

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
COLUMBIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, May 7, 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, Jeffrey Viens; Selectman, William O'Brien

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 Approve the Agenda with the following changes: Under New Business Add 5.4 New Business IT Security Assessment. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.

W. O'Brien arrived at 7:03 pm.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - 3.1 **Approval of BOS Regular Meeting Minutes for April 16, 2019.** R. Hellstrom MOVED to Approve the Minutes for April 16, 2019. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.
4. **OLD BUSINESS:** None.
5. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - 5.1 **FOIA - Request to Redact Residential Address.** M. Walter provided an updated form for the FOIA Act, Request to Redact Residential Address to the BOS. M. Walter explained that General Statutes 1-217 (c) (2) provides residents that fall under a specific category the ability to make a request to have their residential address protected from disclosure.
 - 5.2 **Tax Collector Suspense List.** M. Walter explained that the accounts listed on the suspense list are removed from consideration as assets for the Town of Columbia. This keeps the collectible reporting as accurate as possible. These taxes are not abated, and we do collect accounts on the suspense list each year.
 - 5.3 **Waive Requirement for Bid Process Regarding Refinishing Tennis & Basketball Court.** M. Walter explained we only had 2 bids to repair the basketball and tennis courts because there are only 2 companies in our area that perform this type of work. M. Walter requested that the BOS waive the requirement for 3 bids to refinish the tennis and basketball courts. M. Walter stated that the recommendation to handle both projects is Constantine Paving & Sealing for a total of \$32, 298.00. S. Everett explained that there have been discussions on how to use the Brand money to refurbish or repair both courts and in order to continue to move forward on these projects for Rec Park we will be using the previously designated funds for the new pavilion at Rec Park. The Brand money will be used to build the new pavilion. S. Everett MOVED to Authorize resurfacing the

tennis courts with previously designated funds for the pavilion to fix the tennis court. MOTION CARRIED 5.0. S. Everett MOVED to Approve previously designated funds from the pavilion for the basketball court. MOTION CARRIED 5.0. S. Everett MOVED to Authorize the Town of Columbia to enter into a contract with Constantine Paving & Sealing for both the basketball court and the tennis court for \$32, 298.00. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

- 5.4 **IT Security Audit:** M. Walter explained he attended training at CIRMA and found that Municipalities are one of the highest targets for cyber-attacks. Novus Insight will be able to perform an assessment of the Town's IT security and will specifically look into the separation of duties for employees, payroll, and accounting systems. After the assessment, Novus will provide employee training. M. Walter explained that the school has already started the project with Novus. M. Walter is recommending that we enter into a contract with Novus Insight to provide the IT Security Audit. He stated that we can transfer funds from contingency to cover the costs. S. Everett MOVED to Authorize Town Administrator, Mark Walter to enter into a contract with Novus Insight for IT security assessment on the Town of Columbia. S. Everett amended the MOTION. S. Everett MOVED to Authorize Town Administrator, Mark Walter to enter into a contract with Novus Insight for IT security assessment on the Town of Columbia at a cost of \$13, 850.00. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

6. **COLUMBIA LAKE / DAM / BEACH:**
- 6.1 **Application for Permit to Install a Raft at 166 Rte. 87 for Mr. & Mrs. Eric Sodergren.** S. Everett MOVED to Allow the Sodergrens to put in a new raft in the designated position recommended by LMAC. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

7. **APPOINTMENTS / RESIGNATIONS:** S. Everett stated that Joanne Prague Doyle gave her resignation from the Board of Education. J. Viens MOVED to Accept Joanne Prague Doyle's Resignation. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

8. **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:** M. Walter provided an overview on several key issues at a recent CCM meeting that included tolls and teacher's retirement. CCM is emphasizing that if the State is looking to shift the funding of teacher's retirement to the towns, that the State considers modifications to the MBR calculations, revise burden of proof on special education, cap teacher's retirement services, and adding another tier to the Connecticut Municipal Employees Retirement System (CMERS). M. Walter explained that several towns and cities are putting together resolutions stating that they are against the funding of the teacher's retirement and the BOS should look at putting together their own resolution to send to the State. J. Viens stated he would like to put a resolution together.

M. Walter updated the BOS on a question asked about the circulation of *The Chronicle*. He explained the circulation on the chronicle 428 home, 1200 free papers, 70 web accounts

9. CORRESPONDENCE:

9.1 Letter to the State of CT Office of the Secretary of State Regarding the “List of Office to be Filled.” S. Everett explained that the Town Clerk sends the State of CT Office of the Secretary of State Regarding the List of Offices to be filled.

