

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**COLUMBIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Tuesday, January 21, 2020 – Immediately Following Special Town Meeting**  
**Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room**  
**323 Route 87, Columbia, CT**

**Members Present:** Steven M. Everett, First Selectman; Robert Hellstrom, Deputy Selectman; William O'Brien Selectman; Lisa Napolitano, Selectman; Judy Ortiz, Selectman.

**Also Present:** Mark Walter, Town Administrator

**CALL TO ORDER:** S. Everett called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** S. Everett MOVED to add to the Agenda under Town Administrators Report 9.7, Proclamation for Karl Then. MOTION CARRIED 5.0. S. Everett MOVED to Approve the Agenda as Amended. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
  - 3.1 **BOS Meeting Minutes for January 7, 2020.** S. Everett MOVED to Approve the Minutes for January 7, 2019. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.
4. **AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:** None
5. **OLD BUSINESS:** None
6. **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - 6.1 **Discussion regarding which Town Departments should be invited to review their respective budgets at the next BOS Budget Workshops on 2/4/20, 2/11/20 & 2/18/20 (tentative).** S. Everett stated we will schedule 2 or 3 departments to present their budgets at each meeting. He stated that we will keep the BOS updated on when those departments will present. He stated that tentatively the BOS may have a meeting on 2/11/20.
7. **COLUMBIA LAKE / DAM / BEACH:**
  - 7.1 **Application of Chris and Lynn Connaughty for replacement of a dock at 36 Erdoni Rd.** S. Everett MOVED to Approve the application to Chris and Lynn Connaughty at 36 Erdoni Rd. upon the recommendations set forth by LMAC; subject to necessary approvals by Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission and obtaining building permits. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.
  - 7.2 **Application of Stephen and Louise Cooke for the replacement of a dock at 112 Route 87.** W. O'Brien MOVED to Approve the application to Stephen and Louise Cooke at 112 Route 87 upon the recommendations set forth by LMAC; subject to necessary approvals by Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission and obtaining building permits. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.
  - 7.3 **Application of Robert Sullivan to replace an existing stone seawall and two existing wooden docks at 7 Nuhfer Dr.** S. Everett MOVED to Approve the application to Robert Sullivan at 7 Nuhfer Dr. upon the recommendations set forth by LMAC; subject to necessary approvals by

Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission and obtaining building permits. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

**8. APPOINTMENTS / RESIGNATIONS:**

**8.1 Approval to Appoint Jack Dooley to the Youth Services Committee.**

W. O'Brien stated he is pleased that Jack Dooley will be joining the Youth Services Committee and asked the BOS to approve his application W. O'Brien MOVED to Appoint Jack Dooley to the Youth Services Committee. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

**9. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**

**9.1 Social Worker Update.** M. Walter stated that he has been working with Bernadette Derring, Senior Center Director on a job description for a social worker. He stated that he that he met with the Hunger Action Team and Teresa Giordano, Executive of AHM and he was told that Marlborough has the same interest in hiring a social worker. He said that he and B. Derring will be meeting with AHM and Marlborough to discuss having a social worker employed under AHM that would service both Columbia and Marlborough. L. Napolitano asked if we could contract with an independent social worker. S. Everett stated that this is something we are looking into as well.

**9.2 Solar Analysis Update.** M. Walter stated he is working with Adam Teff of Greenskies on the solar analysis and ran the software product that looks at the lifetime production of the solar panels. The graph indicates the lifetime kWh production from the arrays. The cost of the solar on the town buildings has been \$0 because those arrays were purchased with a grant. The school's arrays have only been on for about a year, with a savings of \$14,080.50. He stated that the school is showing a savings of over 50% a year. He stated that he will continue to monitor the solar analysis.

**9.3 Rec Park Update.** M. Walter said there has been a lot of progress on the road in Rec Park and it is half-way done. He stated that Public Works has used some of the stones to help build a stonewall to help reduce cost for guard rails.

**9.4 Jacob Osborne Transfer Station Attendant.** M. Walter notified the BOS of 3 new part-time employees.

**9.5 Nicole Morey Recreation Department Assistant.**

**9.6 Stephen Pulaski Part-time Plow Driver.**

**9.7 Proclamation for Karl Then.** S. Everett stated that LMAC had asked the BOS to sign a Proclamation of enduring gratitude for Karl Then. He said that Karl loved Columbia and loved the lake. S. Everett MOVED that we have a proclamation of enduring gratitude to present to his family at a later date. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE:**

**10.1** CT State Trooper Monthly Report for December 2019.

**10.2** Article in *Journal Inquirer* "100<sup>th</sup> foundation fixed; new applications accepted beginning Monday."

**10.3** Article in *The Chronicle* "Senior center expands van service."

**10.4** Article in *The Chronicle* "Tourism district looks for town reps."

**11. BUDGET:**

**11.1 Transfers:** None.

- 11.2 **Refunds:** S. Everett MOVED to refund 32.32 to Ryan Duffy.

<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>
\$32.32	TOWN OF COLUMBIA	RYAN J. DUFFY

MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

12. **APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS:** S. Everett MOVED to Approve the Payment of Bills totaling \$56,438.74, consisting of 2019-2020 Emergency, 2019-2020 Regular, Credit Card and Paychex. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.
13. **AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:** None.
14. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** W. O'Brien asked where we were at with the dedication to Lou Scotti in the Annual Report. J. LaVoie stated that the draft is being prepared and will be ready for final edits shortly. L. Napolitano asked that the Agenda and supporting documents be sent to BOS at least 24 hours before the meeting.
15. **EXECUTIVE SESSION: Real estate per State Statutes Section 1-200(6)(D); Pending Litigation per State Statutes Section 1-200(6)(B); Personnel per State Statutes Section 1-200(6)(A).** None.
16. **ADJOURNMENT:** S. Everett MOVED to Adjourn at 7:36 pm. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

Respectfully Submitted by Jennifer C. LaVoie

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**COLUMBIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Tuesday, January 7, 2020 – 7 pm**  
**Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room**  
**323 Route 87, Columbia, CT**

**Members Present:** Steven M. Everett, First Selectman; Robert Hellstrom, Deputy Selectman; William O'Brien Selectman (arrived at 7:04); Lisa Napolitano, Selectman; Judy Ortiz, Selectman.

**Also Present:** Mark Walter, Town Administrator

**CALL TO ORDER:** S. Everett called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** S. Everett MOVED to Approve the Agenda for January 7, 2020. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
  - 3.1 **BOS Meeting Minutes for November 19, 2019.** S. Everett rescinded his motion. The November 19, 2019 Meeting Minutes were already approved on the December 18<sup>th</sup> BOS meeting.
  - 3.2 **BOS Special Meeting Minutes for December 18, 2019.** S. Everett MOVED to Approve the Minutes for December 18, 2019. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.
4. **AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:** Paul Kubala, 37 Lake Rd. stated that he is in favor of the veteran's exemptions; however, he cautioned that the Town should make sure the person is disabled. S. Everett stated that the Armed Services Board determines disability. Paul Kubala asked what qualifications the Building and Land Use Administrative Assistant has, and did she go through some training on the job.
5. **OLD BUSINESS:**
  - 5.1 **Discussion Regarding Veterans Exemption Options.** S. Everett opened up the discussion to the BOS. J. Ortiz stated that there are different reasons people are disabled and she asks that we look at the exemptions at its merit. S. Everett stated that Veterans Administration Board declares the level of disability for veterans and that we will go by those guidelines. He stated that the Town does not qualify the level of the disability and that if a veteran applies for an exemption, they will have to bring the supporting documentation from the Veterans Administration Board. W. O'Brien stated that in the last meeting S. Everett seemed to have some reservations regarding 100% disability. S. Everett said that his reservations were to look deeper at that line item exemption that provided up to 3 times the current veterans exemption. He stated he would not recommend 3 times the exemption.

Discussion ensued on the following specific exemptions:

- **12-81f - Local Exemption off property exemption of up to 25,000 and Surviving Spouse:** S. Everett recommends setting the level at \$20,000 off the assessed value. He said that this is equal to what surrounding towns currently offer. Discussion ensued. R. Hellstrom

MOVED to change the exemption to \$20,000 for 12-81f. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

- **12-81h – Ordinance for tax exemption on motor vehicles equipped for disabled veterans.** S. Everett explained that the Town currently provides an exemption for disabled residents and we would just be adding disabled veterans. S. Everett MOVED to accept 12-81h for exemption on motor vehicles equipped for disabled veterans. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.
- **12-8ii – Municipal option to provide exemption for parent or surviving spouse of person killed in action while performing active military duty.** S. Everett MOVED to offer 12-8ii municipal option to provide exemption for parent or surviving spouse of person killed in action while performing active military duty at \$25,000. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.
- **12-81g (b) – Offers maximum of 3x's the current veteran's exemption for 100% disabled.** S. Everett MOVED to offer 12-81g(b) at the level at 1.5 times the current veteran's exemption for 100% disabled. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

5.2 **Discussion Regarding Transfer Station Hours.** S. Everett opened up the discussion regarding extending Wednesday's Transfer Station hours by one hour. S. Everett stated that he spoke with the Department of Public Works Director and he was not in favor of doing this. S. Everett stated that we are considering adding a third person on Saturday on our busiest day. He said that the cost would be \$3,000 up until June 30<sup>th</sup>.

6. **NEW BUSINESS:**

6.1 **Discussion and possible Approval on hiring an additional part-time Transfer Station employee.** S. Everett MOVED to allow Department of Public Works bring on a third person on Saturdays. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

7. **COLUMBIA LAKE / DAM / BEACH:** None.

