

**TOWN OF COLUMBIA**  
**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, March 6, 2018 – 6:45 pm**  
**Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room**  
**323 Route 87, Columbia, CT**

A Special Town Meeting of the duly electors and citizens qualified to vote in the Town Meeting of the Town of Columbia, Connecticut was held in the Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 6:45pm.

**Present:** First Selectman, Steven M. Everett; Deputy Selectman, Robert Hellstrom; Mark B. Walter, Town Administrator; Beverly Ciurylo, Finance Director

**Moderator:** Mark Desrosiers

**Clerk:** Jennifer C. LaVoie

**Citizens:** 2 Citizens, Michelle Firestone, Reporter from the Chronicle and including Selectman were present at the start of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by S. Everett at 6:45pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was then turned over to the Moderator who read the legal advertisement from the Chronicle which included the following **CLAUSE**:

**CLAUSE 1:** To approve a funds transfer in the amount of \$25,000.00 from the Town of Columbia General Fund to the Capital Account DPW Capital Improvement Buildings (COA# 20-6206-002) for the purpose of the town match as stipulated in the application for the Historic Restoration Fund Grant. The funds will be used for the renovation and the all-embracing exterior work at the Indian Moor's Head School.

S. Everett **MOVED** to approve a funds transfer in the amount of \$25,000.00 from the Town of Columbia General Fund to the Capital Account DPW Capital Improvement Buildings (COA# 20-6206-002) for the purpose of the town match as stipulated in the application for the Historic Restoration Fund Grant. The funds will be used for the renovation and the all-embracing exterior work at the Indian Moor's Head School. R. Hellstrom **SECONDED** the Motion.

The moderator gave the floor to First Selectman, Steven M. Everett to offer some background/information on the need for the funds for the Indian Moor's Head School restoration. S. Everett explained that there will be an upcoming Dartmouth Alumni reunion and the school. There are needed renovations that include removing lead pain, repainting the building and re-glazing of the windows.

Joan Hill of 23 Cards Mill Rd., Columbia, CT asked if the Town had details for the renovations. S. Everett responded that the initial quote chemically stripping lead paint from the exterior of building following regulations. Existing windows

will be removed with repairs made to the sills, sashes and glazing then reinstalled. Damaged wood surfaces will be repaired. The exterior will be repainted with one coat of primer and two coats of finish, applied to both buildings. He also added that the initial quote was provided by a regional contracting service that the Town uses; however, with the grant the Town needs to receive at least 3 bids from qualified service providers.

J. Hill asked if we had reviewed the 1990's work that was performed on the school, and will we review if anything else needs to be done? She added that there is a lot of oral history on the school, but do we have actual identification to prove how old the building is. J. Hill asked if the Town could include this type of research in the grant.

The Moderator suggested that the Town take this under advisement, but it is not actually directly applicable.

J. Hill asked how much did the repairs at the Chapel cost approximately 10 to 12 years ago. M. Walter stated he did not know. She also asked if the request for funds for the renovation is in the current budget. S. Everett explained that it is coming out of the General Fund.

Moderator re-read the MOTION into the record and called for a vote. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Town Meeting ADJOURNED at 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer C. LaVoie