9.2 Article in *The Chronicle* Regarding FiPAC Public Hearing on 4/24/19.

10. BUDGET:

10.1 Transfers: S. Everett MOVED to Authorize Transfers to the departments listed on the attached paperwork.

TRANSFER #/AMOUNT	FROM A/C# DESCRIPTION	TO A/C# DESCRIPTION
2019 #028 / \$250.00	10-4112-030 / Workers Comp	10-4112-240 / Fuel
2019 #029 / \$25.00	10-4132-300 / Supplies	10-4132-110 / Postage
2019 #030 / \$ 400.00	10-4410-120 / Telephone	10-4410-300 / Supplies
2019 #031 / \$100.00	10-4410-120 / Telephone	10-4410-710 / Professional Development
2019 #032 / \$400.00	10-4420-500 / Prof/Tech	10-4420-300 / Supplies
2019 #033 / \$200.00	10-4670-140 / Advertising	10-4670-770 / Transportation
2019 #034 / \$600.00	10-4260-230 / Electricity	10-4260-240 / Fuel
2019 #035 / \$7,142.00	10-4112-040 / Group Insurance	10-4112-022 / Unemployment Comp
2019 #036 / \$6,205.00	10-4800-900 / Contingency	10-4410-610 / Bldgs/Grounds Rep/Maint
2019 #037 / \$13,850.00	10-4800-900 / Contingency	10-4113-500 / Prof/Tech

MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

10.2 Refunds: S. Everett MOVED to Authorize the refunds of \$728.65 to the 5 recipients attached.

AMOUNT	FROM	TO
\$106.86	TOWN OF COLUMBIA	Toyota Lease Trust
\$412.87	TOWN OF COLUMBIA	Toyota Lease Trust
\$120.81	TOWN OF COLUMBIA	Toyota Lease Trust
\$14.64	TOWN OF COLUMBIA	Leo R. Desautels
\$73.47	TOWN OF COLUMBIA	WH Rose HP Fairfield LLC

MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

11. **APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS:** L. Napolitano asked if we could do an analysis comparing 2018 and 2019 for electrical bills. M. Walter stated he will get that information. S. Everett MOVED to Authorize the payment of bills consisting of 18/19 Emergency, 18/19 Regular, Credit Card, and Paychex totaling \$141,367.36 on the stated attachments. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.
12. **AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:** A. Dunnack asked if the tennis courts would be repaired or rebuilt. W. Walter stated that we are repairing the tennis courts, not re-building. Glenn Nicol's asked if the Town ever considered using hydro from the runoff of the dam on Columbia Lake. M. Walter explained that the challenge we have is the lake was designed to hold water and that when the lake gets low the water stops flowing over the dam. This makes the option of using hydro unfeasible due to the possibility of water not flowing 12 months a year.
13. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** L. Napolitano asked if we should look into getting a Forester to give us an assessment on our trees. S. Everett asked L. Napolitano to look into this and report back.
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).**S. Everett MOVED to enter into Executive Session at 7:49 pm to discuss Real Estate with M. Walter, Town Administrator; J. LaVoie, Executive Administrative Assistant; Glenn Nichols Sr., and Glenn Nichols Jr. present. MOTION CARRIED 5.0. S. Everett MOVED to end the Executive Session at 8:02 pm and enter back into public session.
- 14.1 S. Everett MOVED to Authorize our Land Use Department in conjunction with the Town's legal counsel to start the appropriate procedures necessary to allow the purchase of a Town-owned strip of land (approx. 50' x 200') at the end of Tunxis Dr. cul-de-sac to Glen Nichols, Jr. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.
15. **ADJOURNMENT:** S. Everett MOVED to ADJOURN at 8:04 pm. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The next meeting of the BOS is scheduled for Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer C. LaVoie

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2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** S. Everett MOVED to Approve the Agenda with the following changes: Under New Business Add 5.3: Establishment of 2019 Annual Budget Town Meeting; Under New Business Add 5.4: Waste Processing Agreement; and Move 8.2: Pavilion for Rec Park and Installation to New Business 5.5. S. Everett explained that members from the EAC would like to address the BOS before the meeting commences instead of waiting until the end of the meeting during the Audience of Citizens. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

