

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
COLUMBIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, July 15, 2014, 7 pm
Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room
323 Route 87, Columbia, CT

Members Present: First Selectman Carmen Vance; Deputy Selectman Steven Everett; Selectman Robert Hellstrom; Selectman Robert Bogue.

Also Present: Town Administrator Jonathan Luiz and others.

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

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **MINUTES: 7/1/14 Regular Meeting:** C. Vance MOVED to approve the BOS 7/1/14 Regular Meeting Minutes and the MOTION CARRIED 4:0.
3. **AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:** Walt Tabor of 485 Route 87 spoke about the PZC meeting that took place last night. He stated that there was much discussion regarding contaminated boats and the impact they have on the water quality of the lake. He asked if there has ever been discussion regarding a boat washing station. C. Vance stated that it has been discussed among members of the Lake Management Advisory Committee (LMAC) and among members of the Board of Selectmen (BOS). She feels that the issue will be revisited at some point in the future. W. Tabor feels it is very important in this day and age to protect the Lake from invasives and offered his help in any way possible to get involved to offer input and ideas. He stated that he has heard non-residents are boating on the lake. C. Vance stated that Marine Patrol does its best to inspect the boats on Columbia Lake but unfortunately it cannot monitor every single boat that is launched on the lake.

C. Vance asked R. Bogue to extend thanks on behalf of the BOS to the Lions Club for a wonderful July 4th Parade.

4. **OLD BUSINESS:** None.
5. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - 5.1 **Modified Bonding– Hunter’s Ridge Subdivision:** S. Everett MOVED to accept the bonding agreement between the town and W. Tabor contingent upon the Public Works Director and the Town Engineer being satisfied with the results of the road testing. Discussion followed and the MOTION CARRIED 3:1:0 with R. Hellstrom abstaining.
 - 5.2 **Minuteman Challenge cycling event:** S. Everett MOVED to allow the Minuteman Challenge cycling event to pass through Columbia on 9/8/14. He stated that he would like to see this advertised if possible. MOTION CARRIED 4:0.
 - 5.3 **Award of HVAC maintenance contract:** R. Bogue MOVED to authorize the First Selectman to enter into an agreement with All Seasons Mechanical Services. MOTION CARRIED 4:0.
 - 5.4 **Policies concerning the use of Yeomans Hall and the Beckish Senior Center:** This ITEM has been TABLED. R. Bogue offered to help C. Vance, J. Luiz and others review the existing policies and draft recommended changes for BOS consideration.
 - 5.5 **Invasive plants at Mono Pond:** J. Luiz discussed possible options to deal with invasive plants at Mono Pond. He asked for direction from BOS on whether or not to apply for

grant to fund for the spraying of these plants. Discussion followed. S. Everett asked what the cost would be for spraying these plants and how often it must be maintained. J. Luiz stated that the cost for spraying would be approximately \$26,000 the first year and an unknown amount in subsequent years as it is not possible to get rid of the invasive species by spraying once. J. Luiz stated that there may be an opportunity to apply for a state grant to help with the cost of spraying. Discussion followed. C. Vance would like to begin the process versus waiting for the grant. C. Vance MOVED that the town pursues the spraying of the invasive plant species in Mono Pond this coming year based upon the time frame that is ideal for spraying. The BOS concurred that they would like more information on when the best time of season for spraying is, etc. C. Vance WITHDREW MOTION. J. Luiz will look into this matter further and report back to the BOS.

5.6 Resolution Appropriating \$4,470,000 for the Renovation and Expansion of the Saxton B. Little Free Town of Columbia Library And Authorizing the issue of \$4,470,000 Bonds of the Town to Meet Said Appropriation and Pending the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose:

Discussion ensued among the BOS regarding the language of the “question” to be placed on the ballot in the upcoming election in November. The BOS reviewed the three options presented by the bond counsel. The BOS concurred that they were in favor of “question 2” as presented. C. Vance spoke in favor of slightly modifying “question 2” and the BOS concurred.

