TOWN OF COLUMBIA
Columbia Youth Services Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 12, 2014 – 5:30 pm.

Members Present: **Bill O'Brien, Carol Wiggins, Kathleen Burke, Denise Morell, Dan Leavitt**
Also Present: **Dick Szegda**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. **AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:** Dick Szegda attended the meeting and discussed youth services programs in Columbia.

3. **OLD BUSINESS**

a. AHM Update

Jonathan Luiz has had discussions with Joel Rosenberg, Executive Director of AHM, regarding a potential long-term contract between the Town of Columbia and AHM. It was discussed that any contract would require review by AHM's attorney, approval by AHM Board of Directors, review by Columbia's town attorney and approval by the Board of Selectmen.

It was noted that the AHM Board of Directors may be adding an additional Columbia resident to its board.

b. 2014-2015 Town Budget

The Board of Selectmen has submitted its proposed budget to FiPAC requesting $39,209 for youth services. This represents an increase of $1,896 or a 5.08% over the current fiscal year budget.

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion regarding potential Columbia based Youth Service Programs and/or Activities

Bill O'Brien distributed of Focus Group Report of 2/23/12. There was a discussion regarding the development of a mentoring program in addition to the services currently offered by AHM.

5. **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

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At 9:20
Attest: Robin M Kenefick
Town Clerk/Assistant Town Clerk