

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
COLUMBIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, December 5, 2017 – 7 pm
Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room
323 Route 87, Columbia, CT**

Members Present: First Selectman, Steven M. Everett; Selectman, Robert Hellstrom; Selectman Robert Brogue; Selectman, Lisa Napolitano; Selectman, Bill O'Brien.

Also Present: Town Administrator, Mark Walter; Karl Then; Ryan Linares, Representative from Greenskies, Ann Dunnack

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

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **MINUTES:** BOS Regular Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2017: R. Hellstrom MOVED to approve the 11/21/17 Regular Meeting Minutes. MOTION CARRIED 3:0:2

S. Everett MOVED to add 6 items to 7.0 Appointments/Resignations that included 7.1 Dr. Mark Desroscher – Town Moderator; 7.2 Open Space Committee (OSC); 7.3 Conservation & Agriculture Commission (CAC); 7.4 Appointment of Deputy Selectman; 7.5 Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC); 7.6 Land Management Advisory Commission (LMAC) MOTION CARRIED 5.0.
3. **AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:** None
4. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - 4.1 **2018 BOS meeting schedule:** S. Everett MOVED to revise date changes from July 3rd and 17th to July 10th and 24th. MOTION CARRIED 5.0. S. Everett MOVED to approve the 2018 BOS meeting schedule. MOTION CARRIED 5.0
 - 4.2 **Final Approval: Contract for Solar Services at the Horace Porter School:** W. O'Brien MOVED for the Town of Columbia to enter into a contract with Greenskies for Horace Porter Solar Power and Service Agreement and to authorize Steven M. Everett to sign the contract. M. Walter stated that the contract we are approving will have a contracted rate of .0524 kilowatt hours, which is a great improvement over the 12.5 per kilowatt hour we are currently paying. Savings are forecasted over 20 years at over 732k. Discussion was had with Greenskies representative, Ryan Linares over other details of the contract. MOTION CARRIED 5:0
5. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - 5.1 **Approve resolution for Key Bank to update signers:** R. Brogue MOVED to approve the resolution to update signers for Key Bank. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.
6. **COLUMBIA LAKE / DAM / BEACH:** None.
7. **APPOINTMENTS / RESIGNATIONS:**
 - 7.1 **Dr. Mark Desroscher – Moderator:** S. Everett explained that Dr. Desroscher is a Republican and that currently there are 2 unaffiliated Town Moderators; therefore, Dr. Desroscher will be able to serve as a Town Moderator as stated in the Charter, Section 8.22. Town Moderators for Town Meetings: There shall be a panel of three (3) permanent Town Meeting Moderators, no more than two (2) of whom shall be from any one political party. The panel of moderators shall serve for a term of four years. MOTION CARRIED 5.0
 - 7.2 **Open Space Committee (OSC):** S. Everett MOVED to approve the following members; Joan Hill, Donald Schofield, Walter Tabor, Christopher Tolsdorf, Shirley King, Paul Ramsey, and Ann Dunnack and to add Donald Cianci to the OSC committee as an Alternate. MOTION CARRIED 5.0
 - 7.3 **Conservation & Agriculture Commission (CAC):** S. Everett MOVED to approve the following members; Ann Dunnack, Thomas McGrath, Christopher McGrath, Anthony Ortiz, and Christopher Tolsdorf. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.1

- 7.4 **Appointment of Deputy Selectman:** S. Everett MOVED to approve Robert Hellstrom as the Deputy Selectman. MOTION CARRIED 5.0
- 7.5 **Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC):** S. Everett MOVED to approve the following members to EAC; Bryan Tarbell, Carole Williamson, Carol Coley, and Andrea Drabicki. MOTION CARRIED 5.0
- 7.6 **Land Management Advisory Commission (LMAC):** S. Everett MOVED to approve the following members; Phyllis Dunn, Henry Beck, Jr., John Burrell, Karl Then, Michael Gnazzo, Steve Harrington, James Santos, Dan O'Neill, David Vanderbilt, Carl Foster, and Robert Powell. MOTION CARRIED 5.0
- 8. **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**
- 8.1 **Sherry Major to be added as a floater for the Senior Center for kitchen help.**
- 8.2 **Highlights of CCM Convention:** The legislation agenda will be focusing on land use, arbitration, prevailing wages, etc.

M. Walter added to the TA Report the following: Invitation to LMAC meeting, Flanders River Road Bridge Opening, and new Firehouse Heat System.

An invitation to the boards and commission to the December 6th, LMAC to hear Dr. Greg Bugbee will presentation regarding the wetland invasive species, Phragmites and provide insight as to how to eradicate this plant.

Flanders River Road Bridge project was budgeted for \$25k; currently the budget for the project has come in at \$30,400.00. A final bill has not been submitted from Coventry as of the date of the BOS meeting.

Made Selectman aware of the failing heating pump at the new Firehouse.

- 9. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None.
- 10. **BUDGET:**
- 10.1 **Transfers:** Additional funding is needed to remove several damaged trees in town, due to environmental issues and damaging insects. Town-wide road tree surveys were performed and it was determined that over 63 trees will need to be removed or pruned. All funds for this have been expended already this year. As a result the Tree Warden has requested the BOS appropriate additional \$9,900.00 funding for this year. R. Hellstrom MOVED to have the additional funding approved. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.1
- 10.2 **Refunds:** S. Everett MOVED to approve the following refund:

AMOUNT	FROM	TO
\$104.93	Town of Columbia	Toyota Lease Trust
\$122.77	Town of Columbia	Toyota Lease Trust

MOTION CARRIED 5.0

- 11. **APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS:** S. Everett MOVED to approve the payment of bills. MOTION CARRIED 5.0
- 12. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** None
- 13. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**
- 13.1 **Real estate per State Statutes Section 1-200(6)(D); Pending Litigation per State Statutes Section 1-200(6)(B); Personnel per State Statues Section 1-200(6)(A)**
- 14. **ADJOURNMENT:** S. Everett adjourned the BOS meeting at 7:46

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer C. LaVoie