5.7 Resolution Providing for Special Town Meeting and Referendum Vote at Adjourned Town Meeting in Conjunction with The State Election: This ITEM has been TABLED.

6. COLUMBIA LAKE / DAM / BEACH

6.1 Application for Constructing Structures on or over the Lake (raft) by the Town: TABLED. **Award of Dam Repair Contract:** R. Bogue MOVED to both award the dam repair contract to Machnik Bros, Inc of Old Lyme, CT. and to authorize the First Selectman to sign the required contract paperwork associated with the project. MOTION 4:0.

6.2 2014 Lake drawdown commencement date: C. Vance explained that it has been suggested that the Lake be drawn down on October 1, 2014 as opposed to October 15, 2014 in order to give more time for the dam repairs. C. Vance said that this earlier drawdown date has been discussed with LMAC, and that LMAC did not object provided that the contractor would actually take advantage of the extra time and provided that the town provides sufficient notification in advance about the drawdown commencement date being moved up. S. Everett MOVED that the 2014 lake drawdown date be changed to October 1, 2014 provided that the contractor needs the extra time and would take advantage of it. MOTION CARRIED 4:0. J. Luiz will speak with the contractor.

7. APPOINTMENTS / RESIGNATIONS: None.

8. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: J. Luiz reported on the new Resident State Trooper, a grant opportunity from NECASA going to the Youth Services Committee for review and comment, and a delivery of equipment for Szegda Farm. J. Luiz told the BOS that the final payment (for the orange “Pay As You Throw” bags) from Landmark Natural Foods has been paid. He also discussed a potential legislative problem at the State level with the Solarize program and relayed some concerns from residents regarding “parade safety” that will be brought to the attention of the Lions Club. J. Luiz stated that

the school roof project continues to move along nicely. He spoke about an RFP for surveying wetlands on the Ellis property and said that he is working on a “handbook” for FiPAC. Lastly, J. Luiz stated that both the Rec Commission and LMAC are in agreement that a new concrete dock should be constructed at the town beach and that he will keep the BOS abreast of his research as to how much a new concrete dock would cost.

9. CORRESPONDENCE:

- 9.1 7/2/14 Email from Webster Bank to J. Luiz concerning Financial Advisor status**
- 9.2 FY 13-14 Building Permit Comparison Report**
- 9.3 6/30/14 Notice of Grant Award from Connecticut State Library to R. Kenefick**
- 9.4 7/1/14 Correspondence from CT State Police about monthly police services**

10. BUDGET

10.1 Review of FY 13-14 Legal Expenses

10.2 Transfers: R. Bogue MOVED to approve the following FY 13-14 transfers:

AMOUNT	FROM	TO
\$500	10-4112-720, Exec/Admin, Prof. Imprv	10-4112-300, Exec/Admin. Gen Supplies
\$150	10-4133-505, Tax Coll., State, DMV fee	10-4133-500, Tax Coll., Prof/Tech

MOTION CARRIED 4:0.

10.3 Refunds: None.

11. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS: C. Vance MOVED to approve the FY 13-14 emergency bills in the amount of \$2,889.96. MOTION CARRIED 4:0. S. Everett MOVED to approve the FY 13-14 regular payment of bills in the amount of \$38,697.51. MOTION CARRIED 4:0. S. Everett MOVED to approve the FY 14-15 regular payment of bills in the amount of \$69,424.12. MOTION CARRIED 4:0.

12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: C. Vance spoke about the PZC meeting that took place last night. Stated that PZC will not pursue the proposed regulation changes impacting structures around the Lake based on feedback from the public. She said that PZC is asking that an AdHoc Committee with reps from the land use boards, LMAC and the Lake Association be convened to review proposed regulations, any new proposals, and water quality.

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 Statues Section 1-200(6)(A); C. Vance MOVED to enter into executive session at 8:59 pm with J. Luiz and A. Dunnack present. MOTION CARRIED 4:0. Executive Session ended at 9:20 pm.

14. ADJOURNMENT: C. MOVED to adjourn at 9:21 pm and the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 5, 2014 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kimberly A. Bona