

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**COLUMBIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Tuesday, August 20, 2019 – 7 pm**  
**Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room**  
**323 Route 87, Columbia, CT**

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

**Also Present:** Town Administrator, Mark Walter.

**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 under Columbia Lake/Dam/Beach, 6.1 - Update Regarding Algae on Columbia Lake. MOTION CARRIED 5.0. S. Everett MOVED to Approve the Agenda for August 20, 2019 as revised with the addition of 6.1. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
  - 3.1 **Approval of BOS Regular Meeting Minutes for August 6, 2019.** J. Viens MOVED to Approve the BOS Regular Meeting Minutes for August 6, 2019. MOTION CARRIED 3.0 with S. Everett and W. O'Brien abstaining.
4. **OLD BUSINESS:** None.
5. **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - 5.1 **Schedule Public Hearing re: Ordinance Pertaining to Publication of Notice of Newly Proposed or Adopted Ordinances.** S. Everett explained that it can be expensive to post a notice in the paper because the language can be extensive. The ordinance pertaining to publication of notice of newly proposed or adopted ordinances would allow us to publish a summary of the ordinance reducing the cost. M. Walter explained at the next BOS meeting we will set the date for the public hearing.
  - 5.2 **Revised Standard Guidelines for Granting Permission for the Construction and Maintenance of Structures on Columbia Lake.** S. Everett explained that LMAC put together updated guidelines for Granting Permission for the Construction and Maintenance of Structures on Columbia Lake to add secondary dock space for people who have a certain amount of frontage and putting in watercraft lifts. S. Everett asked that the BOS take home the new guidelines and review them and bring their questions to the next BOS meeting.
  - 5.3 **Policy Regarding Columbia Lake Water Levels and Dam Management.** S. Everett explained last spring we had a lot of rain and the lake filled up quickly causing the lake level to rise. S. Everett said that the staff that monitor the lake water levels and dam management have been doing a great job. This policy was reviewed and updated by LMAC for the BOS consideration.

- 5.4 **Approval of Frogtoberfest Half Marathon & 10k.** S. Everett MOVED to Approve the Frogtoberfest to utilize Columbia Airline Trail and roads as outlined in their plan. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

**6. COLUMBIA LAKE / DAM / BEACH:**

- 6.1 **Update Regarding Algae on Columbia Lake.** M. Walter read an update from Robert Kortmann, Ph.D. the towns lake consultant regarding the algae patches on Columbia Lake. *"I received the identification of the phytoplankton patches from the taxonomist I use. Very unusual for Columbia Lake. The primary genera was Oscillatoria (probably rubescens). Although it wasn't a quantitative sample (Mary was trying to collect as dense a sample as possible-she was successful) the count was very high, 600,000 cells/ml.*

*My investigation regarding what caused this very unusual event in Columbia Lake, how to monitor for it in the future, and how to manage to avoid a recurrence continues. No "patches" have been reported for several weeks and lake conditions continue to be excellent, transparency increased from July to August. The lake is safe to use. If someone observes a "suspicious patch" it should be avoided and reported."*

**7. APPOINTMENTS / RESIGNATIONS:**

- 7.1 **Appointment of Joseph Napolitano to the Columbia Board of Education.** S. Everett MOVED to Approve the appointment of Joseph Napolitano to the Columbia Board of Education. MOTION CARRIED 4.0 with Lisa Napolitano abstaining.

**8. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**

- 8.1 **Cindee Hodge Memorial Bench.** M. Walter explained that we would like to dedicate a bench in honor of Cindee Hodge. M. Walter's recommended placement of the bench would be by the Beech overlooking the Vietnam Memorial. S. Everett MOVED to Approve the purchase of a bench in honor of Cindee Hodge memorial and MOVED to Approve the recommend placement on the Town Green. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 9.1 EastConn Thank you letter to Bernadette Derring, Senior Center Director.  
9.2 Troop K CT. State Police Monthly Report for July 2019.  
9.3 Eastern Equine Encephalitis virus (EEE).

**10. BUDGET:**

**10.1 Transfers:**

<b>TRANSFER #/AMOUNT</b>	<b>FROM A/C# DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>TO A/C# DESCRIPTION</b>
2020 #004 / \$10.00	10-4130-300 / General Supplies	10-4132-720 / Professional Dues
2020 #004 / \$6.00	10-4670-500/ Professional/Tech	10-4670-720 / Professional Dues

S. Everett MOVED to Approve Transfers totaling \$16.00. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

**10.2 Refunds:**

<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>
\$16.13	TOWN OF COLUMBIA	BAXTER HEALTHCARE CORPORATION
\$44.58	TOWN OF COLUMBIA	COYLE KAREN
\$40.47	TOWN OF COLUMBIA	CT PRO INSPECTION LLC
\$320.87	TOWN OF COLUMBIA	A-1 GUTTER AND FENCE LLC
\$808.04	TOWN OF COLUMBIA	ACAR LEASING LTD
\$452.27	TOWN OF COLUMBIA	ACAR LEASING LTD
\$136.09	TOWN OF COLUMBIA	AHEART ROBERT L
\$38.13	TOWN OF COLUMBIA	HASSETT MICHAEL P
\$645.85	TOWN OF COLUMBIA	HONDA LEASE TRUST
\$253.70	TOWN OF COLUMBIA	HONDA LEASE TRUST
\$237.04	TOWN OF COLUMBIA	HOOVER JAMES A
\$194.46	TOWN OF COLUMBIA	MATHIEU EDWARD F
\$106.76	TOWN OF COLUMBIA	RUBB DONALD E
\$260.16	TOWN OF COLUMBIA	TOYOTA LEASE TRUST

S. Everett MOVED to approve the Refunds totaling \$1,762.79. MOTION CARRIED 5.0

**11. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS:** S. Everett MOVED to Approve the Payment of Bills totaling \$248,144.53 consisting of 2018-2019 Regular, 2019-2020 Emergency, 2019-2020 Regular, Credit Card and Paychex. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

**12. AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:** None

**13. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** W. O'Brien asked about the new building at 130 Pine and what is the height of the building. M. Walter said he would check into it. S. Everett mentioned that he will be having the first monthly First Selectman meet and greet meeting on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at Town Hall (323 Route 87) in the conference room. Residents are welcome to stop in anytime between 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm with any questions, comments or concerns to address to the Selectman. Meet the Selectman events will be held monthly at various locations and times.

J. Viens MOVED to Appoint William O'Brien to the Economic Development Committee. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

- 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 Statutes Section 1-200(6)(A).**
- 14.1 Pending Litigation.** S. Everett MOVED to enter into Executive Session at 7:46 pm for Pending Litigation with M. Walter. MOTION CARRIED 5.0. S. Everett MOVED to end the Executive Session with no action taken at 7:50 pm. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.
- 15. ADJOURNMENT:** S. Everett MOVED to ADJOURN 7:51pm. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully Submitted by Jennifer C. LaVoie