Andrea Drabicki, Chairman of the Sustainable CT Committee explained the Sustainable CT program and the roll out for the initiative. On May 8th, Sustainable CT, Jessica LeClair, will present to Columbia's Town Staff at 10 am regarding the program. In addition, David Oakes Public Works Manager from Bristol will present his perspective of the program. On May 16th or 22nd we have asked Sustainable CT to come back and present to Committee Chairs. Once the date is confirmed A. Drabicki will notify the Committee Chairs. A. Drabicki explained that there are 9 main categories to the program and a staff member and committee chair will act as co-chairs. A. Drabicki stated a specific example that would meet one of the 9 categories would be the Town's interest in starting a committee to address the Emerald Ash Borer. Another example is our effort on supporting local business' by developing a Local Communities Map. A. Drabicki stressed that this initiative is not driven by her personally, but that this program is self-enrolled and was designed by towns for towns. S. Everett thanked A. Drabicki for taking the lead and expressed everyone should want to do this because it's better for the community.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - 3.1 **Approval of BOS Regular Meeting Minutes for April 2, 2019.** L. Napolitano MOVED to Approve the BOS Regular Meeting Minutes for April 2, 2019. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.
4. **OLD BUSINESS:** None.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

- 5.1 2019 Boat Mooring Lottery.** Based on the recommendations from the Public Works Director, Pontoon boats must be moored on #3, #5 & #6.

The names were chosen as follows:

Mooring/Poles for Kayak's/Canoes

1. Ann Dunnack
2. Sherie Gagne
3. Jeanne Esterquest

Moorings for Motorboats & Pontoons

1. Edward Stepule
2. Pam & Paul Cavanagh
3. Gregory Stryker
4. Gregory & Jennifer Schneider
5. Daniel Eigner
6. Roger & Victoria Rice
7. Kevin Leist
8. Ryan McDonald
9. Jeff Lynds
10. Brian Keldsen

Jen LaVoie will contact the Lottery winners with details on mooring sign-up and registration

- 5.2 Resolution Adopting the Capital Region Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, 2019-2024.** M. Walter explained that FEMA has issued its Approval Pending Adoption (APA) for the 2019-2024 Capitol Region Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. The APA should be considered a conditional approval at this time. A final approval will be issued after the plan is adopted locally. Final FEMA approval enables our community to apply for hazard mitigation grants. S. Everett MOVED to Approve the Resolution Adopting the Capital Region Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, 2019-2024 with the correction to remove the High-School from the Critical Facilities Table 7-1. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

- 5.3 Establishment of 2019 Annual Budget Town Meeting:** S. Everett MOVED to establish the 2019 Annual Town Budget Meeting for Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in Yeomans Hall, 323 Route 87, Columbia, CT for the following purpose:

Clause 1- To take action on the proposed Annual Town Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. TION. See notes. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

- 5.4 Waste Processing Agreement.** M. Walter explained for over a year the Town has been in discussions negotiating the 5-year agreement with all the different waste partners. We are currently re-negotiating better rates for Columbia and have been working with Mid-Northeast Recycling Operating Committee (NEROC) for electronics and mattresses. M. Walter

is requesting the BOS to approve moving forward. S. Everett MOVED to Approve the Waste Processing Agreement and to give Steven M. Everett, First Selectman, or Mark B. Walter, Town Administrator the Authority to Sign the Agreement. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

5.5 Pavilion for Rec Park Installation. M. Walter explained that we have received quotes from three (3) top vendors for a 30ft metal pavilion that will be installed behind the playground at Rec Park. The lowest bidder was Creative Recreation at \$44,639 with an additional cost of \$3,500 for the slab. M. Walter explained that we have used Creative Recreation before and have been happy with their work and they are the only company in the State that provides this type of building and installs it. W. O'Brien and J. Viens stated to go back out to bid. S. Everett asked about other options such as a wood pavilion and asphalt roofing. S. Everett asked M. Walter to look for other options. Carole Williamson asked to please consider not using pressure treated wood.

6. COLUMBIA LAKE / DAM / BEACH: None.

7. APPOINTMENTS / RESIGNATIONS: None.

8. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

8.1 Columbia Volunteer Fire Department Incident Reports. M. Walter shared the CVFD Incident Report for March with the BOS to keep them abreast of the activities. M. Walter also shared the State Police Report for March. M. Walter noted that we received an additional \$7,000 in ECS funds.

8.2 Pavilion for Rec Park and Installation. Moved to New Business 5.5.

9. CORRESPONDENCE:

9.1 Article from *The Chronicle* dated Regarding Zoning Fee Overhaul.

10. BUDGET:

10.1 Transfers: S. Everett MOVED to Approve the Transfer of \$32.00.

TRANSFER #/AMOUNT	FROM A/C# DESCRIPTION	TO A/C# DESCRIPITON
2019 #027 / \$32.00	10-4112-110 / Postage	10-4135-110 / Postage

MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

10.2 Refunds: None

11. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS: S. Everett MOVED to Approve the Payment of Bills totaling \$41,477.52 consisting of 2018-19 Emergency, 2018-19 Regular, Credit Card and Paychex. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

