saturday And Sunday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Note: The Gate Will Be Closed During Inclement Weather

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) what can you do to help stop AIS? PREVENTION is the most effective option for stopping the spread of aquatic invasive species. When boating or paddling in other waterways before launching in Columbia Lake follow these simple steps of **Clean, Drain, Dry or Disinfect!**

DO NOT TRANSPORT ~ Before Leaving Boat Launch Of Another Water Body	PRIOR TO NEXT LAUNCH ~ At Home
CLEAN & DRAIN	CLEAN, DRAIN, DRY or DISINFECT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ CLEAN ~ remove all visible mud, plants, animals & other debris before transporting equipment ✓ DRAIN ~ eliminate all water from your boat, trailer, tackle and gear before leaving the area, including wells, bilge, and engine cooling water 	<p>In addition to Clean & Drain Practices...DRY or DISINFECT...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ DRY your boat & equipment in hot or sunny weather for 7 days before transporting boat to another body of water OR ✓ DISINFECT ~ Use a high pressure washer to spray of boat & trailer or rinse the boat & trailer with hot water or ✓ Wet the boat & trailer with a bleach solution (1 oz per gallon) or Lysol and hot water for 10 minutes. Rinse well to remove all residual cleaning agents.

Aquatic Invasive Species Self-Certification Workshop

Self-certification refers to the procedures for any town resident to become knowledgeable about aquatic invasive species (AIS). The CLA will conduct a self-certification workshop regarding Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) mid to late summer. At the completion of this workshop, the CLA member will have a baseline understanding of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS), the potential negative impacts of AIS, common examples of AIS found in Connecticut, how AIS can be transported, best AIS management prevention measures and water bodies effected by AIS near Columbia Lake. With the completion of workshop and a Town Certification Form the CLA member will become a Qualified Inspector to self inspect watercraft for Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) prior to launching in Columbia Lake. Dates and details will be shared at our July 11th Annual Meeting.

Annual July 4th Independence Day Town of Columbia Parade

The Town of Columbia and Columbia Lions Club are sponsors of the Annual July 4th Independence Day Parade to be held Wednesday, July 4th at 10:00 AM. The theme for this year's parade is **"Pride of Our Town"**. The parade route begins at the Horace Porter School proceeding towards the Town Center and onto Route 87 ending at Lake Road.

Your Board of Directors welcome one and all's input and ideas for a CLA float with a **"Pride of Our Town"** theme. We aim to earn an award that best represent's this year's theme. Please email us at columbialakeassociation@gmail.com with your creative thoughts!

One and all come out Wednesday morning, July 4th to celebrate our nation's independence!

Columbia Lake Boat Parade: Wednesday, July 4th at 4:00 PM

The CLA will sponsor our Annual July 4th Independence Day Boat Parade to be held Wednesday, July 4th at 4:00 PM on Columbia Lake. The theme for this year's parade is **"Pride of Our Town"**. **Start thinking about creative approaches for 'boat floats' and/or dock decorations to represent "Honoring Volunteers in our Community"!**

NOTE ~ All boats will gather at the Dam. As last year we will register boats at the dam collecting boat names, addresses and assigning a number to each boat as you arrive at the dam so the judges can list your entry by boat number as they evaluate you. The parade start will be signaled by the CLA judging boat. There will be 3 loud blasts of the judging boat's horn to start after all boats have been assigned a number. The parade route will be counter clockwise.

AWARDS ~ The categories to be judged will be 'Best Representing the Theme', 'Most Decorated' and 'Most Spirited'. Judges will be strategically placed around the lake to determine 1st, 2nd, 3rd places and Honorable Mention award winners.

CAUTION ~ Let's ensure that we all follow safe boating practices in terms of the number of people/weight limits for your watercraft, life preservers for all on your water craft and a Slow, No Wake Speed of 6 MPH!

Sooooo... one and all come out Wednesday afternoon, July 4th, be it via boats and floats on the lake or land locked on your docks to hoot, holler, support and continue the July 4th celebration of our nation's independence! All watercraft are welcome.

Columbia Lake Sailing Club ~ 2018 Season



2017 was another great year for sailing on the lake and the sailing club is ready for 2018! The club races on Sunday mornings with sunfish sail boats participating most Sundays weather permitting. The club welcomes any sunfish owner to join us on the water. No experience is necessary as club members are very willing to help you enhance your sailing skills.

