

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
COLUMBIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, February 5, 2019 – 7 pm
Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room
323 Route 87, Columbia, CT**

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

Members Absent: First Selectman, Steven M. Everett.

Also Present: Mark Walter, Town Administrator; Beverly Ciurylo, Finance Director; Joseph Spurgeon, Advisor from Lindberg & Ripple.

CALL TO ORDER: R. Hellstrom called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** R. Hellstrom MOVED to Remove item 5.4 Homeland Security Grant Program Resolution from New Business and Move 8.2, Rec Park Construction Schedule to the 2/19/19 BOS Meeting and Move up in the Agenda 5.5, CT-Chip Resolution to 5.1, under New Business. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - 3.1 **BOS Regular Meeting Minutes for January 15, 2019.** L. Napolitano stated that the minutes on January 15th did not reflect her comments accurately. She stated that "The Zoning laws is actually clear, if it is not permitted it is prohibited." W.O' Brien MOVED to Approve the Agenda for 2/5/19 as Amended. MOTION CARRIED 3.0 with R. Bogue Abstaining.
4. **OLD BUSINESS:** None.
5. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - 5.1 **Set a Town Meeting Date to Approve and Appropriate \$215,193 from the Town General Fund to the 2018/2019 BOE Budget to Comply with MBR Requirements.** R. Hellstrom MOVED to schedule a Town Meeting for February 19, 2019 at 6:45pm in the Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room for the following purpose:
CLAUSE 1 – To address and approve an additional 2018-2019 Budget Appropriation to the Columbia Board of Education in the amount of \$215,193.00 from the Town of Columbia General Fund. This appropriation is in order to comply with the 2018-2019 Minimum Budget Requirement (MBR) under Section 10-262j of the Connecticut General Statutes. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.
 - 5.2 **Set a Public Hearing Date regarding the amendment and restatement of Town Ordinance 22-1 entitled "Schedule of Zoning Fees" to change the structure and fees of the Ordinance to better cover the Town's costs with respect to zoning, Zoning Board of Appeals and subdivision matters.** R. Hellstrom MOVED to: 1) the adoption of the resolutions in the Board packet for this meeting regarding the holding of a Public Hearing prior to the Board's considering the amending and restating Ordinance 22-1 to adopt a new schedule of zoning fees and to repeal Ordinance 22- Zoning Board of Appeals Fees; 2) the scheduling of such

Public Hearing for March 19, 2019 at 6:45pm in the Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room; 3) the adoption of the form of Legal Notice for such hearing that is part of the packet; and 4) the filing of said resolutions and Legal Notice, which are adopted by this motion, with the minutes of this meeting. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.

- 5.3 **Discussion of House Bill 5765 Tax Deferral for Federal Employees and possible setting of a Town Meeting.** M. Walter explained that in the Special Act, section 7-148 of the general statutes it defines that any subdivision of a municipality, may, by a vote of its legislative body, or in any town in which the legislative body is a town meeting, by a vote on the Board of Selectman. M. Walter recommend we discuss this at the next BOS meeting on February 19, 2019 and the BOS can vote on adopting this resolution. W. O'Brien moves to exercise legislative authority and approve the House bill 5765 Tax Deferral for Federal Employees. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.
- 5.4 **Homeland Security Grant Program Resolution.** Taken off the Agenda. Resolution was filed and completed in November 2018.
- 5.5 **CT-Chip Resolution.** J. Spurgeon explained that over the past year the Town of Columbia and Columbia Board of Education and other towns have been exploring opportunities related to creating a regional health insurance collaborative. The collaboration will lead to reduced rates, better access to programs, less variability and no change in the benefits that will be offered to employees. Upon review of the RFP results and interviews conducted, the members of CT-CHIP have unanimously selected Cigna as the Health Insurance provider. J. Spurgeon pointed out several key results: Larger pools provide advantages over smaller pools. This includes, claims for larger groups are more predictable over time and are less likely to experience large cost swings year to year, carrier fixed cost is less per enrollee to reflect increased economies of scale, more flexibility in plan design as carriers are more willing to customize benefits for larger groups, and greater access to customized services (custom wellness programs).