12. **AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:** Ann Dunnack thanked the BOS for approving the van for last Saturday's Wells Wood walk.
13. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** L. Napolitano stated that before she starts any committee for the Emerald Ash Bore, we might want to talk to Eric Tree Service for information and we might want some advisement from the Town's Counsel.
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).** S. Everett MOVED to go enter into Executive Session at 7:51 pm for real estate with M. Walter. MOTION CARRIED 5.0. S. Everett MOVED to end the Executive Session at 8:02 pm. No action was taken. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.
15. **ADJOURNMENT:** S. Everett MOVED to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:03 pm. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully Submitted by Jennifer C. LaVoie

Freedom of Information Act
Request to Redact Residential Address

Date: _____

To: Town of Columbia
323 Route 87
Columbia, CT 06237

From: _____
(Print name)

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 1-217(c)(1), I make the request that my residential address be protected from disclosure in response to Freedom of Information Act requests covered by Connecticut General Statutes § 1-217(c)(2).

• The residential address to be protected is: _____

• My Business Address is: _____

• I certify that I am permitted by Connecticut General Statutes § 1-217(a) to make this request because I am: (Check one)

_____ A federal court judge, federal court magistrate, judge of the Superior Court, Appellate Court or Supreme Court of the state, or family support magistrate

_____ A sworn member of a municipal police department, a sworn member of the Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection or a sworn law enforcement officer within the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

_____ An employee of the Department of Correction

_____ An attorney-at-law who represents or has represented the state in a criminal prosecution

_____ An attorney-at-law who is or has been employed by the Division of Public Defender Services or a social worker who is employed by the Division of Public Defender Services

_____ An inspector employed by the Division of Criminal Justice

_____ A firefighter

- _____ An employee of the Department of Children and Families
- _____ A member or employee of the Board of Pardons and Paroles
- _____ An employee of the judicial branch
- _____ An employee of the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services who provides direct care to patients
- _____ A member or employee of the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities

- I acknowledge that my business address may be disclosed pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 1-210.
- I certify that all information that I have written or typed on this form is true and correct.
- The Town of Columbia and its public agencies may rely on an electronically transmitted copy of this signed form, or a photocopy of the original or of an electronic transmission as if it were an original signed copy of this form whether or not I have also delivered a signed original.

Thank you for your assistance.

(Signature)

Town of Columbia
Purchase Order Worksheet

Department Name: Parks/Rec Department #: 670

Person Requesting Purchase: Marc Volza

For Procurement Under \$500 Purchase order worksheet unnecessary

For Procurement Over: \$500 (3) Verbal Quotes – must document below
\$5,000 (3) Written Quotes
\$15,000 Requires Sealed Bids

Purchase Order Number Attached: 8796

Brief description of material or services to be purchased (including quantity, model number):

Crack filling, resurfacing/sealing and painting of tennis court
Demolishing of old bball court, repaving, sealing, and painting of new court

Vendor Name	Local Vendor (circle)	Bid Quote	Attach Written Quotes if Applicable
<u>Constantine Sealing Service</u>	(Y N)	<u>\$32,298</u>	
<u>Hinding Tennis / M-M TENNIS</u>	(Y N)	<u>\$51,414.25</u>	
<u>Sullivan Paving</u>	(Y N)	<u>no bid</u>	

Vendor Chosen (include justification): Constantine Sealing Service

lowest bidder

Justification for less than three bids: Limited companies that will service

tennis/basketball courts in this area.

Account from which purchase will be made: Rec Park Capital

Current account balance: _____

Approved By: _____

Date: _____

First Selectman or Town Administrator

LAKE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 1, 2019

Mr. Steven M. Everett
First Selectman
323 Route 87, Yeoman's Hall
Columbia, CT 06237

RE: Application for Installing a Raft
Mr. and Mrs. Eric Sodergren, 166 Route 87, Columbia, CT

On April 22, 2019, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Sodergren, of 166 Route 87, Columbia, CT submitted an application for permit to install a raft on their property.

On Saturday, April 27, 2019, Karl Then and I, representing the Lake Management Advisory Committee (LMAC), met at the subject site. The property owner wishes to install a new aluminum raft, approximately 8'-0" x 8'-0" off the property. The outer most portion of the raft would be located approximately 65'-0" from the shoreline. The proposal locates the raft centered on the mid-point line of the distance between the property lines.