8. **APPOINTMENTS / RESIGNATIONS:**

8.1 **Approval to Appoint Jeffrey Viens to FiPAC.** S. Everett MOVED to Appoint Jeffrey Viens to the Financial Planning & Allocation Committee. MOTION CARRIED 5.0. L. Napolitano stated that he was endorsed by the RTC and a letter will be forthcoming.

8.2 **Recommendation to Approve continued employment of the Building and Land Use Administrative Assistant, Terri Lasota having successfully completed the probationary period.** M. Walter explained Terri was our Land Use Board Clerk for many years. He added that her experience provided the necessary training for the current position. He said that she was by far the most qualified and the recommended person by the employee's in the department. He said that T. Lasota has met all her goals set during the 6 months' probationary period and she has created a more efficient workflow system and he is very impressed with her work. S. Everett MOVED to Accept the Town Administrator's Recommendation of Terri Lasota's satisfactory completion of her probationary period resulting in full-time employment. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

8.3 **Approval for modification of Park and Recreation job description to include the duties of the Gate Monitor and Marine Patrol Supervisor**

**and salary adjustment.** S. Everett shared the updated job description and asked that training be added to the job description. M. Walter explained he will be offering an increase of 2,000 in salary for the added responsibilities. W. O'Brien stated he has the utmost respect for Marc Volza but expressed his concern about having someone without a law enforcement background in this position. M. Walter stated he will work with Marc and the State Trooper on safety protocol. He said that Marine Patrol is about enforcing safety on the lake and only give out warnings. After two warnings the State Trooper is called. S. Everett stated that he will work with M. Walter on safety protocol. S. Everett MOVED to Approve the additional duties of the Gate Monitor and Marine Patrol Supervisor as amended and salary adjustment for the Park and Recreation Director. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

**8.4 Appoint Steven Everett as the Eastern Regional Tourism District representative for Columbia with Mark Walter as his proxy.** S. Everett explained that he was contacted 2 months ago to be a representative from Columbia for the Eastern Regional Tourism District, and he stated he would like to be appointed to the Eastern Regional Tourism District board. W. O'Brien MOVED to Appoint Steven Everett as the Eastern Regional Tourism District representative for Columbia with Mark Walter as his proxy. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

**9. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**

**9.1 2019 Projects Year in Review.** M. Walter shared the list of projects completed in 2019 with the BOS. M. Walter invited the BOS to the dedication to the new digital sign at the Horace Porter School on January 24th at 4:00 pm.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 10.1** CT State Trooper Monthly Report for November 2019.
- 10.2** Article in *The Chronicle* "Town say a year of progress."
- 10.3** Columbia Congregational United Church of Christ Food Panty Donation.

**11. BUDGET:**

- 11.1 Transfers:** None.
- 11.2 Refunds:** S. Everett MOVED to Approve the Refunds totaling \$254.14.

AMOUNT	FROM	TO
\$33.87	TOWN OF COLUMBIA	EDWARD BELLONE
\$220.27	TOWN OF COLUMBIA	RAYMOND MILHOMME

MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

**12. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS:** S. Everett MOVED to Approve the Payment of Bills totaling \$185,504.35 consisting of 2019-2020 Emergency, 2019-2020 Regular, SBL Grant Payment, Credit Card and Paychex. MOTION CARRIED 5.0.

**13. AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:** None.

**14. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** W. O'Brien asked why the part-time social worker was not on this agenda. M. Walter stated that we are working with other agencies to gather more information. He said that the Senior Center Director is working on a job description. S. Everett stated that we are asking the school for input as well. M. Walter stated we will put this on the next agenda.

**15. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Real estate per State Statutes Section 1-200(6)(D); Pending Litigation per State Statutes Section 1-200(6)(B); Personnel per State Statutes Section 1-200(6)(A). None.**

**16. ADJOURNMENT: S. Everett MOVED to Adjourn at 7:56 pm. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully Submitted by Jennifer C. LaVoie

# LAKE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 15, 2020

Mr. Steven M. Everett  
First Selectman  
323 Route 87, Yeoman's Hall  
Columbia, CT 06237

RE: Application for Construction of a Structure on or Over Columbia Lake  
Chris and Lynn Connaughty, 36 Erdoni Road, Columbia, CT

On January 6, 2020, James Blair of James Blair Landscaping and Design, representing Chris and Lynn Connaughty, 36 Erdoni Road, Columbia, CT submitted an application for permit seeking to replace an existing wooden dock.

Steve Harrington and I (on the behalf of the Lake Management Advisory Committee) reviewed the application and Mr. Harrington performed a site visit with Mr. Blair (the contractor) to review the proposed scope of work. The proposed work involves the re-building of an existing wooden dock. The existing dock measures 28'-4" long by 4'-0" wide. The proposed dock will be the same size and in the same location as the exiting dock.

According to the Standards for Granting Permission for the Construction of Structures on Columbia Lake (Lake Guidelines), the replacement of the existing dock in the same dimensions and in the same location is acceptable.

After review, it is the recommendation of LMAC to the Board of Selectmen that this permit be approved with the following conditions:

1. All work will be accomplished after Lake Drawdown beginning on November 1, 2019 and shall be completed prior to the lake re-filling on March 15, 2020.
2. No machinery or power equipment will be allowed on the lake bed.
3. No substantial materials will be placed on, added to or removed from the lakebed.
4. The applicant will insure construction of the new dock will be of sound materials and shall not adversely affect the quality of the Lake water or aquatic life.
5. Disturbance to the lakebed will be minimal. No grading or significant excavation shall be allowed.
6. No electrical lights will be placed in the dock.
7. The use of pressure treated lumber will adhere to the Lake Guidelines practices for such materials.

Your consideration in this manner is appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted;

*Robert R. Powell, Jr.*

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Chairman, Permit Application Sub-Committee  
Lake Management Advisory Committee

James Blair Landscape and Design, LLC  
17 Columbia Landing  
Columbia, CT 06237

Lake Management Advisory Commission  
Town of Columbia  
323 Route 87  
Columbia, CT 06237

Dear Commission Members,

I am writing today on behalf of Chris and Lynn Connaughty. They have hired me to rebuild their lake wall at 36 Erdoni Road, Columbia, which this commission and the Board of Selectmen have approved. As the project has advanced it has become clear that the existing dock is in disrepair. The Connaughty's desire is to replace this existing structure "in kind". It is 4'x30' and we will maintain the same footprint that exists presently. There will be four 6x6 posts set on concrete "feet" on the lake bed. The new dock would then be mounted onto the new wall.

I will plan to make myself available at your next meeting on January 7, if that is acceptable. I would be more than willing to answer any questions that may arise from this application.

Sincerely,  
James Blair  
James Blair Landscape and Design, LLC  
860-428-2916  
Jbland15@earthlink.net

Town of Columbia  
323 Jonathan Trumbull Highway, Columbia, CT 06237  
Phone: (860) 228-0110 Fax: (860) 228-1952

### Application for Constructing Structures on or over Columbia Lake

Date submitted: 1-6-2020

Complete and return to the Board of Selectmen.

Property owner: CHRIS AND LYNN CONNAUGHTY

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Location: 36 ERDONI ROAD COLUMBIA

Daytime phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant if different from owner: JAMES BLAIR LANDSCAPE AND DESIGN

Address: 17 COLUMBIA LANDING

Daytime phone # 860 428 2916

#### Structure Information:

Proposal is for:  New  Replacement  Repair

Structure Type:  Dock  Seawall  Raft  Boat Cover

Application must include a sketch of the structure clearly indicating dimensions and placement of the structure in reference to the property, as well as information regarding materials to be used in construction/repair. Supporting information such as maps and pictures are also helpful and may help expedite the process.

**Note:** Applications made by persons other than the property owner must contain the written approval of the application by the owner. All fee-owners and owners of rights-of-way shall join in any application. Signature below indicates approval for the Board of Selectmen or authorized town personnel to visit property for the purpose of inspecting prior to and after construction.

