

Town of Columbia
Financial Planning and Allocation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 18, 2019 – (immediately following Tri Board Meeting)
Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room
323Route 87, Columbia, CT. 06237

Members Present: Chairman Earnest Sharpe; Richard Szegda; Kelley Peck, Judi Jordan, Mike Patel, Brian Pedersen.

Also Present: Town Administrator Mark Walter; Finance Director Beverly Ciurylo.

1. **Call to Order:** E. Sharpe called the meeting to order at 8:10 pm.
2. **Audience of Citizens:** None.
3. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - 3.1 **Approval of FiPAC Meeting Minutes of November 20, 2019.** The approval of the FiPAC Meeting Minutes of November 20, 2019 has been tabled until the next meeting.
4. **Correspondence:**
 - 4.1 **BOS Meeting Minutes: 11/19/19 and 12/3/19.**
- 4 **Old Business:** None.
- 5 **New Business:**
 - 5.1 **To approve the towns participation with the trust for public land and others in the acquisition of land parcels within the Town of Columbia as part of the Mono Pond State Park expansion and in furtherance thereof to reserve the balance of the Town’s Open Space Fund for this purpose and to specifically allocate \$15,000 of this reserve as the Town’s contribution towards the acquisition costs of the Markell properties parcel, title of which shall be acquired by the State of CT, and otherwise on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectman shall subsequently approve.** K. Peck MOVED to accept the MOTION to ALLOCATE \$15,000 from the existing fund for the Markell properties parcel. R. Szegda SECONDED the MOTION and it CARRIED 6.0.
 - 5.2 **Tri-Board Meeting Discussion:** K. Peck stated that she was unclear on the long-range plan for the school. She said that in the Tri-Board meeting they seemed to talk about long-range planning internally at the school with no sense in terms of costs.

E. Sharpe explained that Todd Sheppard has resigned from FiPAC and Jeff Viens will be replacing him. E. Sharped expressed his appreciation for Todd’s contribution and service over the years.

5.3 Transfers: B. Ciurylo explained that the \$16,000 transfer out of Contingency to the Senior Van Services was for additional staffing and hours for the Senior Van Services. The second transfer an additional \$25,000 for the removal of dangerous trees. K. Peck said she thought she read that there was a request for a medical car and is this transfer/request in lieu of this. M. Walter explained that the medical car was a lot of money and we hadn't exhausted other options. He explained that the Senior Center Director rescheduled the use of the van to include wellness days and medical days. He stated that we have been looking at other towns to partner with and that we recently had the Town Manager of Andover tour the Sr. Center. D. Szegda stated that if we approve this money, it will not have that big of an impact. R. Szegda MOVED to Approve \$16,000 from Contingency to Senior Van Services. Judith Jordan seconded. MOTION CARRIED 6.0.

5.4 FiPAC Meeting Schedule: The FiPAC Meeting Schedule was discussed in the last FiPAC Meeting.

6 Next Meeting: Next meeting will be January 15, 2020.

7 Adjournment: E. Sharpe MOVED to ADJOURN at 8:31 pm and the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.