

Columbia Recreation Commission
Special Meeting March 12, 2014

Members present: Chair-Ann Dunnack, Sebby Randazzo, Steve Piro, and Cindy Postemsky,
Audience of Citizens: Millie Ramsey; and Mike Gnazzo, Bob Powell, and Dave Vanderbilt--from Lake
Management Advisory Committee.

The CRC is charged with advising the BOS and Town Manager concerning needs at the public beach
now that the cement pier has been removed. The boat launch area and swim area are both impacted by
the removal of the pier, and the boating /swimming season is just around the corner.

Discussion began with identifying the perceived purpose of the dock. Identified purposes included:

1. A delineated safety barrier between the boat launch and swim areas.
2. Access for fishermen
3. Swim lessons
4. Lifeguard station
5. A viewing area for fireworks, picture taking, and sunset watching.
6. A point from which non lake residents and non boat owners can experience
"being out on the lake".
7. A quiet spot for meditation.
8. A potential tie up spot for boats.

Disadvantages of replacing the dock: cost, liability, and maintenance. Only cost is a new disadvantage.
After a short discussion Ann Dunnack moved to replace the dock with a new structure. Mike Gnazzo
seconded the motion. **A unanimous vote was in favor of replacing the dock.**

Discussion followed concerning the dock configuration. Three layouts were discussed: a straight dock,
an L shaped dock with the leg into the swim area and a T-dock.

Mike Gnazzo motioned and Cindy Postemski seconded a motion to replace the dock with a T-dock
shape having a shorter leg going to the west side of the dock. Bob Powell suggested the motion be
tabled until such time as the Selectmen answer the following questions: what is the amount budgeted
for this work, and is there any money currently available for use before the summer season? Concerns
were raised about the many options available for materials, construction design and size. Additional
information is needed for further discussion.

Conclusions: The replacement of the dock is paramount to provide a secure barrier between the swim
area and boat launch. At a minimum the replacement dock should provide everything that the removed
dock did.

Ann will inquire as to budget amount available.

The next meeting was scheduled for Wed. March 26th at 7:00p.m. in the conference room.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05p.m.

--Respectfully submitted, Millie Ramsey

Received: March 21, 2014.
At 11:20
Attest: Gabe M Benefield
Town Clerk/Assistant Town Clerk