After review, it is the recommendation of LMAC to the Board of Selectmen that this permit be approved and the following conditions should be considered:

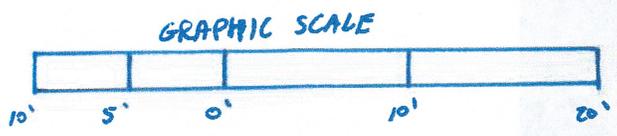
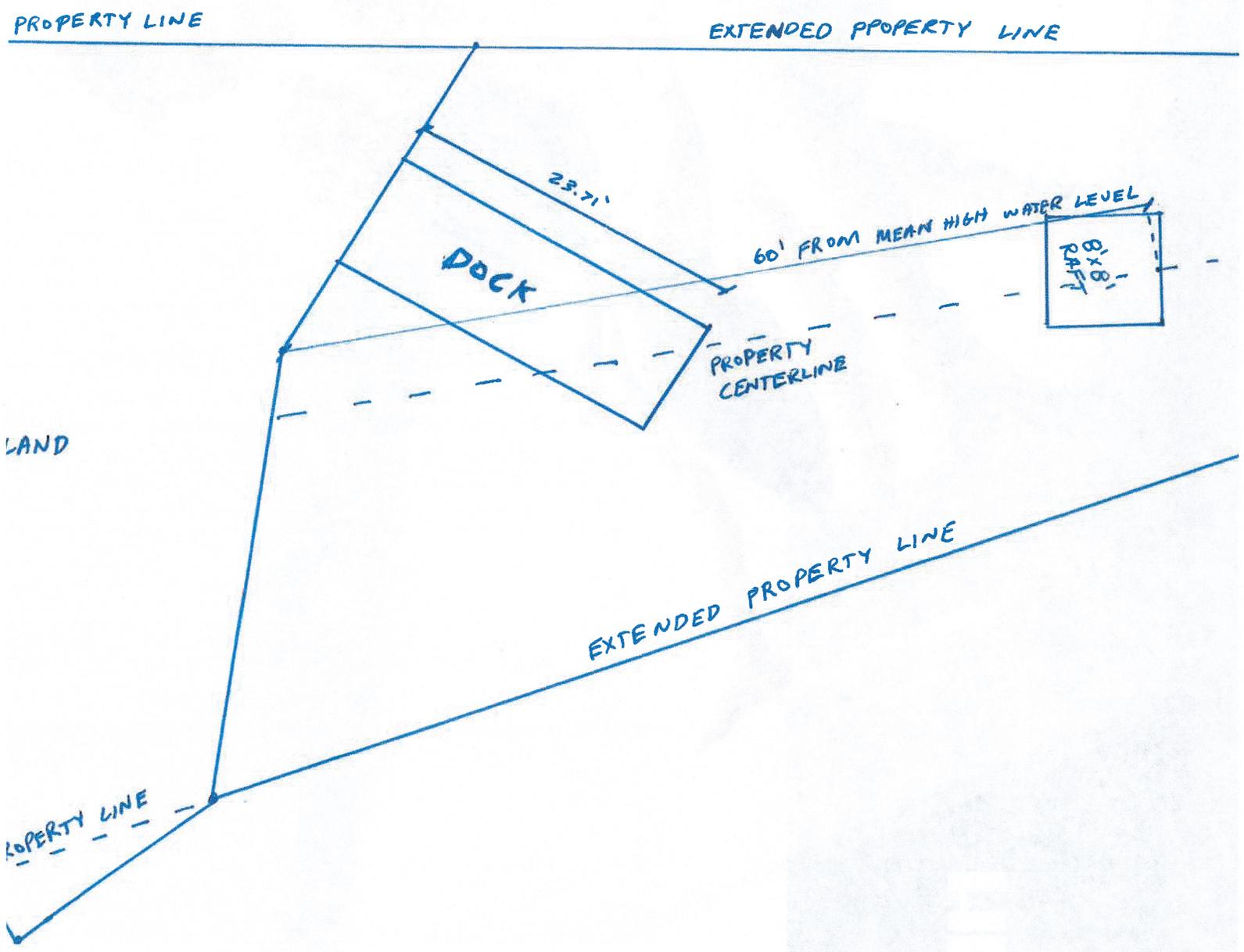
1. The new raft will be no larger than 10'-0" x 10'-0".
2. The raft will be located no more than 75 feet from the property line.
3. The raft will be located approximately 5 feet north of the mid-point of the property line. This is due to the close proximity of the adjacent house to the south. A final inspection will occur to review the location of the raft once the raft is installed. At that time, it will be determined if the raft will remain or will require relocation due to obstructing the neighbor's view and/or if it poses a navigational problem.
4. The applicant will insure construction of the new raft will be of sound materials and shall not adversely affect the quality of the Lake water or aquatic life.
5. The raft must meet the Lake Guidelines for such structures.

Your consideration in this manner is appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted;

Robert R. Powell, Jr.