Owner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 1-6-2020

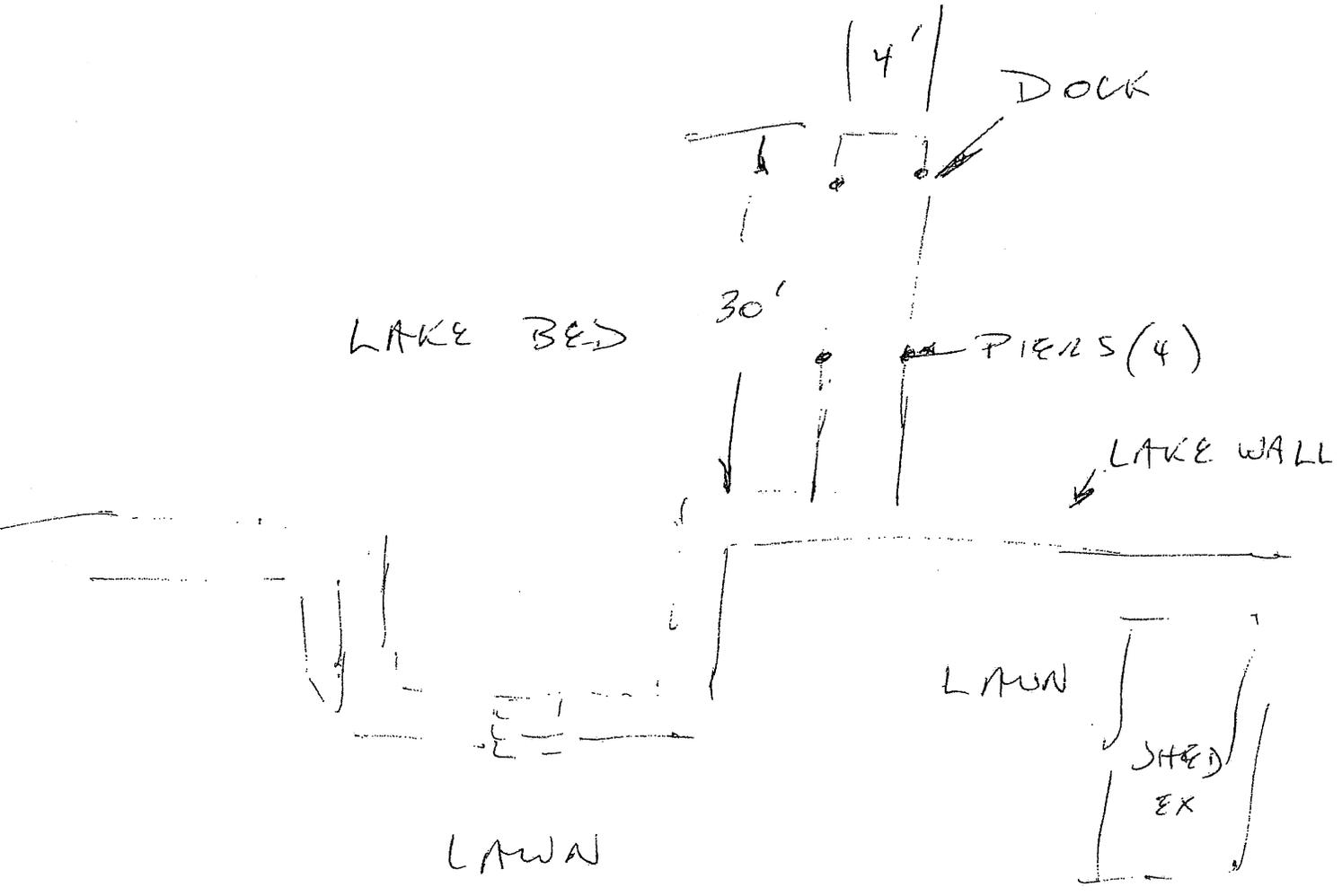
**Special note:** Permission by the Board of Selectmen to construct a structure on or above the Town owned lake bottom shall not relieve the applicant from obtaining other required approvals, nor shall Selectmen approval indicate eventual approval by other officials.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

First Selectman

CHARLES RIVER - 11111 /  
36 ERDONI ROAD  
COLUMBIA, CT 06237  
DOCK SKETCH +  
DRAWN BY JAMES BLAIR  
NOT TO SCALE  
1-6-2020



# LAKE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 15, 2020

Mr. Steven M. Everett  
First Selectman  
323 Route 87, Yeoman's Hall  
Columbia, CT 06237

RE: Application for Construction of a Structure on or Over Columbia Lake  
Stephen and Louise Cooke, 112 Route 87 (Jonathan Trumbull Highway), Columbia, CT

On January 3, 2020, Stephen and Louise Cooke, 112 Route 87 (Jonathan Trumbull Highway), Columbia, CT submitted an application for permit seeking to replace an existing wooden dock.

Steve Harrington and I (on the behalf of the Lake Management Advisory Committee) reviewed the application and Mr. Harrington performed a site visit to review the proposed scope of work. The proposed work involves the replacement of an existing wooden dock with an aluminum dock. The proposed dock will be slightly smaller than the existing dock. The proposed dock will be 20'-0" long by 4'-0" with a 4'-0" "L" at the end of the dock. The proposed dock will be in the same location as the existing dock. There is no significant lake bed excavation anticipated.

According to the Standards for Granting Permission for the Construction of Structures on Columbia Lake (Lake Guidelines), the replacement of the existing dock is acceptable.

After review, it is the recommendation of LMAC to the Board of Selectmen that this permit be approved with the following conditions:

1. All work will be accomplished after Lake Drawdown beginning on November 1, 2019 and shall be completed prior to the lake re-filling on March 15, 2020.
2. No machinery or power equipment will be allowed on the lake bed.
3. No substantial materials will be placed on, added to or removed from the lakebed.
4. The applicant will insure construction of the dock will be of sound materials and shall not adversely affect the quality of the Lake water or aquatic life.
5. Disturbance to the lakebed will be minimal. No grading or significant excavation shall be allowed.
6. No electrical lights will be placed in the new dock.

Your consideration in this manner is appreciated.  
Respectfully Submitted;

*Robert R. Powell, Jr.*

Robert R. Powell, Jr.  
Chairman, Permit Application Sub-Committee  
Lake Management Advisory Committee

December 29, 2019

Columbia Board of Selectmen

Columbia, Ct 06237

Dear Board of Selectman;

Stephen A. Cooke and Louise T. Cooke are looking to replace the dock at 112 Rte 87 Columbia. Although the dock is fairly new, the northwest corner of the dock is constantly being damaged in the winter/early spring due to ice shear. (see picture of existing dock ) The process of removing a section of the dock in order to replace the sea wall and the patio has left the dock in an unsafe condition.

We are looking to replace the dock with a removable dock. If we can remove the "L" section of the dock every fall, then the problem of ice shear will be mitigated.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S.A. Cooke', written in a cursive style.

Stephen A Cooke

Town of Columbia  
323 Jonathan Trumbull Highway, Columbia, CT 06237  
Phone: (860) 228-0110 Fax: (860) 228-1952

## Application for Constructing Structures on or over Columbia Lake

Date submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete and return to the Board of Selectmen.

Property owner: STEPHEN A & LOUISE T COOKE

Address: 112 RTE 87

Property Location: SAME

Daytime phone # 860 402-2011 860 729-2918

Applicant if different from owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone # \_\_\_\_\_

### Structure Information:

Proposal is for:  New  Replacement  Repair

Structure Type:  Dock  Seawall  Raft  Boat Cover

Application must include a sketch of the structure clearly indicating dimensions and placement of the structure in reference to the property, as well as information regarding materials to be used in construction/repair. Supporting information such as maps and pictures are also helpful and may help expedite the process.

**Note: Applications made by persons other than the property owner must contain the written approval of the application by the owner. All fee-owners and owners of rights-of-way shall join in any application. Signature below indicates approval for the Board of Selectmen or authorized town personnel to visit property for the purpose of inspecting prior to and after construction.**

Owner Signature: [Signature] Date: 12/29/2019

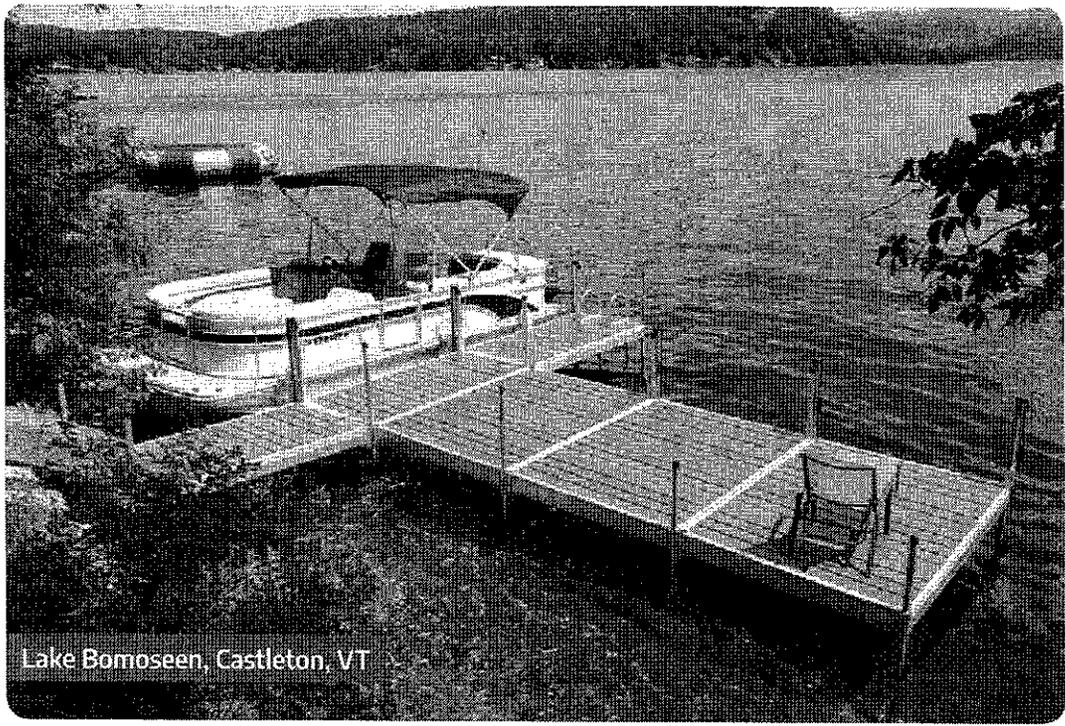
Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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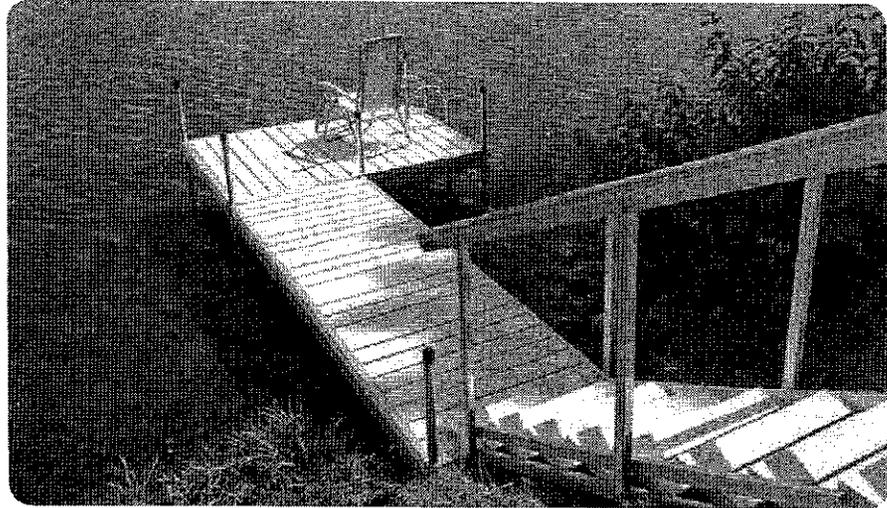
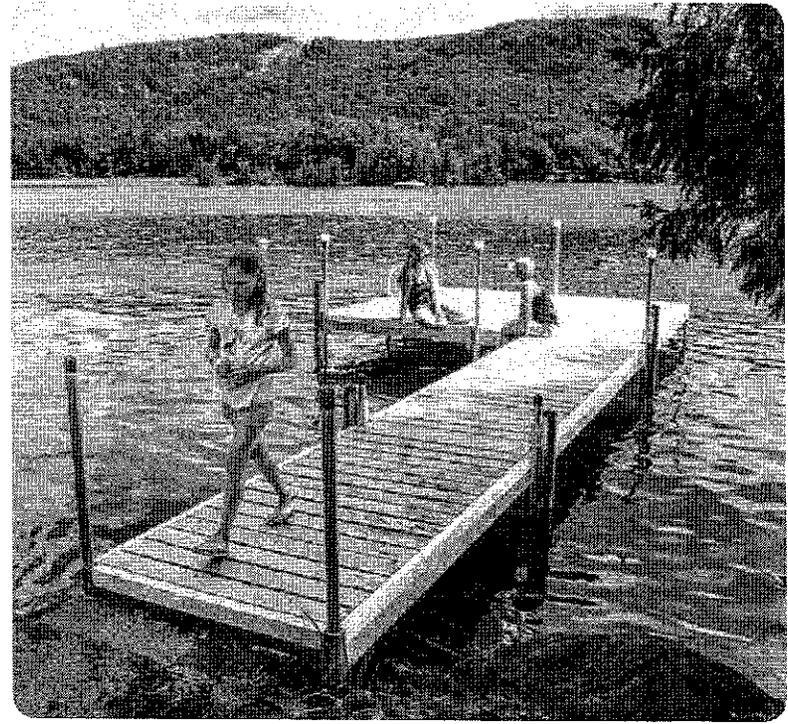
Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

