

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
COLUMBIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, January 22, 2013
Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room
323 Route 87, Columbia, CT**

Selectmen present: First Selectman Carmen Vance, Richard Szegda, William O'Brien, Robert Bogue, and Robert Hellstrom

Also Present: Town Administrator Jonathan Luiz, Recording Secretary Linda McDonald, Mark Coleman

Call to Order: C. Vance called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited earlier in the evening.

2. Minutes of the regular meeting of January 9, 2013:

R. Bogue MOVED to APPROVE the regular meeting minutes of January 9, 2013 as presented. MOTION CARRIED 4:0:1. R. Szegda abstained.

3. Audience of Citizens: No audience of citizens.

4. OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business to discuss.

5. NEW BUSINESS: No New Business to discuss.

6. COLUMBIA LAKE/DAM/BEACH

6.1 Memo from M. Coleman to C. Vance regarding winter holding level: Discussion followed on the recommendation of LMAC to raise the winter holding level. Mark Coleman, Chairman of the Lake Management Advisory Committee (LMAC), reported that 38 of 41 responses from a poll of Lake Association members favored as full a lake as possible. The LMAC recommendation is to allow the lake to rise to a level no higher than -4'0". M. Coleman gave an overview of options and guidelines for the winter holding level.

The long range forecast is that February will be dry, and an even drier March and April. M. Coleman said the current water level is at 4'6" and approximately a dozen docks could be damaged by ice. Discussion followed on the Town's liability for dock and seawall damage. M. Coleman said when an applicant gets a permit they are putting a structure on Town property and the Town assumes no

liability. The responsibility and decision of the Lake water levels falls on the Board of Selectman.

W. O'Brien MOVED to ACCEPT the LMAC's recommendation to raise the lake level to -4'0". Discussion followed. MOTION CARRIED 5:0:0.

6.2 Email from M. Coleman to J. Luiz regarding winter holding level: This item was discussed under item 6.1.

6.3 Application for Constructing Structures on or over the Lake by Lisa Burns: C. Vance MOVED to APPROVE the application of Lisa Burns to repair a dock at 5 Woodland Terrace contingent upon the recommendations made by the LMAC. MOTION CARRIED 5:0:0.

7. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS: No report.

8. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: J. Luiz reported that the Windham Council of Governments (WinCOG) is struggling financially. The Northeast Council of Governments is open to taking all towns in WinCOG with the exception of Windham into their Council of Governments. Discussion followed.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 Memo from F. Coss dated 1/7/13 from C. Vance to B. Mahoney re MBR

9.2 Letter from R. Napoli to C. Vance dated 1/5/13: J. Luiz reported that there is an upcoming vote regarding M.E.U.I. representation for department supervisors on February 11, 2013.

10. BUDGET

10.1 Refunds: R. Szegda MOVED to APPROVE the following refunds:

TO	FROM	AMOUNT
A. Budnik & E. Marzec	Town of Columbia	\$14.19
N. Ainsworth	Town of Columbia	\$203.26
S. Holland	Town of Columbia	\$98.72

MOTION CARRIED 5:0:0.

10.2 Transfers: C. Vance MOVED to APPROVE the following transfers:

AMOUNT	FROM A/C #, DESCRIPTION	TO A/C #, DESCRIPTION
\$125	10-4110-120, Telephone/Comm.	10-4110-130, Legal Notices
\$75	10-4117-240, Fuel	10-4117-120,

		Telephone
\$500	10-4800-900, Contingency	10-4260-120, Telephone/Comm.
\$900	10-4800-900, Contingency	10-4260- 515,Contracted Services
\$500	10-4410-230, Electricity	10-4410- 120,Telephone, Comm.

MOTION CARRIED 5:0:0.

11. **APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS:** R. Hellstrom MOVED to approve the payment of regular bills in the amount of \$29,253.98. MOTION CARRIED 5:0:0.
12. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** No comments.
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 Statutes Section 1-200(6)(A)**

C. Vance MOVED to enter into Executive Session to discuss Real Estate at 8:45 pm with Jonathan Luiz and Chris Tolsdorf present. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The BOS exited out of Executive Session at 8:54 pm.
14. **ADJOURNMENT:** C. Vance MOVED to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:55 p.m. MOTION CARRIED 5:0:0.

Respectfully Submitted by Linda H. McDonald