

TOWN OF COLUMBIA
ACT OF INCORPORATION, 1804

At a General Assembly of the State of Connecticut holden at Hartford on the Second Thursday of May A.D. 1804.

Upon the Petition of Steven Hosmer, Agent for the 2nd Society in Lebanon showing to this Assembly, that said Society is situated at a great distance from the place of holding Town & Freemans Meeting in the Town of Lebanon and the great inconveniences under which they labor from their local situation, and that it would be highly beneficial to said Second Society to be incorporated into a Town, with all the rights of Town Corporations in this state with liberty of sending one Representative to the General Assembly as per Petition on file dated April 9th A.D. 1804.

Resolved by this Assembly that said Second Society as Incorporated by the General Assembly A.D. 1716 and bounded as followed, viz:

Beginning at a white oak tree standing on the west side of a hill on the east side of a brook just by Hartford Old Road from Norwich to Hartford which is the NW bound of Lebanon, from thence Northerly the same point of compass that Lebanon west line runs till it comes to Coventry south line thence turning East by Coventry line till t comes to Hop River, then bounded by said river till it comes as far East as Lebanon east bound, thence turning Southward to the N. E. corner boundary of Lebanon Township, from thence by the bounds granted by the Town of Lebanon as it appears of record in Lebanon Book of Records, that said Society and the Inhabitants living within the limits thereof, be and the same are Incorporated into a distinct Town by the name of Columbia, and the inhabitants thereof shall enjoy all the powers, privileges, immunities and franchises which the inhabitants of other Towns in this State enjoy with the right of sending one Representative to the General Assembly of his State, and said Town of Columbia shall pay its proportion of all charges and debts already accrued by and now due from said Town of Lebanon and take all its proportion of the present Poor of said Town and its proportion of the Bridges and shall receive its proportion of the property and stock of said Town of Lebanon and its proportion of all school monies, the proportion in all .cases aforesaid to be determined according to the list of said Town of Lebanon for the Year A.D. 180-3, and the Town and Freemans Meetings shall be holden at such place in said Town of Columbia as the inhabitants hereof shall direct and the first Town Meeting in said Town shall be holden on the third Monday of June next, at the Meeting-House in said Town, and Simon Clark of said Town shall be the Moderator of said first meeting by setting up a notification thereof on the Public

sign-post in said Town at least eight days before the day of Meeting and said Town at the first and other Meetings shall have the same power as other Towns in this State, the Annual Town Meetings in said Town shall be holden in the months of November and December, and the Town Officers elected at said first Meeting shall hold their Offices until the next Annual Meeting, and said Town of Columbia shall, continue a part of the County of Windham and in the Probate District of Windham.

A true Copy of Record
Examined by Samuel Wyllys, Secretary.

The above and foregoing is a true copy of the original Resolutions.

Attest: Seth Collins, Town Clerk