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Chairman, Permit Application Sub-Committee
Lake Management Advisory Committee

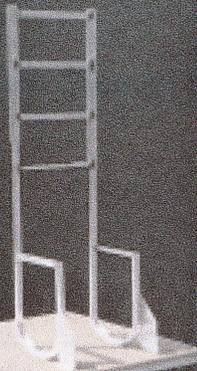


DRAWN TO SCALE

Always at the Center of Fun



See pages 48-55 for accessories and description of decking options.



Ladder in tipped-up position.

STANDARD RAFT FEATURES

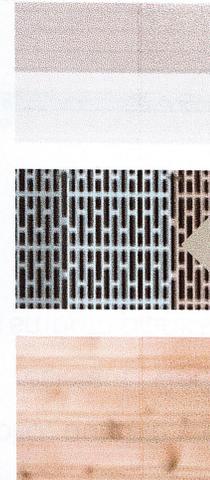
- Corrosion resistant all-aluminum frame
- Heavy-duty, foam-filled polyethylene float tanks
- Corner reflectors mounted on all sides for night time visibility and safety
- 8' x 8' platform, or choose your own custom size
- 8' x 8' platform raft weighs 340 lbs with a 1400 lb capacity

Optional accessories package includes corner bumpers, four-step ladder with tip-over hinge and all mounting hardware.

Aluminum

ThruFlow

Cedar



QT POWDER COATED ALL-ALUMINUM

Extruded aluminum decking that offers superior strength, low weight and corrosion resistance. Incorporates sound deadening material and a baked-on beige or white finish for a durable non-skid surface.

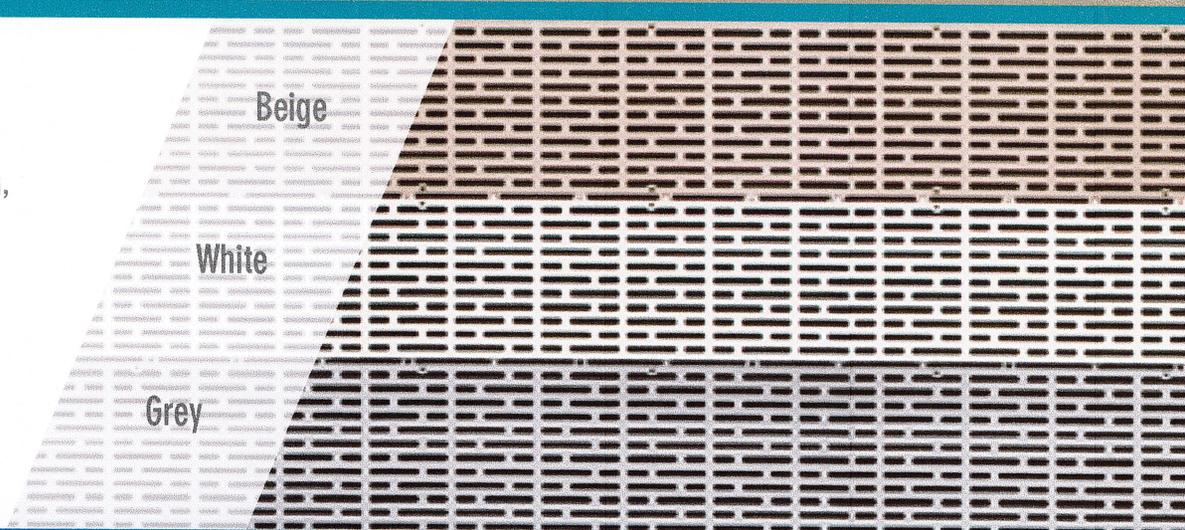


White

Beige

THRUFLOW

Designed for easy assembly with strong, durable and lightweight construction. Maintenance-free, reinforced polypropylene finish. Allows water and debris to fall through your dock surface.



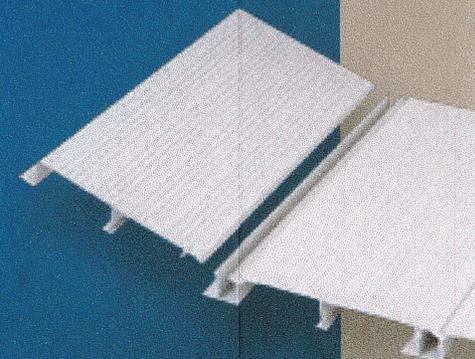
Beige

White

Grey

INTERLOCKING ALUMINUM DECKING SYSTEM

Well-suited for custom-made docks, dock additions, platforms and ramps. Interlocking design allows quick assembly and prevents passage of water, making it ideal for second-level decks and patios. The system has three basic parts – a starter section with mounting flange, tip-in center sections which can be added in any number to create desired width, and an end section with mounting flange. Decking can be cut to length and capped off with aluminum channel. Lightweight, high strength extruded aluminum with a baked-on, skid-resistant finish, available in white or beige.