First Selectman

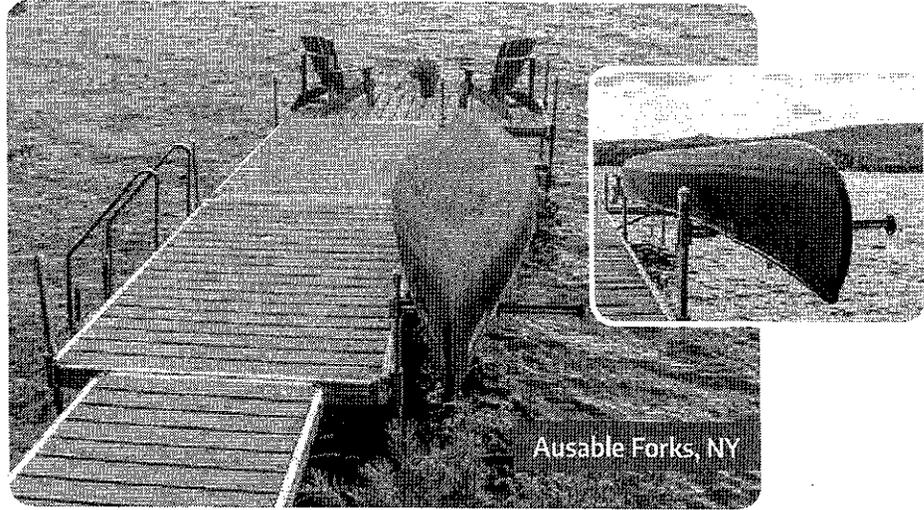
SAMPLE PICTURES ~ REMOVABLE DOCK



Lake Bomoseen, Castleton, VT

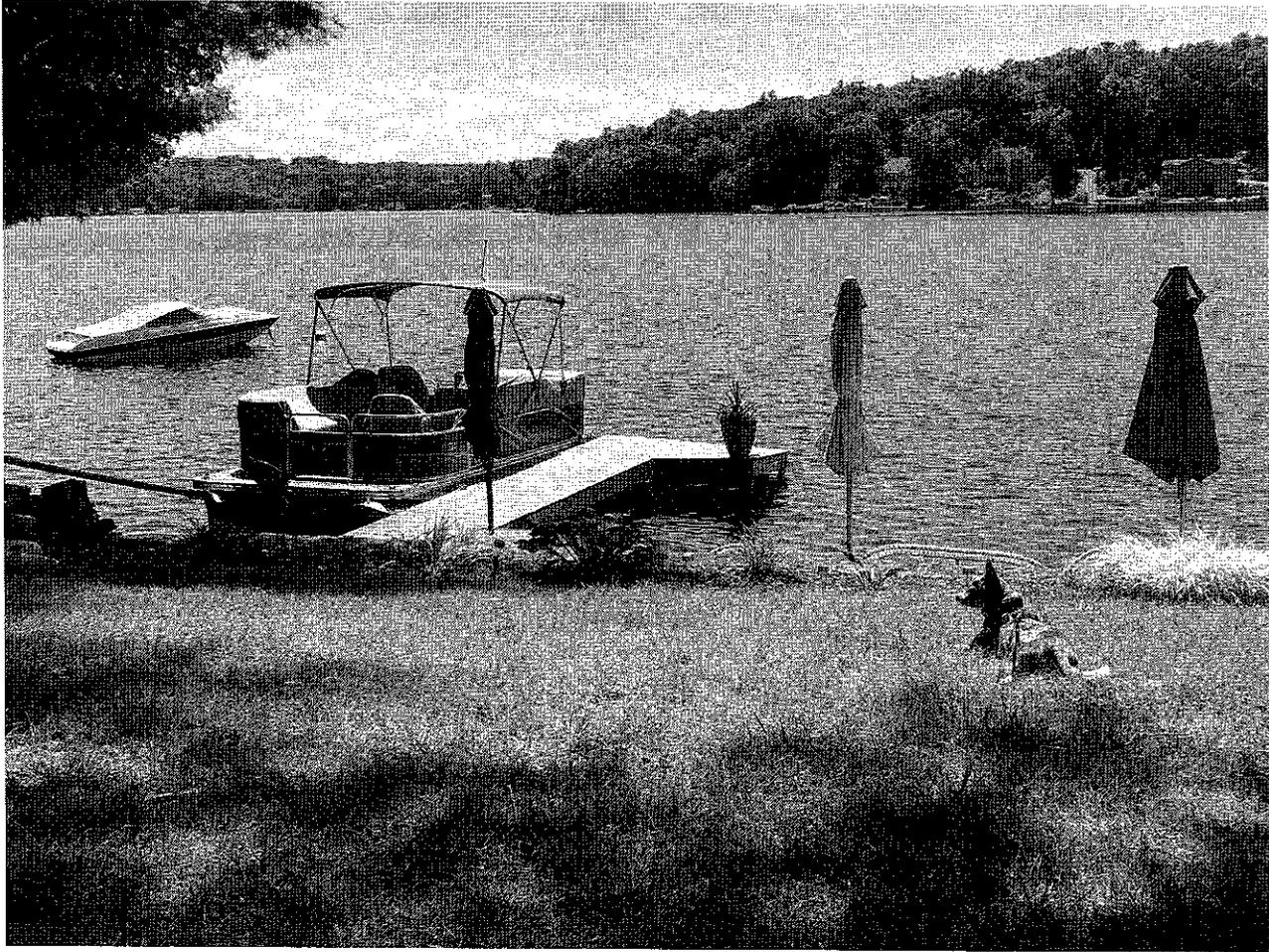


Medium duty aluminum leg docks with aluminum decking. Accessed by our adjustable aluminum stairs (see pages 18-19).



