

**FINANCIAL PLANNING and ALLOCATION COMMISSION
MEETING MOTIONS
Via Zoom Virtual Meeting
Wednesday, May 20, 2020 – 7 pm
Yeomans Hall
323 Route 87, Columbia, CT**

Members Present: Ernie Sharpe, Chairman; Richard Szegda, Co-Vice Chairman; Kelly Peck, Co-Vice Chairman, Judith Jordan; Brian Pedersen, Jeff Viens.

Members Absent: Mike Patel.

Also Present: Mark Walter, Town Administrator, Bev Ciurylo, Finance Director, Maria Geryk, Superintendent, Steven Everett, First Selectman.

FiPAC Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of 5/13/20. R. Szegda MOVED to Approve the Public Meeting Minutes of 5/13/20. K. Peck Seconded the Motion. 5.0.1 with J. Viens abstaining.

K. Peck MOVED to increase the library budget by \$2,306.00 from the undesignated fund. R. Szegda SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 6.0.

Modification of the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Town Budget as FiPAC deems necessary. K. Peck MOVED to Adopt the budget with the amendment previously approved. R. Szegda SECONDED the MOTION. CARRIED 6.0.

Setting of Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Tax Rate and setting of the dates that taxes are due and payable. E. Sharpe MOVED to Approve the tax rate for FY 2020/2021 be set at 29.33 and the taxes due and payable on July 1, 2020 and January 1, 2021. R. Szegda SECONDED MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 6.0.

Executive Order 7S Transfers: E. Sharpe MOVED to Approve the Resolution to be read by M. Walter.

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen had previously called a Special Town Meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 to act upon the proposed appropriation of \$30,000 from the open space land acquisition account to be applied toward the purchase price of the Inzinga/Bauer property more particularly described below; and

WHEREAS, in light of the current Declaration of Public Health and Civil Preparedness emergencies in the State of Connecticut and executive orders issued by Governor Lamont in conjunction with such declaration the holding of a town meeting would not be prudent; and

WHEREAS, Section 7 of Executive Order 7S issued by Governor Lamont on April 1, 2020 permits the Board of Selectmen and the Financial Planning and Allocation Committee, by the majority vote of each such body, to authorize an appropriation in an amount less than one percent (1%) of the Town's current total municipal budget without complying with the Town

Charter or any statutory requirement to hold a town meeting or referendum to approve such appropriation; and

WHEREAS, the Financial Planning and Allocation Committee has determined that the appropriation of the funds to be applied to the open space purchase is in the best interest of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen has previously approved the appropriation of the sum of \$30,000 from Open Space Land Acquisition, Capital Account #20-6388-013 as a capital contribution to be applied toward the purchase price of a certain parcel consisting of approximately 99.5 acres of open space land located in the Town of Columbia owned by Russell P. Inzinga, Trustee and the Estate of Angeline I. Bauer and located at Wells Wood Rd. (Lot 51 on Assessor's Map 38).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Financial Planning and Allocation Commission approves the appropriation of the sum of \$30,000 from Open Space Land Acquisition, Capital Account #20-6388-013 as a capital contribution to be applied toward the purchase price of a certain parcel consisting of approximately 99.5 acres of open space land located in the Town of Columbia owned by Russell P. Inzinga, Trustee and the Estate of Angeline I. Bauer and located at Wells Wood Rd. (Lot 51 on Assessor's Map 38).

E. Sharpe MOVED to Approve the Resolution. J. Jordan SECONDED the MOTION. 5.0.1 with K. Peck abstaining.

Appropriation of funds to be applied to the Rescue Truck replacement for Columbia Volunteer Fire Department. E. Sharpe MOVED to Approve the Resolution to be read by M. Walter.

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen had previously called a Town Meeting to act upon the proposed appropriation of \$300,000 from the General Fund to be applied to the purchase of a Rescue Truck replacement for the Columbia Volunteer Fire Department more particularly described below; and

WHEREAS, in light of the current Declaration of Public Health and Civil Preparedness emergencies in the State of Connecticut and executive orders issued by Governor Lamont in conjunction with such declaration the holding of a town meeting would not be prudent; and

WHEREAS, Section 7 of Executive Order 7S issued by Governor Lamont on April 1, 2020 permits the Board of Selectmen and the Financial Planning and Allocation Commission, by the majority vote of each such body, to authorize an appropriation in an amount less than one percent (1%) of the Town's current total municipal budget without complying with the Town Charter or any statutory requirement to hold a town meeting or referendum to approve such appropriation; and

WHEREAS, the Financial Planning and Allocation Commission has determined that the appropriation of the funds to be applied to the Rescue Truck replacement for the Columbia Volunteer Fire Department is in the best interest of the Town,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Financial Planning and Allocation Commission authorizes the Town to appropriate the sum of \$175,000 from the General Fund and transfer those funds to the capital reserve account named CVFD Capital Projects #20-6403-006 in order to purchase a Rescue Truck replacement for the Columbia Volunteer Fire Department.

E. Sharpe MOVED to Approve the Resolution. R. Szegda SECONDED the MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.1 with K. Peck Abstaining.

R. Szegda MOVED to Approve the Transfers as presented by B. Ciurylo. J. Jordan SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 6.0.

ADJOURNMENT: E. Sharpe MOVED to ADJOURN at 7:31 pm.