April 24, 2019

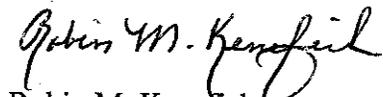
Columbia Town Committees

Re: Election November 5, 2019
Town Committee CAUCUS

I have mailed the ED-102 form "LIST OF OFFICES TO BE FILLED" to the State and have provided an unofficial copy for you. I have also enclosed a MINORITY REPRESENTATION layout of options (per Town Charter-page 13).

If you are not the person who should be receiving this information, then please pass it along to the appropriate person.

I hope this was helpful.
If you have any questions, please call.


Robin M. Kenefick
Town Clerk

Cc: Board of Selectmen,
Town Administrator



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE**

ED-102 (Rev. 03/13) List of Offices to be Filled

LIST OF OFFICES TO BE FILLED

(To be filed with Secretary of State not later than one hundred eightieth day before election)

Town of **Columbia** State Of Connecticut

At the election of Town officers to be held in said municipality on November 5, 2019, the following offices will be filed for the terms noted below. The number of candidates from whom each elector may vote at said election is also noted below.

Number For Which Each May Vote	No. to be Elected	Order and Title Of Office To Be Filled	Term	
			From	To
		(including supplementary language, if any)		
(Note: This is also the maximum number of party may nominate.)				
2	2	Selectmen Vote for Any Two	11/25/2019	11/27/2023
4	4	Board of Education Vote for Any Four	11/25/2019	11/27/2023
1	1	Board of Assessment Appeals Vote for One	11/25/2019	11/27/2023
3	3	Planning & Zoning Commission Four Year Term Begins 2019 Vote for Any Three	11/25/2019	11/27/2023
1	1	Planning & Zoning Commission Four Year Term Begins 2020 Vote for One	11/23/2020	11/25/2024
2	3	Planning & Zoning Commission Alternate Vote for Any Two	11/25/2019	11/22/2021
1	1	Zoning Board of Appeals Four Year Term Begins 2019 Vote for One	11/25/2019	11/27/2023
1	1	Zoning Board of Appeals Four Year Term Begins 2020 Vote for One	11/23/2020	11/25/2024
2	3	Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate Vote for Any Two	11/25/2019	11/22/2021
4	4	Financial Planning And Allocation Commission Vote for Any Four	11/25/2019	11/27/2023

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			From	To	STILL seated	Election Option #1	option #2	option #3
2	2	Selectmen Vote for Any Two	11/25/2019	11/27/2023	2R + 1D	D + D	D + R	—
4	4	Board of Education Vote for Any Four	11/25/2019	11/27/2023	2D + 1R	2D + 2R	1D + 3R	—
1	1	Board of Assessment Appeals Vote for One	11/25/2019	11/27/2023	2D	R	—	—
3	3	Planning & Zoning Commission Four Year Term Begins 2019 Vote for Any Three	11/25/2019	11/27/2023	2R + 1D	2R + 1D	2D + 1R	3D
1	1	Planning & Zoning Commission Four Year Term Begins 2020 Vote for One	11/23/2020	11/25/2024				
		Pending						
2	3	Planning & Zoning Commission Alternate Vote for Any Two	11/25/2019	11/22/2021		Top 3 votes 2 + 1	—	—
1	1	Zoning Board of Appeals Four Year Term Begins 2019 Vote for One	11/25/2019	11/27/2023	2D + 1R	1D	1R	
1	1	Zoning Board of Appeals Four Year Term Begins 2020 Vote for One	11/23/2020	11/25/2024				
		Pending						
2	3	Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate Vote for Any Two	11/25/2019	11/22/2021		Top 3 votes 2 + 1	—	—
4	4	Financial Planning And Allocation Commission Vote for Any Four	11/25/2019	11/27/2023	2R + 1D	2R + 2D	1R + 3D	—

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FiPAC sends budget to Columbia voters

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COLUMBIA — Immediately following Wednesday's public hearing, the Columbia Financial Planning & Allocation Commission voted to advance its 2019-20 budget to voters.

The proposed town/school budget is \$18,241,640, which is an increase of \$330,000, or 1.84 percent over this year's budget.

