

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
COLUMBIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, August 6, 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, Jeff Viens.

Members Absent: Steven M. Everett, First Selectman; William O'Brien, Selectman.

Also Present: Town Administrator, Mark Walter; Tim Anderson, Member of the Board of Trustees for the Columbia Congregational Church.

CALL TO ORDER: R. Hellstrom called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

CALL TO ORDER:

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** R. Hellstrom MOVED to add under Columbia Lake/Dam/Beach, 6.1 Application for Construction on Columbia Lake for Alfred Therrien, 132 B Route 87. MOTION CARRIED 3.0. R. Hellstrom MOVED to Approve the Agenda as revised for August 6, 2019. MOTION CARRIED 3.0.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - 3.1 **Approval of BOS Regular Meeting Minutes for July 16, 2019.** L. Napolitano MOVED to Approve the BOS Regular Meeting Minutes for July 16, 2019. MOTION CARRIED 3.0.
4. **OLD BUSINESS:** None.
5. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - 5.1 **Columbia Congregational Church walkway.** T. Anderson explained about the plans and status of the repair of the church's front steps with the removal of the cement walkway from the center of the Church steps to the "Walk of Honor" pathway and replacing it with grass. M. Walter asked the BOS to make a motion approving the Church's plan and to authorize the Public Works department to assist with removing the walkway on the Town Green side of the "Walk of Honor." J. Viens MOVED to Approve the Church's plan and to let public works remove the walkway from the Lions Walk of Honor to Rte. 87. MOTION CARRIED 3.0.
6. **COLUMBIA LAKE / DAM / BEACH:**
 - 6.1 **Application for Construction on Columbia Lake for Alfred Therrien, 132 B Route 87.** J. Viens MOVED to Approve the application for repair to an existing seawall for Alfred Therrien, 132 B, Route 87, as stipulated under the recommendations from LMAC. MOTION CARRIED 3.0.
7. **APPOINTMENTS / RESIGNATIONS:** None.

8. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

8.1 Update on Tax Payments. M. Walter explained the Tax Office provided a report that showed the Town had record revenue payments made online of \$65,932.00 for a single day.

8.2 New Town Administrator Monthly Newsletter.

8.3 First Selectman, Steven Everett meet-and-greet, Tuesday, September 10, 2019, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the Conference Room at Town Hall.

A. Dunnack of 103 Lake Rd. stated that she received a letter asking her to join an online neighborhood Facebook page and asked if the BOS was aware of this. L. Napolitano stated that often neighborhood's will have their own Facebook page to keep neighbors informed.

9. CORRESPONDENCE:

9.1 Thank you letter from Covenant Soup Kitchen.

9.2 Thank you letter from Windham Region No Freeze Project.

9.3 *Out and About* article on Columbia.

9.4 Article on the Spotted Lanterfly.

9.5 *The Chronicle* article on Algae found in Columbia Lake.

9.6 Proclamation for Peter Naumec.

9.7 Eversource tree work.

10. BUDGET:

10.1 Transfers: R. Hellstrom MOVED to Approve the following transfers \$75.00 from Professional/Technical to Salaries, \$20.00 from Printing to Legal Notices and \$295.00 from Contracted Services to Professional/Technical for a total of \$390.00.

TRANSFER #/AMOUNT	FROM A/C# DESCRIPTION	TO A/C# DESCRIPTION
2019 #065 / \$75.00	10-4132-500 / Prof/Tech	10-4132-010 / Salaries
2019 #066 / \$20.00	10-4135-520/ Printing	10-4135-130 / Legal Notices
2019 #067 / \$295.00	10-4420-515 Contracted Services	10-4420-500 / Prof/Tech

MOTION CARRIED 3.0

10.2 Refunds: R. Hellstrom MOVED to Approve refunds of \$489.67 to Laura C. Lawton.

AMOUNT	FROM	TO
\$489.67	TOWN OF COLUMBIA	Laura C. Lawton

MOTION CARRIED 3.0.

11. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS: R. Hellstrom MOVED to Approve bills totaling \$277,426.45 consisting of 2018-2019 Emergency, 2018-2019 Regular, 2019-2020 Emergency, 2019-2010 Regular, Credit Card and Paychex. MOTION CARRIED 3.0.

L. Napolitano asked if we could we please supply a record of tracking of the solar savings. M. Walter stated he will get that information and report back to the BOS.

12. **AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:** No comments.
13. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** L. Napolitano stated that the Town did a really nice job paving the road on Cards Mill Rd.
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 Statues Section 1-200(6)(A).** R. Hellstrom MOVED to enter into Executive Session at 6:50 pm for Real Estate. MOTION CARRIED 3.0. R. Hellstrom MOVED to end the Executive Session with no action taken at 6:58 pm. MOTION CARRIED 3.0.
15. **ADJOURNMENT:** R. Hellstrom MOVED to ADJOURN 7:31pm. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully Submitted by Jennifer C. LaVoie