

REFULAR MEETING MINUTES
COLUMBIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, November 12, 2013 – 7 pm
Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room
323 Route 87, Columbia, CT

Members Present: Selectman Richard Szegda; Selectman William O'Brien; Selectman Robert Hellstrom; Selectman Robert Bogue.

Also Present: Town Administrator Jonathan Luiz and others.

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

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **MINUTES: 10/15/13 Regular Meeting:** W. O'Brien MOVED to approve the regular meeting minutes of 10/15/13 and the MOTION CARRIED 3:0:1 with R. Bogue abstaining. **10/29/13 Special Meeting:** R. Bogue MOVED to approve the special meeting minutes of 10/29/13 and the MOTION CARRIED 4:0.
3. **AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:** None.
4. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - 4.1 **Employee Recognition:** The BOS recognized the following town employees for serving the town of Columbia 10 years or more: Andy Andrews; Astrid Belanger; Grant Bombria; Kevin Gresch; Cindee Hodge; Robin Kenefick; Les Kittle; Mary Latour; Mike Lester; Linda McDonald; Lisa McDonald; Bud Meyers; Brian Paul; Carol Price; Paula Stahl; and John Valente. Town employees and members of the BOS presented a gift to R. Szegda in consideration of his years of service to the Town. R. Szegda stated that he has really enjoyed his time on the BOS and is thankful for getting to know town employees and plans to stay involved. He stated that he wants the BOS to commit to becoming full members of a youth services bureau. W. O'Brien thanked R. Szegda for all his service and feels it was special that their fathers served on the BOS together and that he and R. Szegda had the chance to follow in their footsteps. J. Luiz extended his thanks to R. Szegda professionally and personally for all he has taught him and for all he has done. R. Bogue and R. Hellstrom thanked R. Szegda for his contributions to the town.
 - 4.2 **Capital expenditures for school security improvements:** J. Luiz summarized the scope and cost of the school security improvements with the BOS. J. Luiz explained that since the project was not competitively bid in accordance with Town standards, the Capital Funds may not be released by the Town unless the BOS votes unanimously to waive the bidding requirement. R. Szegda MOVED to waive the requirement for competitive bidding with respect to the school security improvements presented. MOTION CARRIED 4:0.
 - 4.3 **Youth Services:** R. Szegda stated that the town has been partial members of AHM since 2008 and if the town does not soon commit to becoming full time members, then AHM will no longer continue to provide services

to the town. He feels that it would be best to table this item until C. Vance and the new Board is present. R. Szegda requested that J. Luiz speak with Joel Rosenberg regarding the options that the town has in terms of becoming full time members in the next year or two or three years. A general consensus was reached that this item will be added to a December meeting agenda.

- 4.4 Transfer Station operation:** J. Luiz explained to the BOS that the Transfer Station facility closure time of 4:30 pm has presented an operational and fiscal challenge to the town because a few residents have begun to routinely enter the Transfer Station very close to 4:29 pm and end up staying inside the Transfer Station for approximately 10 minutes in order to get rid of their materials. J. Luiz said that this has caused difficulty for Transfer Station staff to lock the facility, close out the register and leave work within their scheduled 8 hour workday. Discussion ensued among BOS members, with members asking why the Saturday and Wednesday hours of operation are different. J. Luiz said that the Public Works Director did not know why the Saturday hours of operation are 8 am to 4 pm and why Wednesday hours of operation are 8 am to 4:30 pm. W. O'Brien MOVED to adjust the Transfer Station hours of operation on Wednesday from 8 am to 4 pm. MOTION CARRIED 4:0.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- 5.1 Authorization for the Board of Education to enter into multi-year agreement to update equipment:** J. Luiz summarized the scope of the deal that the BOE is pursuing with NEEM. R. Szegda MOVED to authorize the execution of the loan agreement as presented in the NEEM project overview. MOTION CARRIED 4:0.

6. COLUMBIA LAKE / DAM / BEACH

- 6.1 Application for Constructing Structures on or over the Lake by Karen Snyder.** R. Szegda MOVED to approve the application for constructing structures on or over the Lake by K. Snyder contingent upon the recommendations set forth by the Lake Management Advisory Committee (LMAC). MOTION CARRIED 4:0.
- 6.2 Application for Constructing Structures on or over the Lake by Carl Foster.** R. Szegda MOVED to approve the application for constructing structures on or over the Lake by C. Foster contingent upon the recommendations set forth by LMAC. MOTION CARRIED 4:0.

7. APPOINTMENTS / RESIGNATIONS:

- 7.1 Appointment of David Crim (R) to the Board of Education:** W. O'Brien MOVED to appoint David Crim to fill the position on the Columbia Board of Education that has been vacated by Sondra Montesi. MOTION CARRIED 4:0.

- 8. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:** J. Luiz provided information on sand deliveries, Solarize, an eviction auction, Joshua's Trust \$15,000 donation, the Chili Cook-Off, Superintendent search, Rec basketball facilities, Veteran's contact training, the purchase and remodeling of the Leventi's restaurant, Veteran's Day celebration, and Troop K Dispatch.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

- 9.1 October 2013 AHM Drug Task Force Take Back Event**
- 9.2 Press Release from Troop K regarding phone number at barracks'**
- 9.3 Connecticut Magazine, November 2013, page 61**
- 9.4 Easter Highland Health District Annual Report for FY 2012-2013**
- 9.5 Email correspondence between J. Luiz and CT DOT staff**

10. BUDGET

10.1 Transfers: None.

10.2 Refunds: R. Szegda MOVED to approve the following refund of \$74.29:

AMOUNT	TO	FROM
\$ 74.29	Leonard Seifts Jr.	Town of Columbia

MOTION CARRIED 4:0.

10.3 Review of FY '13-'14 Expenditures and Revenue thru the First Quarter: J. Luiz reviewed the materials provided in the packet.

10.4 Approval of Tax Suspension List: R. Szegda MOVED to suspend the taxes on the list presented. MOTION CARRIED 4:0.

10.5 Proposed Schedule for development of the FY '14-'15 Budget: R. Szegda acknowledged the schedule presented in the packet. J. Luiz said that some of the BOS Special Meetings in February may not be necessary.

11. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS: R. Szegda MOVED to approve the emergency payment of bills in the amount of \$1,586.47. MOTION CARRIED 4:0. R. Szegda MOVED to approve the regular payment of bills in the amount of \$130,674.09. MOTION CARRIED 4:0.

12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: The Board allowed resident and business owner Vera Englert to make a comment during this time. V. Englert expressed her displeasure over criminal activity that had recently taken place at her business location. She expressed her dissatisfaction with communication with the State Police on this matter. R. Szegda said that it sounds as if Youth Services would be very helpful with this situation.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

13.1 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) R. Szegda MOVED to enter into executive session at 8:23 pm with Ann Dunnack and J. Luiz present to discuss Real Estate with both present and to discuss Pending Litigation and Personnel with J. Luiz present. MOTION CARRIED 4:0. A. Dunnack left Executive Session at 8:45 pm. Executive Session ended at 8:49 pm.

14. ADJOURNMENT: R. Szegda MOVED to adjourn at 8:59 pm. and the MOTION CARRIED 4:0. The next meeting of the BOS is schedule for Tuesday, November 19, 2013 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Kimberly A. Bona and Jonathan Luiz.