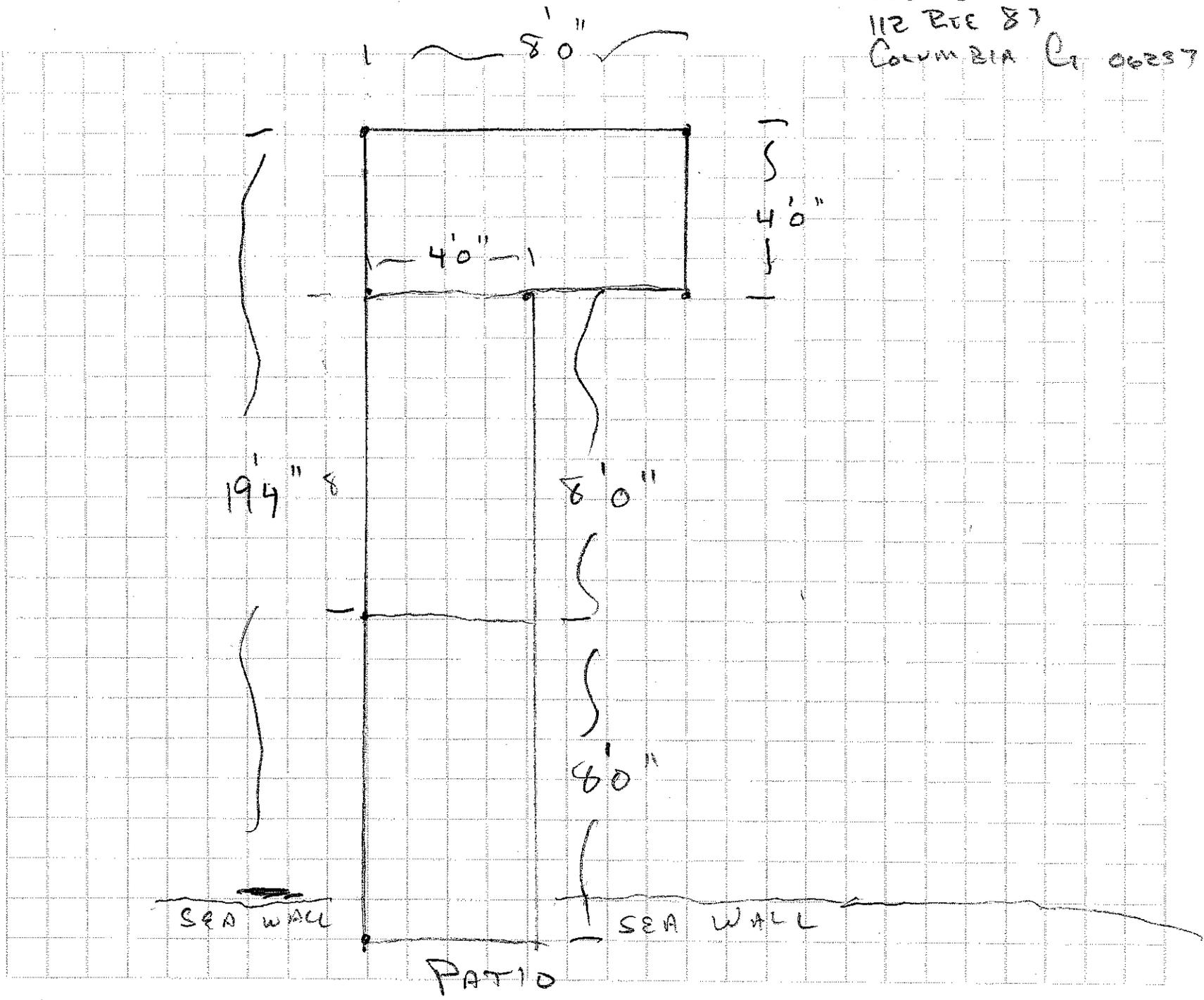
Ausable Forks, NY

Medium duty aluminum leg docks with NyloDeck® decking and single craft storage arms (see page 14).



1/1/2020

Cooke  
112 Rte 87  
Columbia Ct 06257



# LAKE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 15, 2020

Mr. Steven M. Everett  
First Selectman  
323 Route 87, Yeoman's Hall  
Columbia, CT 06237

RE: Application for Construction of a Structure on or Over Columbia Lake  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sullivan, 7 Nuhfer Drive, Columbia, CT

On January 13, 2020, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sullivan of 7 Nuhfer Drive, Columbia, CT submitted an application for permit seeking to replace an existing stone seawall and two existing wooden docks.

Steve Harrington and I (on the behalf of the Lake Management Advisory Committee) reviewed the application, Mr. Harrington performed a site visit and I spoke with Mr. Sullivan to review the proposed scope of work. The proposed work involves the re-building of approximately 75 feet of an existing stone seawall. The existing stone seawall will be re-built utilizing pre-cast concrete blocks. The new wall will be of similar configuration and in the same location as the prior stone seawall. The new seawall will contain 6'-0" wide concrete stairs set into the wall in the same configuration and location as the existing stairs. There is no significant lake bed excavation anticipated. Two existing wooden docks measuring 24'-4" long by 3'-0" wide and 24'-2" long by 6'-0" wide will be replaced by new wooden docks measuring 24'-0" long by 3'-0" wide and 24'-0" long by 6'-0" wide.

According to the Standards for Granting Permission for the Construction of Structures on Columbia Lake (Lake Guidelines), the replacement of the stone seawall and two wooden docks is acceptable.

After review, it is the recommendation of LMAC to the Board of Selectmen that this permit be approved with the following conditions:

1. All work will be accomplished after Lake Drawdown beginning on November 1, 2019 and shall be completed prior to the lake re-filling on March 15, 2020.
2. No machinery or power equipment will be allowed on the lake bed.
3. No substantial materials will be placed on, added to or removed from the lakebed.
4. The applicant will insure construction of the new seawall and docks will be of sound materials and shall not adversely affect the quality of the Lake water or aquatic life.
5. Disturbance to the lakebed will be minimal. No grading or significant excavation shall be allowed.
6. All Lake Guidelines will be met for the use of any pressure treated lumber.
7. No electrical lights will be placed in the seawall or docks.

Your consideration in this manner is appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted;

*Robert R. Powell, Jr.*

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Lake Management Advisory Committee

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### Application for Constructing Structures on or over Columbia Lake

Date submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete and return to the Board of Selectmen.

Property owner: Mary B Sullivan  
Address: 7 Nuhfer St Columbia, Ct.  
Property Location: 7 Nuhfer St.  
Daytime phone # (860) 647 1647  
Applicant if different from owner: Robert Sullivan  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime phone # 860 559-1995

**Structure Information:**

Proposal is for:  New  Replacement  Repair  
Structure Type:  Dock  Seawall  Raft  Boat Cover

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Applicant Signature: Robert Sullivan Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Selectman

Town of Columbia  
323 Jonathan Trumbull Highway, Columbia, CT 06237  
Phone: (860) 228-0110 Fax: (860) 228-1952

### Application for Constructing Structures on or over Columbia Lake

Date submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete and return to the Board of Selectmen.

Property owner: Mary B Sullivan  
Address: 7 Nuhfer St  
Property Location: 7 Nuhfer St.  
Daytime phone # (860) 647-1647  
Applicant if different from owner: Robert Sullivan  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime phone # 860 559 1995

**Structure Information:**

Proposal is for:  New  Replacement  Repair  
Structure Type:  Dock  Seawall  Raft  Boat Cover

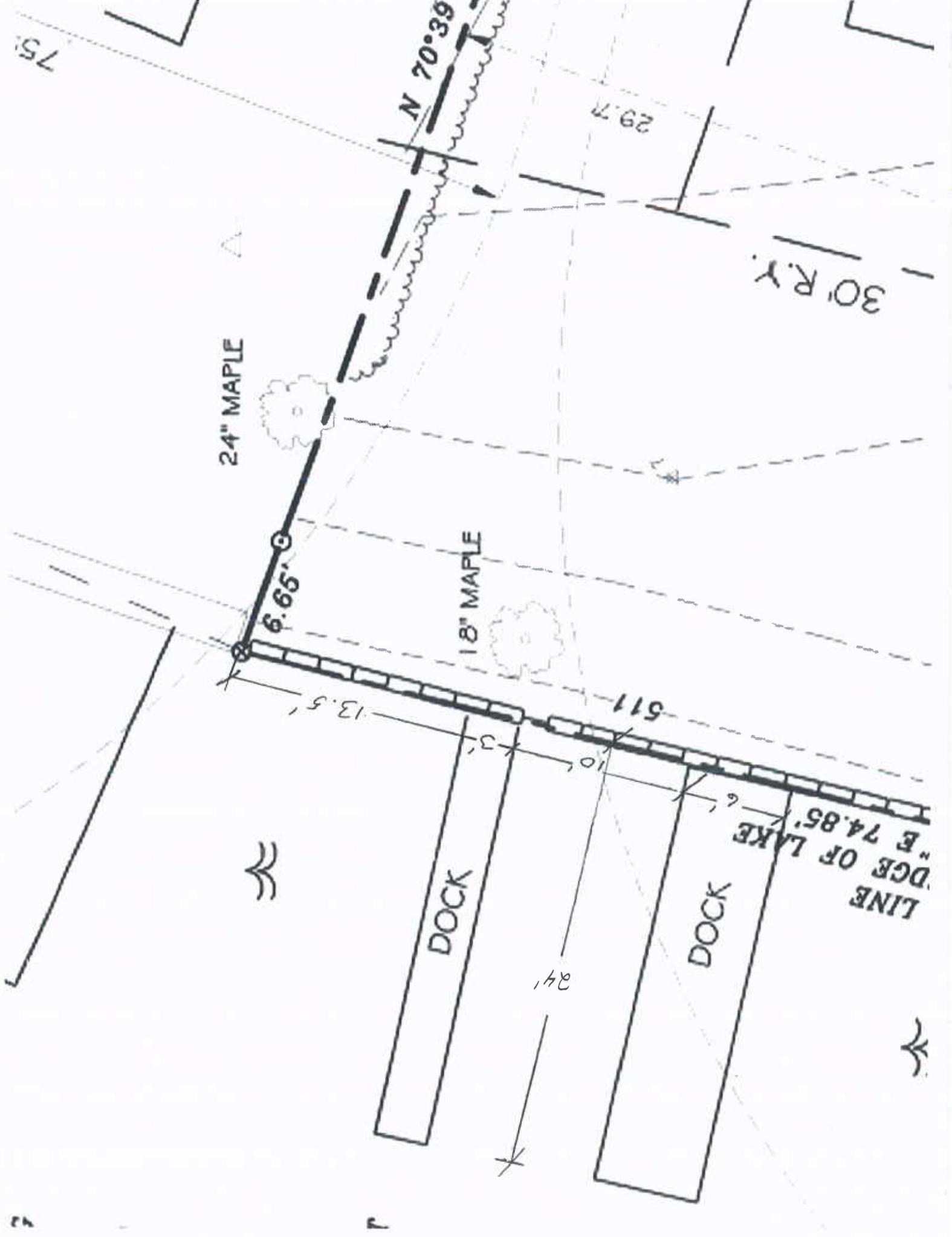
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24" MAPLE

N 70°39'

29.7'

30' R.Y.