J. Spurgeon also added that Cigna has agreed to match or exceed all benefits, provider match is high at 96.5% of Providers, 97% of members served and 97% of visits. Cigna will include Employee Assistance Programs (EAP) at no additional charge, \$60,000 Wellness Fund will be provided to be shared with the other participating members, and that each participant will retain control of their own plan designs and be responsible for their own premium tied to their enrollment and benefits.

R. Bogue stated that this sounds great to him and glad to hear CIGNA has stepped into providing these services. M Walter explained he will be treasurer for the CT-CHIP.

R. Hellstrom MOVED to 1) the adoption of the resolutions in the Board packet for this meeting regarding the calling of a Special Town Meeting to consider the Town's entering into a collaborative agreement with other municipalities and boards of education for the provision of municipal employee health benefit as permitted by Connecticut General Statutes Section 7-464b; 2) the calling of such Special Town Meeting for February 19, 2019 at 6:50pm in the Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room; 3) the adoption of the form of Legal Notice for such Special Town Meeting that is part of the packet; and 4) the filing of said

resolutions and Legal Notice, which are adopted by this motion, with the minutes of this meeting. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.

- 5.6 **FY 2019/20 Budget Workshop.** M. Walter went over the notable increase and decreases in the Operating Expenditures and Capital Budgets. M. Walter asked what Department you would like to talk to at the next BOS meeting on 2/12/19. The BOS stated they would like to see Public Works at the next meeting.

6. **COLUMBIA LAKE / DAM / BEACH:** None.

7. **APPOINTMENTS / RESIGNATIONS:** None.

8. **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**

- 8.1 **DPW bulldozer.** M. Walter explained that we have proposed a budget of 55,000 for repairing a bulldozer and that G. Murphy, Public Works Director is looking into different options for fixing or replacing the bulldozer. They are finding it difficult to find the parts for the bulldozer since it is so old.

8.2 **Rec Park construction schedule.** Moved to the BOS meeting on 2/19/19.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

9.1 **State Trooper Monthly Report.**

9.2 **Report on registered voters.**

9.3 **CCM Capital Report.**

10. **BUDGET:**

10.1 **Transfers:** R. Bogue MOVED to Approve the Transfers totaling \$2,956.00 as per scheduled.

TRANSFER #/AMOUNT	FROM A/C# DESCRIPTION	TO A/C# DESCRIPITON
2019 #014 / \$1,000.00	10-4132-500 / Professional / Tech	10-4132-770/ Transportation
2019 #015 / \$556.00	10-4260-230 / Electricity	10-4260-600/ Repairs/Maintenance
2019 #016 / \$1,000.00	10-4112-130 / Admin Legal Notices	10-4110-130/Town Meeting Legal Notices
2019 #017 / \$400.00	10-4410-011 / DPW - OT Salaries	10-4115-240 / Old CVFD/Maint. Facility Fuel

MOTION CARRIED 4.0.

10.2 **Refunds:** R. Bogue MOVED to Approve Refund Transaction of 218,16 as per schedule.

AMOUNT	FROM	TO
\$159.29	TOWN OF COLUMBIA	NICHOLAS J. DANBURG
\$59.31	TOWN OF COLUMBIA	SHANNON J. KEEGAN

MOTION CARRIED 4.0.

11. **APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS:** R. Bogue MOVED to Approve Bills totaling \$ 74,791.53, comprised of 2018-19 Emergency, 2018-19 Regular, Credit Card and Paychex. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.

12. **AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:** None.

- 13. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**
- 14. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**
 - 14.1 Real estate per State Statutes Section 1-200(6)(D); Pending Litigation per State Statutes Section 1-200(6)(B); Personnel per State Statutes Section 1-200(6)(A);** R. Hellstrom MOVED to enter into Executive Session at 8:20pm with Mark Walter, Beverly Ciurylo and J. LaVoie present to discuss Personnel. MOTION CARRIED 4.0. Executive Session ended at 8:29PM
- 15. ADJOURNMENT:** R. Hellstrom MOVED to ADJOURN at 8:29PM and the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 12, 2019 for a Special Board of Selectman meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by Jennifer C. LaVoie, Executive Administrative Assistant.