



WORKING ON COLUMBIA LAKE APPROVAL PROCESS

All work on or abutting Columbia Lake requires applications to and approval from the Inland Wetlands Commission (IWWC) with the Wetlands Agent and the Columbia Board of Selectmen (BOS) based on a recommendation by the Lake Management Advisory Commission (LMAC) and in some cases the Building Inspector.

The Process for Constructing or Repair of a Seawall, Dock, Raft, Mooring, Boat Lift and/or Covering is:

SUBMIT TWO APPLICATIONS

1. Submit Board of Selectmen (BOS) Application to Town Administrator's Office (click) [BOS Application](#)

2. Submit IWWC Wetlands Application to Building & Land Use Department (click) [IWWC Application](#)

Town Administrator's Office forwards application to LMAC who enters application into a Permit Tracker Report outlining approval milestones.

Building & Land Use forwards application to Columbia's Wetlands Agent.

LMAC & Columbia's Wetlands Agent review their applications & will contact you to conduct site visits, preferably together. Following the site visit(s) LMAC and the IWWC/ Wetlands Agent will make recommendations. LMAC sends the application, as submitted or as modified to the BOS for approval. It will be placed on the next BOS agenda. At their next meeting, IWWC with the Wetlands Agent will review & approve their application. OR...

When BOS approves your application, a LMAC letter with conditions is sent to the applicant. The letter must be signed and returned to the Town Administrator. When IWWC approves an IWWC approval letter is sent with conditions. LMAC & IWWC will then set inspection of work milestones.

If an exception exists & further revisions are needed the application(s) will be placed on LMAC's and/or IWWC's next meeting agendas. A 2nd site walk may be scheduled. Once LMAC approves the BOS will review the project at their next meeting. For the IWWC, once their revisions are approved, the Wetlands Agent sends an approval letter.

START WORKING!