18" MAPLE

6.65'

511

13.5'

LINE OF LAKE  
"E 74.85"

DOCK

DOCK

24'



75'

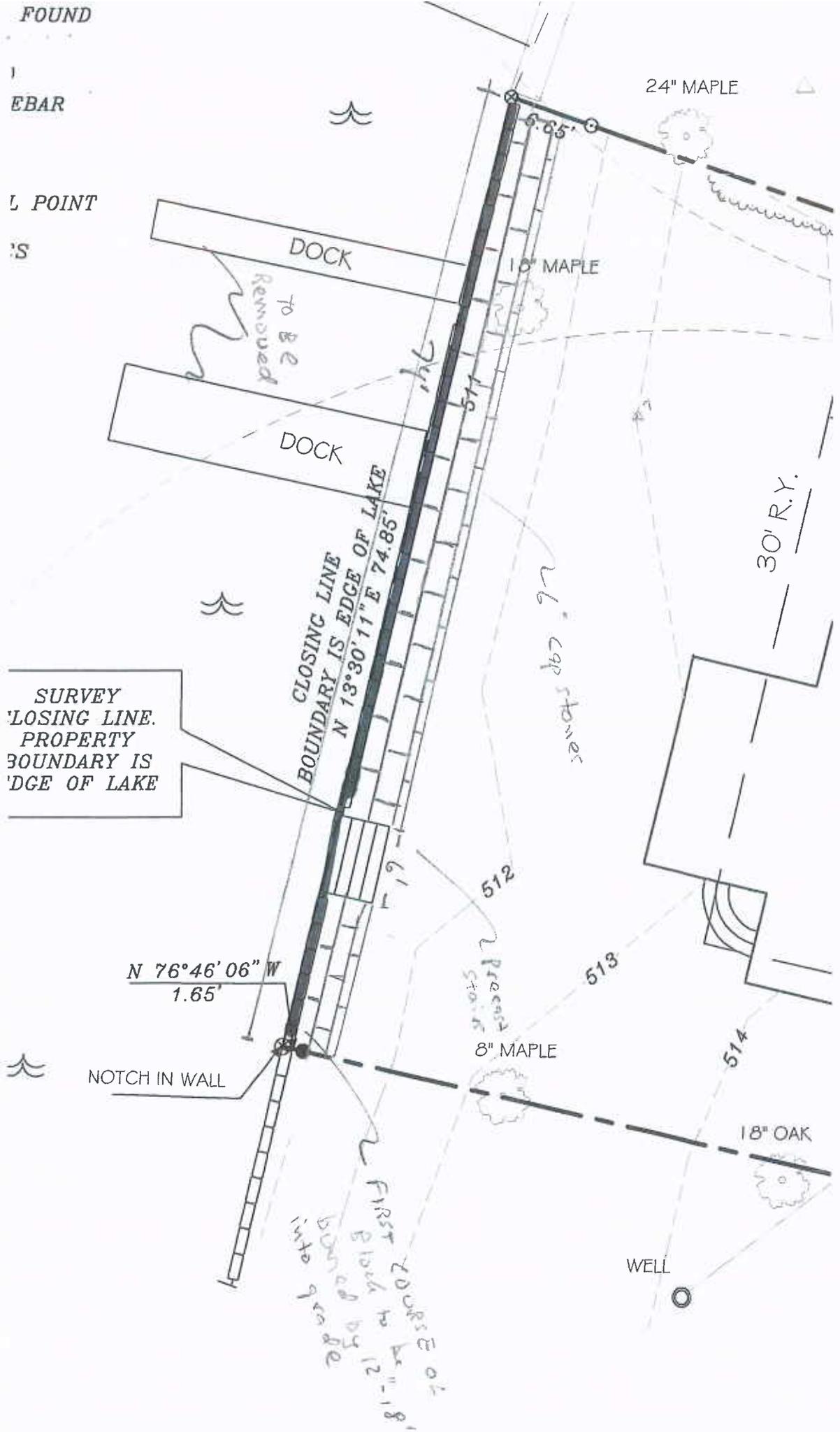
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PROPERTY  
BOUNDARY IS  
EDGE OF LAKE



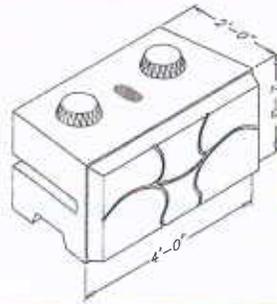
Height of new wall to match existing  
Location of face of wall to match existing  
3/4" stone and filter fabric behind new block wall  
Lake bottom elevation to match existing

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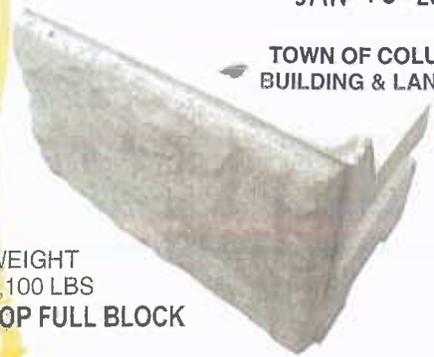
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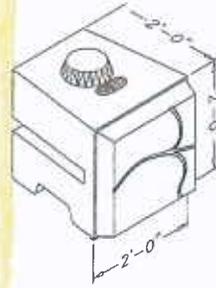
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FULL BLOCK



WEIGHT  
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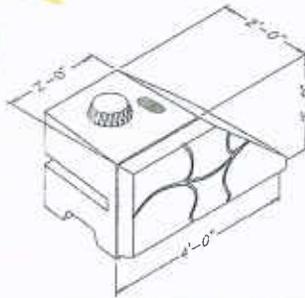
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WEIGHT  
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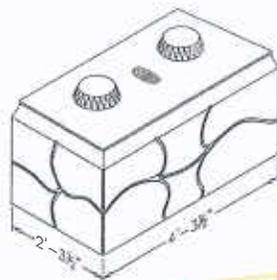
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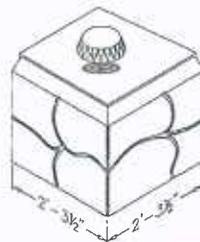
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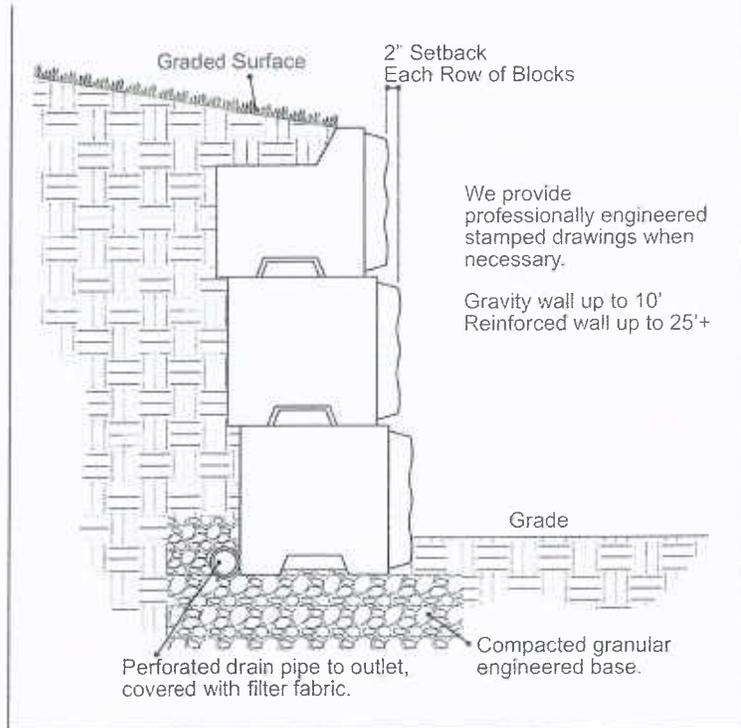
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TOP HALF OUTSIDE  
CORNER BLOCK



\* 16" x 24" can blocks not shown but will be used



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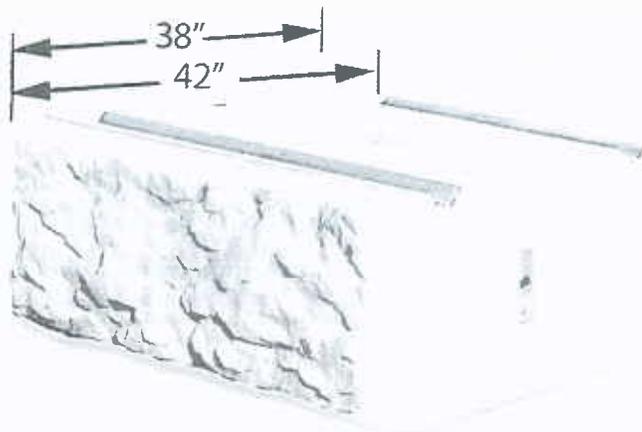
## ⊕ ALL BLOCK STYLES

### 42" Boulder

48" x 18" x 38" or 42"

Weight: 2060-2160 lbs.

Sq. Ft. / Block: 6 sq. ft.



The 42" Boulder will make up the majority of most walls. The primary characteristics of the Full Boulder are its 48" front face tapering back to a 32" rear face, with two parallel channels on the top surface and two interlocking box lugs on the bottom surface.

