

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
COLUMBIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Tuesday, February 18, 2014 – 7:00 pm
Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room
323 Route 87, Columbia, CT

Members Present: Deputy Selectman Steven Everett, Selectman William O'Brien, Selectman Robert Hellstrom, Selectman Robert Bogue.

Also Present: Town Administrator Jonathan Luiz, Finance Director Bev Ciurylo and others.

CALL TO ORDER: S. Everett called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Minutes: 2/4/14 Special Meeting:** R. Bogue MOVED to approve the minutes of the 2/4/14 Special BOS meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED 4:0.
3. **AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:** None.
4. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - 4.1 **Columbia Youth Services presentation by the Youth Services Committee:** Members of the Columbia Youth Services Committee presented on the subject of Youth Services in Columbia. Denise Morrell highlighted portions of the written materials that the BOS received from the Youth Services Committee. She said that at this point in time, that neither the Youth Services Committee nor AHM Youth Services are pushing for Columbia to become full-time members of AHM Youth Services. Discussion followed. Melissa Petrone stated that AHM assists with approximately 500 cases in Columbia annually. R. Szegda stated that the goal of Youth Services is to keep juveniles out of criminal trouble with the help of community based services. Discussion regarding the cost to provide youth services to Columbia took place. M. Petrone explained that next year, the cost for youth services will be approximately \$56,209, in which Columbia will be responsible for covering \$39,209, and the remaining \$17,000 will be covered by grants. Discussion took place regarding the possibility of duplicating services between Horace W. Porter School staff and AHM employee Cheri Rivard Lentz assigned to Horace W. Porter School. M. Petrone and D. Morell explained that C. Rivard Lentz and the school social worker work together when need be in order to resolve student issues and that services are not being duplicated because C. Rivard Lentz can address issues in a different way with the student's family. W. O'Brien asked what types of services AHM provides. D. Morell discussed after school activities and educational programs that are provided to the children. S. Everett asked if the school still provides the DARE program. D. Morell stated that the school does still provide DARE as well as Esteem Day. S. Everett stated that he wants what is best for the kids of Columbia, but would like to exercise all options and is not sure if AHM is the only answer. R. Hellstrom stated that he is on board and in favor of continuing AHM services. W. O'Brien said that that some members of the BOS have expressed biased against AHM and that he feels obligated to speak out in support of AHM. W. O'Brien stated he is in favor of continuing AHM

services in Columbia and wants a five year agreement put in place between the Town and AHM. The BOS reached a consensus that a meeting between J. Luiz and Joel Rosenberg be held in order to negotiate a five year agreement for youth services. J. Luiz will try to hold this meeting prior to the next BOS meeting.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Vacancies on Boards/Commissions: W. O'Brien expressed his concern with some of these commissions falling through the cracks if individuals are not appointed to fill vacancies. J. Luiz reviewed the current vacancies with the BOS. He stated that the list of board/commission vacancies is also available on the town website for those who would like to view it.

6. COLUMBIA LAKE/DAM/BEACH

6.1 Application for Constructing Structures on or over Columbia Lake by the Town: W. O'Brien MOVED to approve the application for a seawall replacement at the Murphy House/Town Beach submitted by the town contingent upon the conditions set forth by the Lake Management Advisory Committee (LMAC). MOTION CARRIED 4:0.

7. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS:

7.1 Appointment of Daniel Leavitt (R) to the Youth Services Committee: W. O'Brien MOVED to appoint D. Leavitt to the Youth Services Committee and the MOTION CARRIED 4:0.

7.2 Appointment of Robert Manwarren (U) as Town Meeting Moderator: R. Bogue MOVED to appoint R. Manwarren as a Town Meeting Moderator and the MOTION CARRIED 4:0.

7.3 Hire of Joseph Barrows as Transfer Station Attendant: R. Bogue MOVED to hire J. Barrows as Transfer Station Attendant at an hourly rate of \$12.75 per hour, contingent upon the completion of a criminal background check. MOTION CARRIED 4:0.

7.4 Appointment of Ann Dunnack (D), Paul Ramsey (D), Thomas McGrath (D), and Christopher McGrath (D) to the Conservation and Agriculture Commission: R. Bogue MOVED to appoint the following individuals to the Conservation and Ag Commission: A. Dunnack, P. Ramsey, T. McGrath, C. McGrath. MOTION CARRIED 4:0.

W. O'Brien MOVED to add item 7.5 to the agenda, entitled "Appointments to the Open Space Committee." MOTION CARRIED 4:0.

7.5 Appointments to the Open Space Committee: R. Hellstrom MOVED to appoint the following individuals to the Open Space Committee: Ann Dunnack (D), Paul Ramsey (D), Shirley King (D), Donald Schofield (D), Christopher Tolsdorf (R) and Joan Hill (U), Walter Tabor (U). MOTION CARRIED 4:0.

8. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: J. Luiz stated that he has been very busy preparing the FY '14-'15 budget. He explained that the "snow storm" budget has been impacted and at this point, the town's salary lines should be capable of handling approximately six (6) more storms, depending on size and severity. J. Luiz explained that the salt supply is low and that the Public Works crew has been using more sand than salt

recently because the sun is stronger these days. J. Luiz explained that if the town needs more salt, then he will look into purchasing more salt from the State.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 Interstate Reliability Project Pre-Construction Briefing

9.2 Access Health Connecticut Enrollment workshop flyer

10. BUDGET

10.1 Transfers: R. Bogue MOVED to approve the following FY '13-'14 transfer:

AMOUNT	FROM	TO
\$50.00	10-4530-750, Conf/Seminars	10-4530-720, Prof. Dues

MOTION CARRIED 4:0.

10.2 Refunds: R. Bogue MOVED to approve the following refunds:

AMOUNT	FROM	TO
\$23.60	Town of Columbia	William Ainsworth
\$325.16	Town of Columbia	Kathleen Tuttle
\$4,358.44	Town of Columbia	Corelogic Real Estate on behalf of TD Bank on behalf of Lynne and Robert Davis
\$10.00	Town of Columbia	Sharon Ladd

MOTION CARRIED 4:0.

11. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS: R. Bogue MOVED to approve the regular payment of bills in the amount of \$65,252.37 and the MOTION CARRIED 4:0.

12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: None.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

13.1 Real Estate 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). None.

14. ADJOURNMENT: S. Everett MOVED to adjourn at 9:50 pm. and the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The next meeting of the BOS is scheduled for Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kimberly A. Bona.