

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
COLUMBIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, March 5, 2019 – 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.

Members Absent: None.

Also Present: Mark Walter, Town Administrator; Beverly Ciurylo, Finance Director; Lisa Massicotte, Reporter at The Chronicle.

CALL TO ORDER: S. Everett called the meeting to order at 7:02 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, 5.3: Town Hall Roof Replacement and to Resignations/Appointments, 7.2: Nomination for replacement of Board of Selectman position. MOTION CARRIED 5.0. S. Everett MOVED to Approve the Agenda as amended for March 5, 2019. Motion Carried 5.0.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - 3.1 **BOS Regular Meeting Minutes for February 26, 2019.** W. O'Brien MOVED to Approve the Minutes of February 26, 2019. MOTION CARRIED: 4.0 with R. Bogue abstaining.
4. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - 4.1 **Notification of Number of Electors and Number of Polling Places.** M. Walter provided additional voter registration summaries from 2008 to present to provide historical statistics on voter registrations because of an inquiry from L. Napolitano on the number of registered voters in a previous BOS meeting.
5. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - 5.1 **Request to Use Town Roads for Connecticut Cycling Advancement on May 11, 2019.** W. O'Brien MOVED to Approve the use of Town Roads for Connecticut Cycling Advancement on May 11, 2019. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.
 - 5.2 **FY 2019/2020 Budget Workshop.** S. Everett explained that he, M. Walter and B. Ciurylo met with E. Sharpe, Chairmen of FiPAC and laid out the 3 budget options. He stated that there will be \$608,000 budgeted for three upcoming bridge projects, but even with the expense of the bridge projects the Town of Columbia will still have a healthy general fund. S. Everett stated that there is a 3.18% increase in the BOS budget, but that does not include updated revenue from the Tax Department. B. Ciurylo stated that there is a positive \$154,000 revenue that will be reflected in the General Fund. B. Ciurylo stated that she has not finished

going through the expenditures yet, but that there may be some addition to the 98% collection rate and a potential adjustment for the school security grant the school. She added that she is confirming \$150,000 for LOCIP funds. Discussion ensued.

R. Bogue MOVED to move the budget forward as presented to FiPAC. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

- 5.3 Town Hall Roof Replacement.** S. Everett explained that it was advisable to reallocate funds from two sub-line items under the DPW Capital Improvement-Buildings Account line item to another sub-line item under the same DPW Capital Improvement Buildings Account that is designated for Town Hall Roof Replacement and Solar Install. S. Everett indicated that it was also appropriate to reallocate \$10,000 from the line item for Erdoni Road Improvements to the same sub-line item under the DPW Capital Improvement Buildings Account for Town Hall Roof Replacement. S. Everett continued by noting that because one of the reallocated sub-lines items would exceed \$20,000, approval of FIPAC and a Town Meeting would be advisable for purposes of addressing the requirements of Town Charter Section 9.13 and that, since the aggregate of all three reallocations also exceeded the same \$20,000 limit set by Town Charter Section 9.13, it was appropriate to seek FIPAC and Town Meeting approval for the aggregate reallocations.

S. Everett MOVED to reallocate \$50,000 from the Senior Center Heating & Cooling Capital line to Town Roof Replacement Project and \$7,900 Carry Forward Prior Year Project in Capital Improvement Building to Town Hall Roof Improvement. MOTION CARRIED 5.0. S. Everett MOVED to reallocate \$10,000 from Erdoni Road Improvement to the Town Hall Roof Replacement Project. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

During discussion of the motion, S. Everett explained that the project that had been proposed along Erdoni Road had been rejected by a landowner and that the Town would likely build a small foot bridge instead and could do so with the funds remaining within this account.

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

7. APPOINTMENTS / RESIGNATIONS:

- 7.1 Resignation of Robert Bogue from the Board of Selectmen:** S. Everett stated that R. Bogue has served the Town for many years as a Selectman, as a volunteer in the Lions Club and served one term in the General Assembly. He thanked R. Bogue for his service to the Town of Columbia and he will be missed. S. Everett MOVED with deep regret the resignation of Robert Bogue. MOTION CARRIED 5.1 with W. O'Brien opposing.

S. Everett explained that the Town of Columbia's Republican Party has nominated Jeff Viens to fill R. Bogue's position. S. Everett MOVED to Appoint Jeff Viens on the Board of Selectman to replace R. Bogue positions. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

S. Everett asked if J. Viens would like to say a few words. J. Viens stated that he has served on FiPAC for four budget seasons and has a good understanding of the Town's finance and he understands his role is to serve the citizens of the Town in a fiscally responsible manner.

8. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: None.

9. CORRESPONDENCE: None.

10. BUDGET:

10.1 Transfers: R. Bogue MOVED to Approve the Transfers totaling 400.00 as presented.

TRANSFER #/AMOUNT	FROM A/C# DESCRIPTION	TO A/C# DESCRIPITON
2019 #021 / \$225.00	10-4134-550 / Miscellaneous Service Charges	10-4134-300/ General Supplies
2019#021 / \$175.00	10-4134-600 / Repairs/Maintenance	10-4134-300/ General Supplies

MOTION CARRIED 5.0

10.2 Refunds: R. Bogue MOVED to Approve the Refunds as presented.

AMOUNT	FROM	TO
\$407.98	TOWN OF COLUMBIA	Holler law firm on behalf Andrew & Sarah Keleher
\$44.00	TOWN OF COLUMBIA	Kimberly Martin-Watson & Michael Watson
\$194.96	TOWN OF COLUMBIA	Robert & Stephanie Aheart
\$69.20	TOWN OF COLUMBIA	Leland Piasecki on behalf of Antonia Piasecki Estate of

MOTION CARRIED 4.0.1 with S. Everett abstaining.

11. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS: R. Bogue MOVED to Approve the Bills Totaling \$51,390.96 consisting of 2018-19 Emergency, 2018-19 Regular, Credit Card and Paychex. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

12. AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS: Ann Dunnack, Jeff Viens

13. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: L. Napolitano stated that she has been looking at the grand list and it is notable that there is an increase in businesses. She added that businesses are re-investing in Columbia and that this is another reason why we should be welcoming new businesses.

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 Statues Section 1-200(6)(A). None.

15. ADJOURNMENT: S. Everett adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Jennifer C. LaVoie