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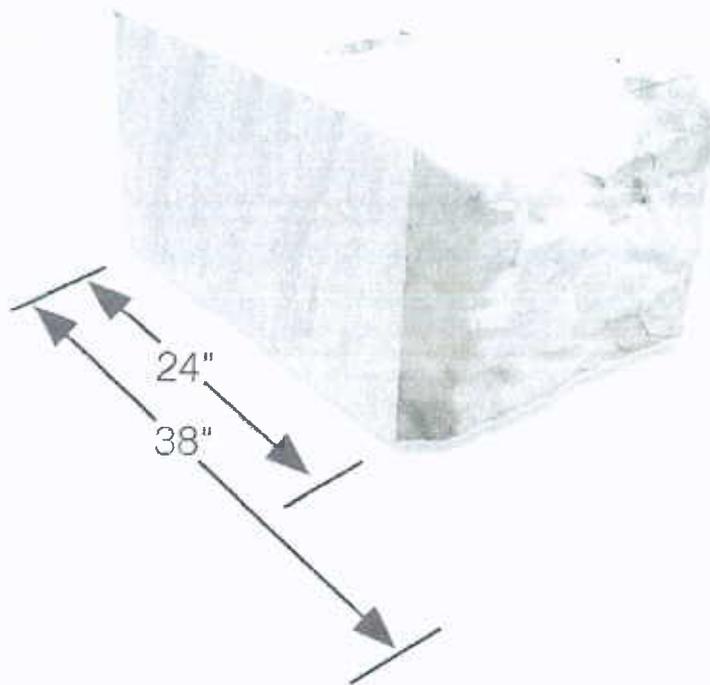
## ⊕ ALL BLOCK STYLES

### 1/2 Boulder

24" x 18" x 28" or 38"

Weight: 1050 lbs.

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When building a retaining wall, the 1/2 Boulder is the

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## ⊕ ALL BLOCK STYLES

### 90° Return Boulder

48" x 18" x 24"

Weight: 1600 lbs.

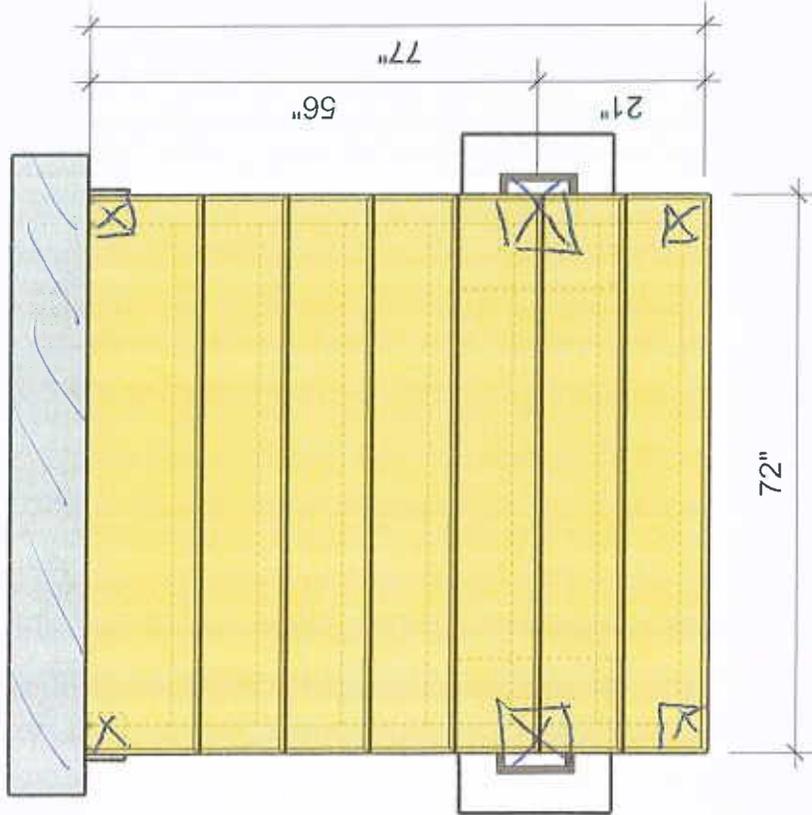


With its 24" depth and 48" length, the 90° Return Boulder creates a perfect half bond across both faces of a 90° wall. This unit has a convex textured face that is consistent with the front faces of all other LondonBoulder units.

Made with **LB42™**

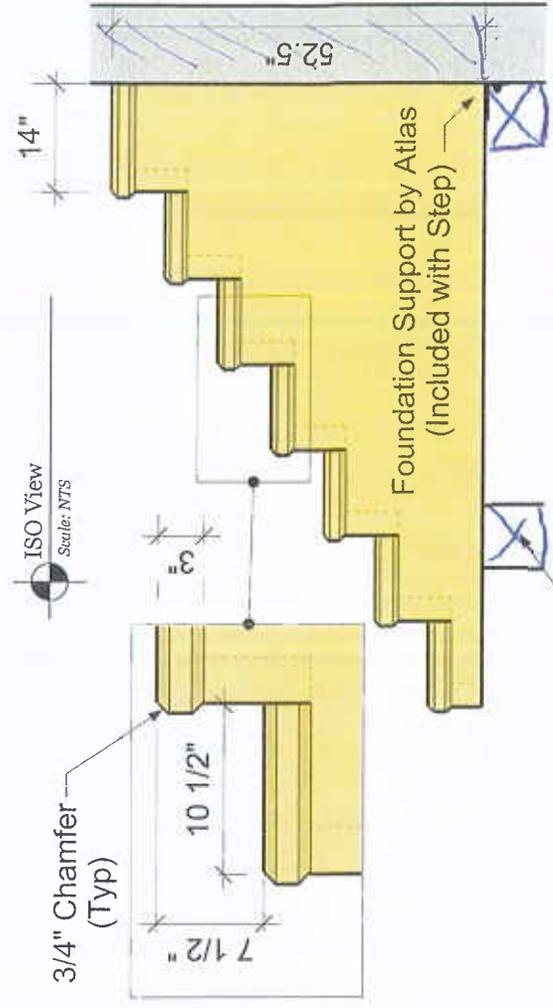
Note: Top step may vary between 12" to 14"

*Stairs set on solid concrete blocks - front and rear*



Top View  
Scale: 1/2" = 1'-0"

ISO View  
Scale: NTS

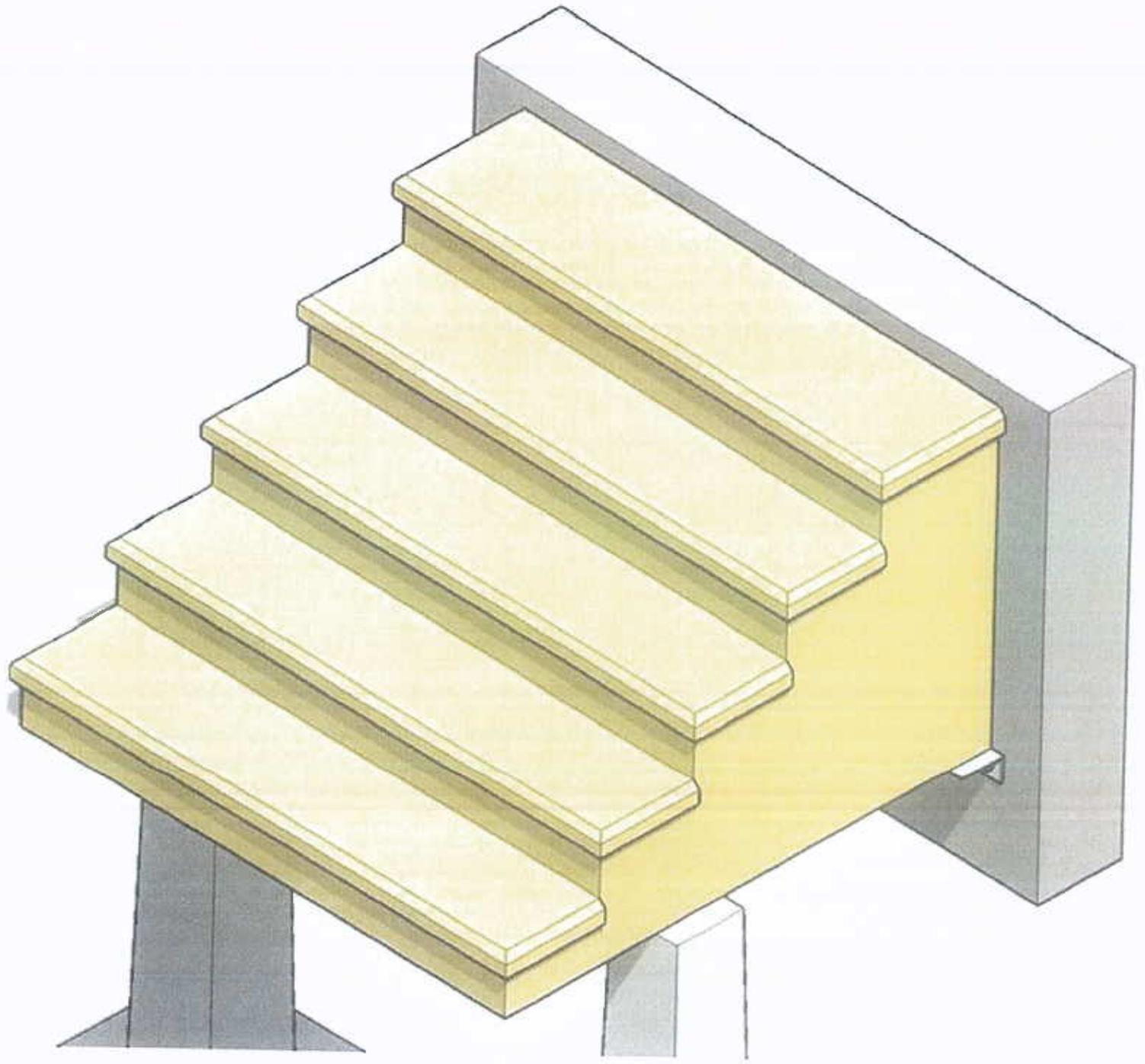


Right Side View  
Scale: 1/2" = 1'-0"

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January 8, 2020

Columbia, Ct

Dock and Wall Replacement

We started this process at the end of summer expecting to submit in early October as evidenced by the date of our dock replacement drawings. The original plan was to replace the end of life docks and repoint the wall. Shortly after the lake was drained I was out cleaning the yard and to my surprise a section of the wall had failed. Repointing of the wall was no longer an option. Since then we have been researching qualified wall builders with experience building on the lake. We contacted three wall builders, all of which have experience on Columbia Lake; Earth Dynamics, Clarke Landscaping and Mario Gonzales Masonry. Each supplier had a different solution, Concrete Dimensional Blocks, Natural Stone Wall, and Masonry Stone Wall. Due to the holidays and the busyness of the construction industry it has taken me the past eight weeks to finalize our selection of dimensional concrete blocks furnished and installed by Earth Dynamics. We understood that the materials used for the replacement wall would be required with our permit application.

