

**REGULAR MEETING MOTIONS  
COLUMBIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**Tuesday, June 16, 2020 – 7:00 pm**

**Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room  
323 Route 87, Columbia, CT**

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

**Also Present via Remote Access:** Mark Walter, Town Administrator.

- **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** S. Everett MOVED to Approve the Agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.
- **BOS Regular Meeting Minutes for June 2, 2020.** S. Everett MOVED to Approve the Minutes for the BOS Regular Meeting Minutes for June 2, 2020. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.
- **Discussion and Approval of Veterans Exemptions.**

S. Everett read the following MOTION and it CARRIED 4.0.1 with S. Everett abstaining.

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen has previously recommended that the Town adopt certain ordinances expanding property tax exemptions and abatements for veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Town Charter would ordinarily require a special town meeting to adopt those ordinances; and

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

WHEREAS, Section 4 of Executive Order 7JJ issued by Governor Lamont on May 6, 2020 permits the Board of Selectmen, upon finding that taking such action in a timely manner serves an important public interest or to avoid financial loss, to take action to adopt or amend ordinances without complying with the Town Charter or any statutory requirement to hold a town meeting or referendum to approve such adoption or amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen has determined that delaying the adoption of the proposed ordinances would potentially adversely impact the financial condition of certain veterans who may be affected by the COVID-19 pandemic or otherwise.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:

RESOLVED: That, pursuant to the authority granted under Section 4 of Governor Lamont's Executive Order 7JJ, the Board of Selectmen does hereby adopt the ordinance entitled

- Ordinance for Additional Exemption for Veterans.
- Ordinance for Property Tax Exemption for Gold Star Parents and Spouses.

- Ordinance for Tax Exemption on Motor Vehicles Equipped for Disabled Veterans.
- Ordinance for Increased Exemption For 100% Disabled Veterans.
- **Authorization of the agreement between the Town of Columbia and USS Vineyard Solar LLC.** S. Everett MOVED to Approve and Authorize the execution of the agreement for payment in lieu of taxes between the Town of Columbia and USS Vineyard Solar LLC. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.
- **Approval of the Recommended Contractor for the Rec Park Guardrails:** S. Everett MOVED to Approve the Recommended Contractor, Atlas Residential and Commercial Services LLC for \$21,244.50 for the supply and installation of guardrails at Rec Park. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.
- **Authorization for the use of the Town Green and Gazebo.** S. Everett MOVED to Approve temporarily during the pandemic the Congregational Church's request to hold outdoor services on Sunday mornings on the green. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.
- **Recommendation letter for Bald Eagle protection.** S. Everett stated we have two new eaglets this year and we will again ask residents to not set off fireworks. He added that fireworks are illegal. S. Everett MOVED to Approve sending out t another letter this year from CTDEEP and from BOS informing about the eaglets and asking residents to refrain from use of fireworks. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.
- **Appointment of Christine Sposito to the Board of Education.** W. O'Brien MOVED to Appoint Christine Sposito to the Board of Education. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

- **Transfers.** S. Everett MOVED to Approve the Transfers presented from the respective accounts to the receiving accounts as listed on the transfer forms.

<b>TRANSFER #/AMOUNT</b>	<b>FROM A/C# DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>TO A/C# DESCRIPTION</b>
2020-036/\$5.00	10-4112-460/Commercial Insurance	10-4112-240/Fuel
2020-038/ \$5,000.00	10-4800-900/Contingency	10-4112-300/General Supplies
2020-039/\$58.00	10-4133-770/Transportation	10-4133-770/Professional/Tech
2020-040/\$210.00	10-4135-520/Printing	10-4135-110/Postage
2020-040/\$53.00		10-4135-130/Legal Notices
2020-041/\$50.00	10-4260-230/Electricity	10-4260-240/Fuel
2020-042/\$140.00	10-4310-500/Professional/Tech	10-4310-600/Repairs/Maintenance
2020-043/\$3,000.00	10-4410-011/Salaries-DPW OT	10-4410-600/Repairs/Maintenance
2020-044/\$2,000.00	10-4520-130/Legal Notices 10-4520-500/Professional Tech	10-4520-010/Salaries-Inlands/Wetlands
2020-045/\$1,500.00	10-4112-040/Group Insurance	10-4670-010/Salaries-Recreation

MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

- **Refunds:** S. Everett MOVED to Refund \$181.70.

<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>
\$181.70	Town of Columbia	VW Credit Leasing LTD

MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

- **APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS:** S. Everett MOVED to Approve the bills totaling \$248,360.48 consisting of 2019-2020 Emergency, 2019-2020 Regular, Bond '01 Payment, Credit Card and Paychex. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.
- **EXECUTIVE SESSION: Real estate per State Statutes Section 1-200(6)(D); Pending Litigation per State Statutes Section 1-200(6)(B); Personnel per State Statues Section 1-200(6)(A).** None.
- **ADJOURNMENT:** S. Everett MOVED to Adjourn at 7:56 pm. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.