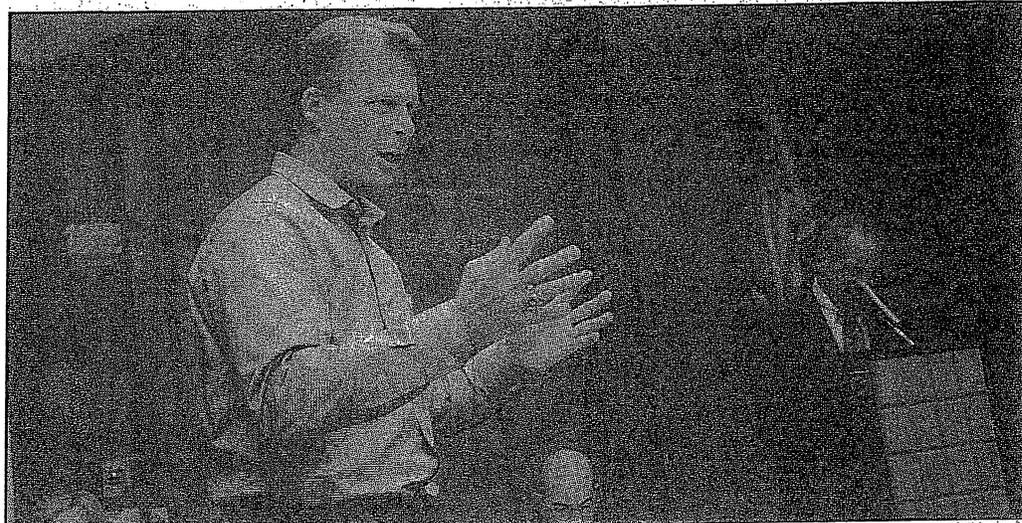
FiPAC agreed to bring the proposal to a public vote at the annual town meeting set for Tuesday, May 14, at 7 p.m. at Yeomans Hall, 323 Jonathan Trumbull Highway (Route 87).

But before advancing the budget and after a long debate, FiPAC moved to transfer \$15,000 out of the town's general fund and into its capital fund for Rec Park.

This contributes to an \$115,000 appropriation toward recreation area improvements, also known as the rec park project.

This motion did not impact the town's proposed mill rate of 29.33, which will remain flat, or unchanged, over the 2018-19 fiscal year.

For a home assessed at \$200,000, a property owner would be required to pay



Columbia First Selectman Steven Everett, a Republican, speaks during Wednesday's town budget hearing. Lisa Massicotte | Staff

\$5,866 in taxes.

"It's not an easy deal to put together a budget," said Columbia First Selectmen Steven Everett. "There's a lot of things that some people want, there are a few things that a lot of people want. The truth is we looked at this real hard."

The Columbia Board of Education requested a total of \$12,736,826, representing 69.87 percent of the town's total budget.

This is a decrease of \$89,000 — or 0.69 percent — less than what is being spent this school year.

The proposed spending

plan also includes:

- A board of selectmen budget of \$4,031,736, an increase of \$124,109, or 3.18 percent, from the current budget.

- A capital fund contribution of \$1,159,094, an increase of \$265,879, or 29.8 percent, from the current budget.

- \$159,500 for debt service, a decrease of \$7,250, or 4.35 percent, from the current budget.

In addition, there are small amounts included for miscellaneous, "other," funds in the budget — totaling \$116,776.

FiPAC is calling for the use of \$595,000 from the general fund balance within in this

spending package as a means to reduce the tax impact.

In addition, a total of \$39,709 was appropriated to a new teachers retirement program.

Gov. Ned Lamont has proposed requiring towns to pay a portion of the state's teacher pensions.

It is not certain if this will be adopted by the General Assembly.

Copies of budget proposal are available on the town's website, as well as in the Columbia Town Clerk's Office. Columbia's website is www.columbiact.org.

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Charges dropped against Coventry resident

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MANSFIELD/COVENTRY — Charges were dropped on one of the two Coventry men charged with stealing more than \$37,000 worth of construction equipment

Jeffrey Mazzola, 62, of 67 Edgemere Road, is no longer being prosecuted after nolle prosequi was issued Wednesday.

In Connecticut, once a case is nolledd, it will be dismissed 13 months after the

nolle date, during that period prosecutors hold the right to re-file charges.

Nicholas McMahon, 38, of 123 David Drive, was sentenced on March 20 to 18 months in prison after being charged with first-degree larceny on Halloween morning of 2018.

McMahon, along with Mazzola, were both arrested in Mansfield by Connecticut State Police based at Troop C in Tolland.

McMahon and Mazzola were arrest-

ed on Fern Road in Mansfield when state police saw McMahon operating a Bobcat Skid Steer, police reported at the time.

The other stolen equipment was also found on site.

Their location was determined from a police investigation conducted by Troop C, Amtrak Police and Mansfield resident troopers.

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Pet of the Week

Our pet of the week is need to go together, male



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