The club meets in the middle of the lake at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays. The dues are \$20 dollars for the season. For new members the fee is waived for the first year. To join or for further information contact, Commodore, Jim Preuss at 860-209-6865 or email him at boltoncar34@comcast.net. Looking forward to seeing everyone out on the water this summer!

Protect Against Blue-Green Algae Blooms For The Sake Of Columbia Lake 'LakeSmart' Summer Initiatives

Remember WHEN every stakeholder does one new thing, the impact is HUGE to protect and preserve Columbia Lake! Consider the following actions.....

- Report any signs of algae accumulation as a blue-green soup areas quickly at columbialakeassociation@gmail.com
- Maintain septic system to prevent wastewater from leaking and seeping into lake. Wastewater is filled with nutrients that are food for algae.
- Frequently Pump Septic Systems ~ Minimum of Every Two Years
- Minimize Use of Lawn Fertilizers and Animal Manure Fertilizers ~ Insist Commercial Vendors Use NO Chemicals or Fertilizers that Pose a Threat to the Lake
- Bag and dispose of grass clippings; Do not throw grass clippings in wetlands areas
- Consider Planting a Buffer Strip of Barrier Plantings Between the Lawn & Lake Wall or Rain Gardens
- Prevent Direct Run-Off of Rainwater into Lake ~ Consider Rain Barrels or Rain Gardens
- Minimize Erosion ~ Repair Steep Slopes on Property that Allow Direct Run-Off of Rain Water
- Minimize Animal Feces (high bacteria)
- Eliminate Phosphates
- Avoid Gasoline Spills When Filling Gas Tanks on the Lake
- Participate in Advocacy Efforts and/or Educational Forums to Protect Our Lake



Lost & Found

FOUND ~ A Peacock and small infant float wandered into our lake area last year and have been unclaimed. Contact Carmelo at croidan72@gmail.com



Flotsam & Jetsam

FOR SALE ~ 1990 Prindle 16 Catamaran with Trailer for \$900; the boat is clean and sound, and all rigging and sails are in great shape. It has a new trampoline. It is a very fast and fun boat! The trailer needs some work be to road legal. Contact Joe at 860-337-0048 and/or see Craigslist for more details and photos.

<https://hartford.craigslist.org/boa/d/1990-prindle-16-catamaran/6588686668.html>

WANT TO BUY ~ One used canoe adult sized and one used child size kayak. Call Angela Sposito at 860-337-0256 if you have either or both items.



Passages

Our heartfelt prayers and thoughts are with all of the Keegan's on the loss of Tom Keegan Jr. on May 25th at the age of 84. Tom was a long-time Columbia Lake enthusiast and resident and a beloved husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather.

Welcome to our new members, Roger and Vickie Rice!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Town Beach Passes ~ Starting May 1st Beach Passes are sold at the Parks and Recreation Office or can be purchased online. Day passes are sold at the beach only.

Swim Lessons ~ There are two sessions of swim lessons conducted at the Beach by Red Cross Certified Instructors. Session 1 is July 2nd thru July 12th; Session 2 is July 16th thru July 25th. There are 9 days of lessons with a 10th day reserved for make up lessons if a lesson is cancelled due to inclement weather. Contact the Town Parks & Recreation Department for further information.

Dinner & Dip ~ The 2018 Dinner & Dip event at the Beach will be held Friday, July 13th. Prior to the event purchase tickers from the Town Parks and Recreation Department to enjoy live music, food and friends.

Town Parade and CLA Boat Parade ~ Wednesday, July 4th Town Parade at 10:00 AM & Boat Parade at 4:00 PM



NEXT CLA MEETING DATE
COLUMBIA LAKE ASSOCIATION POT LUCK DINNER
AND OUR ANNUAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 11TH AT THE BECKISH CENTER ~
6:00 PM DINNER & 7:00 PM MEETING

JOIN AND/OR RENEW YOUR CLA MEMBERSHIP !!! HOW???

Send an email to columbialakeassociation@gmail.com requesting a CLA Membership Form. Complete your Membership Form and email it to columbialakeassociation@gmail.com

OR Mail the Completed Form to the Columbia Lake
 Association, P.O. Box 3, Columbia CT 06237

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