

TOWN OF COLUMBIA  
INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AND MOTIONS  
Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room  
323 Route 87, Columbia, CT  
Monday, January 5, 2015– 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Chairman John Allen, Vice -Chair Tom Archambault, Carol Ann Jaswinski, William Ross

Members Excused: Secretary Ron Wikholm, Ian Dann, Tip Garritt  
Staff Present: Wetlands Agent John Valente and Board Clerk Linda McDonald  
Others Present: George Hallarin, Lynn Hallarin, Bernard Herpst, Carol Herpst

Call to Order: J. Allen called the regular meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Roll Call: There was a quorum.

Changes/Additions to the Agenda:

Audience of Citizens: No audience of citizens.

**1. Old Business**

- 1.1 IWW-1415-12:** Application of Bernard Herpst to repair and/or replace seawall as needed and clean up of stumps within 25 feet of Columbia Lake at 155 Route 87, Assessor's map 13B, lot 29 in the LAR zone, Columbia, CT

Bernard Herpst explained that the wall is collapsing, sand is being washed away, trees have fallen down and he is trying to clean up the property. There will be no encroachment into the lake.

J. Valente said he has worked with the applicant regarding the conditions for his approval. He read the additional conditions of approval into the record.

W. Ross MOVED to APPROVE, with conditions, the application of Bernard Herpst to repair and/or replace seawall as needed and clean up of stumps within 25 feet of Columbia Lake at 155 Route 87, Assessor's map 13B, lot 29 in the LAR zone, Columbia, CT. C. Jaswinski SECONDED.  
MOTION CARRIED 4:0:0.

**2. New Business:**

- 2.1 IWW-1415-13:** Application of George and Lynn Hallarin to remove crumbling ramp and replace with a concrete step in Columbia Lake at 132A Route 87, Columbia, CT, Assessors map 13B, lot 50.

Lynn Hallarin explained that the part of the ramp that goes into the lake is tar and in disrepair. She would like to remove it and replaced with a small step into the lake to safely get into the lake. Photos were entered into the record.

J. Valente read into the record the additional conditions for this application. Discussion followed on the size of the void created by the removal of the concrete.

W. Ross MOVED to APPROVE, with conditions, the application of George and Lynn Hallarin to remove crumbling ramp and replace with a concrete step in Columbia Lake at 132A Route 87, Columbia, CT, Assessors map 13B, lot 50. T. Archambault SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 4:0:0.

2.2 Election of Officers: This agenda item was tabled to a future meeting.

3. **Audience of Citizens**

4. **Commission Open Discussion:** W. Ross said he learned a great deal from the online course he completed in December. Discussion followed on how a site walk should be conducted. W. Ross said the work of the Columbia lake AdHOC Committee has been completed and a final report of recommendations has been sent to the Board of Selectmen for approval. He commented on some of the recommendations relating to Best Management Practices, nutrient allocation and Lot Coverage.

5. **Administrative Report**

5.1 **IWW-1415-10:** Administrative Approval to Carl Foster to construct a 8' x 12' storage shed in the upland review area at 19 Sleepy Hollow Road, Columbia, CT.

5.2 **IWW-1415-11:** Administrative approval to Robert and Barbara Pagani to add 147 square feet existing paver patio and extend existing retaining wall 40 linear feet in the upland review area at 12 Webster Lane.

5.3 **IWW-1415-14:** Administrative Approval to Angela Sposito to construct a 10' x 12' storage shed and landscaping stone in the upland review area at 23 Upper Woodland Terrace, Columbia, CT.

J. Valente reported that David Tuttle has installed his pipe, fill and most of the stone in on his property on Route 87. He commented that the Board of Selectmen (BOS) has amended the "Standards for Granting Permission for the Construction of Structures on Columbia Lake" based on recommendations from the Lake Management Advisory Committee and approved the application of Robert Davis of 43 Sleepy Hollow Road to install a 2" veneer on his lake wall, which had been previously denied by BOS. J. Valente asked the Commission to review Section 4.1.d of the Wetlands Regulations for a determination as to whether this activity qualifies as a maintenance project under this regulation or goes beyond the maintenance of the wall. Discussion followed. Consensus of the Commission is that this is not a significant activity and is considered maintenance.

Discussion followed on the recent activities of the CL&P Interstate Reliability Project in Columbia. The consensus of the Commission was to invite a representative from CL&P to a future meeting to show and discuss maps of the project areas around the vernal pools in Columbia once the project is near completion.

6. **Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of November 3, 2014:** W. Ross MOVED to APPROVE the minutes of November 3, 2014 as presented. C. Jaswinski SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 4:0:0.

7. **Correspondence:** Northeast Utilities Scheduled Maintenance Activities

8. **Adjournment:** C. Jaswinski MOVED to ADJOURN the meeting at 7:55 p.m. W. Ross SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 4:0:0.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 2, 2015.

Respectfully submitted by Linda H. McDonald

Please see the minutes of subsequent meetings for the approval of these minutes and any corrections hereto.