

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
COLUMBIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, December 20, 2011, 7 pm

Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room
323 Route 87, Columbia, CT 06237

Members Present: First Selectman Carmen Vance. Selectmen Richard Szegda, Bill O'Brien and Bob Bogue.

Also Present: Town Administrator Jonathan Luiz.

CALL TO ORDER: C. Vance called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **MINUTES:** 12/6/11 Regular Meeting: B. Bogue MOVED to approve the Regular BOS Minutes of 12/06/11 with the following amendment:
- Page 2, items 7.3 – 7.6 be combined to state the following, “7.3 *Filling of PZC Vacancies*” MOTION CARRIED 4:0.
3. **AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:** None.
4. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - 4.1 **AHM Youth Services:** C. Vance spoke about a Youth Services Committee that was thought to have formed in the past. R. Szegda explained that a Youth Services group existed in the past but he does not believe that the committee was ever officially appointed by the BOS. R. Szegda stated that the original purpose of a Youth Services Committee was to discuss the need for Youth Services in Columbia and to provide the BOS with input to be sure the services make sense and are needed. B. Bogue asked if there is a cost associated with the AHM services that the town is presently using. R. Szegda stated that approximately \$17,000 is being spent annually for the town to receive therapeutic type intervention and JRB services, etc. Discussion followed. B. O'Brien asked what the requirements are to appoint a committee. J. Luiz reviewed the Charter with the Commission regarding the creation of other town agencies such as commissions, etc. by the BOS. B. O'Brien stated that he would like to have the appointment of the Youth Services Committee and its members be listed as an item of business on the next Town Meeting agenda. C. Vance explained that there have been committees in that past that the BOS created because the Charter did not already provide for their existence. Discussion followed. The BOS agreed to place this item on the next Town Meeting agenda. J. Luiz will research the matter with the help of the Town Attorney, if necessary. R. Szegda will email the BOS a list of prospective members for the Youth Services Committee as well as information on the prior Youth Services group.
 - 4.2 **Resolutions for Regional Performance Incentive Program Grant Applications:** J. Luiz explained that the BOS adopted a resolution for the Regional Performance Incentive Grant Application at a previous meeting but since then, WINCOG Director Mark Paquette developed the grant applications in greater detail and would like the town to re-adopt the resolutions. J. Luiz explained that re-adopting the resolutions will help eliminate any technical issues that may arise with the State of Connecticut Office of Policy Management. C. Vance MOVED to approve the Windham Region GIS & Cadastral Data Center Expansion resolution and the Risk Management/ Brokerage Services Analysis resolution as presented. MOTION CARRIED 4:0.
 - 4.3 **Library Construction Project Update:** C. Vance told the BOS that she and J. Luiz attended the Library Building Committee meeting last week and that the total expansion project cost is estimated to be \$8.1 million. She explained that FiPAC will meet tomorrow evening and that the BOS has been invited to this meeting to discuss the timing of this project, bonding, possible referendum, etc.
 - 4.4 **Property/Casualty Insurance Quote:** J. Luiz noted that an enhanced quote has been provided for insurance.

- 4.5 **CL&P Interstate Reliability Project:** J. Luiz explained that CL&P is seeking input from the town regarding the project. He stated neither he nor C. Vance have received any comments on this project from town employees and town boards/commissions.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

- 5.1 **Establishment of a Town Meeting:** R. Szegda MOVED to establish a Town Meeting on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 6:45 pm for the following purposes:

Clause 1- to establish a Capital Account entitled “Dam Hazard Mitigation” and to transfer into said Capital Account \$9,432 from Capital Account #20-6403-009 entitled “HWP Septic Engineering Services,” \$3,520 from Capital Account #20-6403-014 entitled “DPW – Removal of Underground Tanks, and \$4,660 from Capital Account 20-6403-021 entitled “HWP HVAC in Nurses’ Office.”

Clause 2 – appointment of a Youth Services Committee. MOTION CARRIED 4:0.

6. **COLUMBIA LAKE / DAM / BEACH:** None.

