

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
COLUMBIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monday, September 30, 2013 – 7 pm
Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room
323 Route 87, Columbia, CT

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

Also Present: Town Administrator Jonathan Luiz.

CALL TO ORDER: C. Vance called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **MINUTES: 9/17/13 Regular Meeting:** B. Bogue MOVED to approve the regular meeting minutes of 9/17/13. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.
3. **AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:** None.
4. **OLD BUSINESS**
- 4.1 **Proposed policy for naming town property:** BOS members discussed the two draft policies. J. Luiz and W. O'Brien will re-draft a policy for BOS review.
5. **NEW BUSINESS**
- 5.1 **Electricity Consortium Contract for Electricity Supply and Related Services:** J. Luiz explained the Capital Region Council of Governments' (CRCOG) electricity purchasing consortium He stated that CRCOG is assisted by World Energy. Discussion followed. R. Szegda MOVED to authorize the First Selectman to sign the presented "side letter agreement" with CRCOG. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.
6. **COLUMBIA LAKE / DAM / BEACH**
- 6.1 **Application for Constructing Structures on or over the Lake by Woodland Terrace Association (Michael Matthews).** This ITEM has been TABLED.
7. **APPOINTMENTS / RESIGNATIONS**
- 7.1 **Hire of Laurel Albair as Floater:** W. O'Brien MOVED to hire Laurel Albair as Floater. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.
8. **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:** J. Luiz provided an update on the Solarize Choice program. J. Luiz informed stated that the BOE and the state have been notified of the Town's approval to allocate a Fiscal Year '13-'14 \$253,235 supplemental budget appropriation to the Columbia Board of Education (BOE). J. Luiz stated that he spoke with the State Office of Policy and Management as well as CRCOG's Executive Director regarding Columbia's desire to join CRCOG. J. Luiz said that the Columbia BOE is starting teacher contract negotiations and that the BOE invited FiPAC to send a non-voting observer to the proceedings. J. Luiz explained that the advertisement regarding the town acquiring ownership rights to the Root Cemetery has been published three consecutive times in the Chronicle and that tomorrow evening the public will have their chance to speak about this if

they feel the need to. If no one comes forward to object to this then the town will move forward to acquire ownership of the Root Cemetery property. J. Luiz has been researching with Bernadette Derring on a better and more effective way to run the congregate meals program at the Senior Center. He said that their analysis indicates that the town is getting very cost-effective service from the TVCCA. Lastly, J. Luiz stated that the carpet in the Tax Collector's Office has been replaced because of flooding caused by heavy rain.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 Email correspondence between C. Price and S. Evrard re: use of online payment.

9.2 Update from CCM on the Town of Columbia Discount Prescription Card

10. BUDGET

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

AMOUNT	FROM A/C #, DESCRIPTION	TO A/C#, DESCRIPTION
\$4.00	#10-4132-520, Printing	#10-4132-520, Legal Notices

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

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

AMOUNT	TO	FROM
\$140.39	Toyota Motor Credit	Town of Columbia
\$100.64	Emily Bantell Kubena	Town of Columbia
\$8.08	Linda Brennan	Town of Columbia

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

10.3 FY 13-14 Budget: None.

11. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS: R. Szegda MOVED to approve the regular payment of bills in the amount of \$44,986.11. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: R. Szegda stated he, Cheri Rivard-Lentz and Trooper Carl Fitzgibbons spoke with staff at E.O. Smith to provide information about the availability of the Juvenile Review Boards (JRB). He felt it was important to do and spoke to the staff as the Chair of Youth Services Committee and as a member of the BOS. R. Szegda explained that he, Cheri and either Trooper C. Fitzgibbons or Trooper Joy Owens will meet with Bolton High School to discuss JRB with them as well.

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) None.

14. ADJOURNMENT: R. Bogue MOVED to adjourn at 7:33 pm. and the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The next meeting of the BOS is schedule for Tuesday, October 15, 2013 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Kimberly A. Bona