7. **APPOINTMENTS / RESIGNATIONS**

- 7.1 **Appointment of Ian Dann (U) as permanent member of the PZC (Starkel replacement, effective November of 2012):** The BOS acknowledged that the action it took at its last meeting concerning this appointment was invalid due to the fact that the Town Charter mandates that a Republican be appointed to the vacancy created by Mr. Starkel’s resignation. This item will be addressed at a future BOS meeting.
- 7.2 **Appointment of Sondra Jean Montesi (U) as member of BOE:** The BOS acknowledged that the action it took at its last meeting concerning this appointment was invalid due to the fact that the Town Charter mandates that the vacancy created by Ms. Bogues’ resignation from the BOE must be filled by a registered Republican. C. Vance explained that this item will be addressed at a future BOS meeting.
- 7.3 **Appointment of Maureen Allen (R) to Commission on Aging (CONA):** C. Vance MOVED to appoint M. Allen to CONA. MOTION CARRIED 4:0.
- 7.4 **Appointment of Joann Osmond (U) to Commission on Aging:** C. Vance MOVED to appoint J. Osmond to CONA. MOTION CARRIED 4:0
- 7.5 **Appointment of Patricia Gallagher (D) to Commission on Aging:** N/A as CONA already has seven appointed members and cannot have more than seven.
- 7.6 **Appointment of John Allen (R) to the Inland Wetlands Commission (IWC):** C. Vance MOVED to appoint J. Allen to IWC. MOTION CARRIED 4:0.
- 7.7 **Appointment of Thomas Archambault (U) to the Inland Wetlands Commission:** C. Vance MOVED to appoint T. Archambault to IWC. MOTION CARRIED 4:0.
- 7.8 **Appointment of Ronald Wikholm (D) to the Inland Wetland Commission:** C. Vance MOVED to appoint R. Wikholm to IWC. MOTION CARRIED 4:0.
- 7.9 **Appointment of Ann Dunnack (D) to the Recreation Commission:** This ITEM was TABLED.
- 7.10 **Appointment of Nicole Vacila (U) to the Recreation Commission:** This ITEM was TABLED.
- 7.11 **Appointment of Steve Piro (U) to the Recreation Commission:** This ITEM was TABLED.
- 7.12 **Appointment of Sebby Randazzo (D) to the Recreation Commission:** This ITEM was TABLED.
- 7.13 **Appointment of Jonathan Luiz to the Eastern Highlands Health District Board:** C. Vance MOVED to appoint J. Luiz to the Eastern Highlands Health District Board. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.
- 7.14 **Appointment of individuals to the Youth Services Board:** This ITEM was TABLED.

8. **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:** J. Luiz told the BOS that he and Superintendent Coss met again to discuss health insurance and that the attorney at Shipman and Goodwin is finalizing details of the draft agreement between Bolton and Columbia. Discussion followed. He also attended a meeting in Hampton with Mrs. Coss to learn about a possible alternative insurance plan where EASTCONN would act as the hub. J. Luiz discussed that plan with the BOS. J. Luiz stated that a meeting will be held tomorrow with state officials at Ron Szegda’s property to discuss purchase of development rights. He explained that the survey on this land was done and did not bring forward significant issues. J. Luiz explained that meetings were held at the Beckish Senior Center last week to discuss the Route 6 Transportation Study. He stated the meetings were interesting and that the presenters discussed ways of slowing Route 6 down for both safety and economic development reasons. J. Luiz explained that the

agreement with the Union and the Assistant Town Clerk is complete and that both parties are very satisfied with having one Assistant in the Town Clerk's Office. J. Luiz stated that Columbia resident Debbie Smith has been working on collecting food, etc. for those individuals in need and that he and Bev Ciurylo will use some of the fuel/food assistance money to purchase gift cards for needy individuals. Lastly, J. Luiz informed the BOS that Revaluation discussion have begun between residents and representatives from Vision Appraisal.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 Letter from K. Bell dated 12/8/11: The BOS recognized the generous donation from K. Bell on behalf of Columbia Manufacturing.

9.2 CVFD Financial Statements as of 6/30/11

9.3 CVFD Schedule of Expenditures Budget and Actual, 7/1/10 through 6/30/11

9.4 Connecticut Teacher Salary Statistics from *The Connecticut Economy*

9.5 Letter from C. Vance to the Law Office of Samuel L. Schrager & Associates

9.6 Letter from CT DEEP to C. Canedy

10. BUDGET

10.1 Transfers: R. Szegda MOVED to approve the following transfer:

AMOUNT	FROM A/C #	DESCRIPTION	TO A/C #
\$70	10-4350-550	Misc. Svcs/Chgs	10-4350-520

MOTION CARRIED 4:0.

11. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS: C. Vance MOVED to approve the regular payment of bills in the amount of \$59,526.52. MOTION CARRIED 4:0.

12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: None.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

13.1 Real estate pursuant to CT State Statutes Section 1-200(6)(D); Pending Litigation pursuant to CT State Statutes Section 1-200(6)(B); Personnel pursuant to CT State Statues Section 1-200(6)(A); C. Vance MOVED to enter into Executive Session at 8:06 pm. with J. Luiz present to discuss real estate pursuant to CT State Statutes Section 1-200(6)(D). MOTION CARRIED 4:0. Executive Session ended at 8:50 pm.

14. ADJOURNMENT: C. Vance MOVED to adjourn at 8:51 pm and the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The next BOS meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 3, 2011 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Kimberly A. Bona