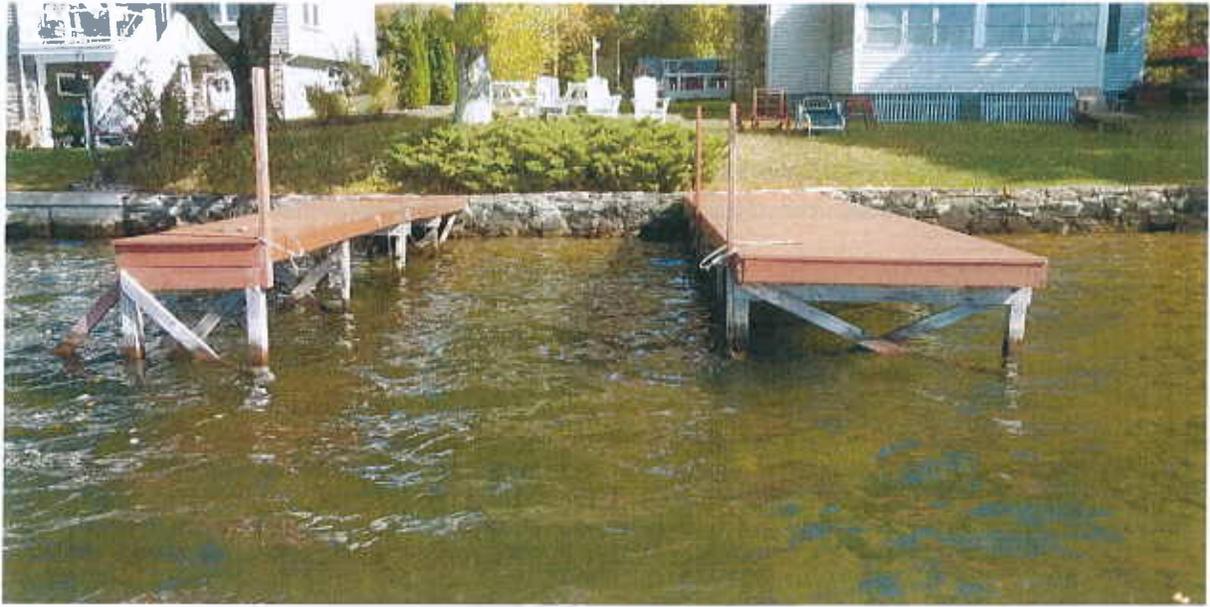
The wall replacement and the dock replacement permit is submitted simultaneously.

#### Dock

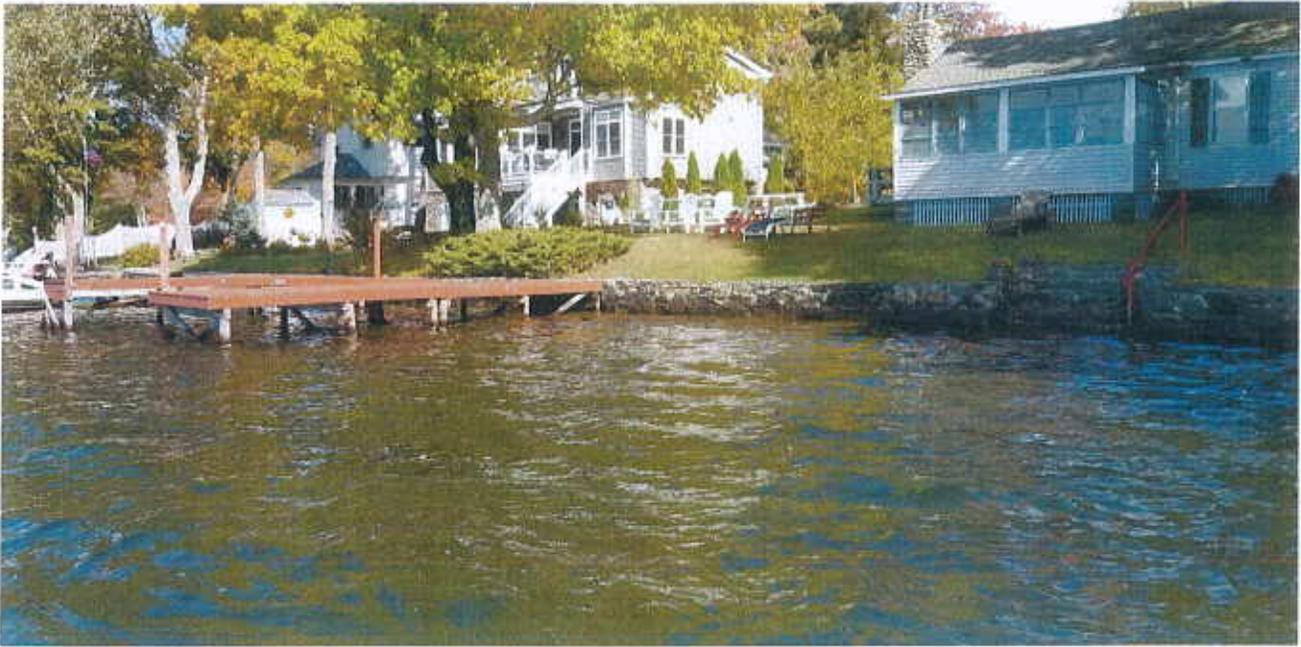
Currently our cottage has two docks, 6 x 24 ft and 3 x 24 ft both have seen there end of life and are close to being a safety concern. We would like to replace in kind, same location, same size with wood construction, framing pressure treated lumber and decking will be kebono wood. Please see attached drawings and photos.

#### Wall

Complete replacement of stone wall with dimensional concrete blocks including steps in same location. Please see attached drawings and photos.



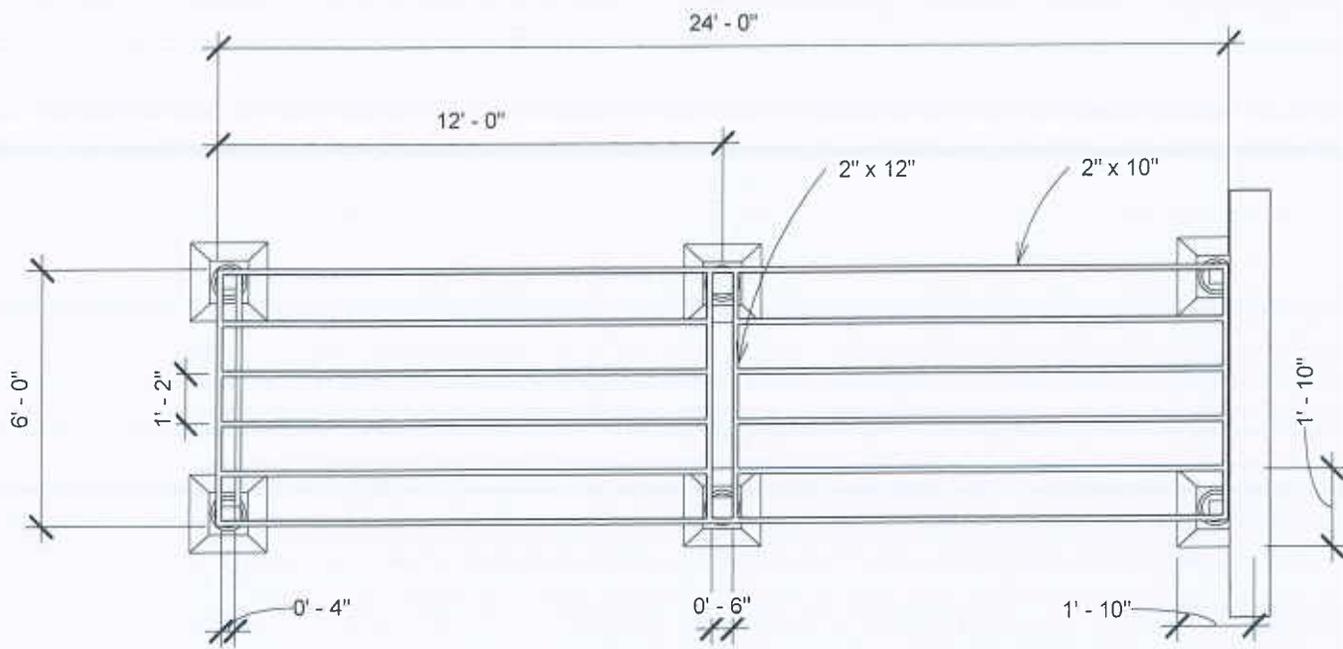




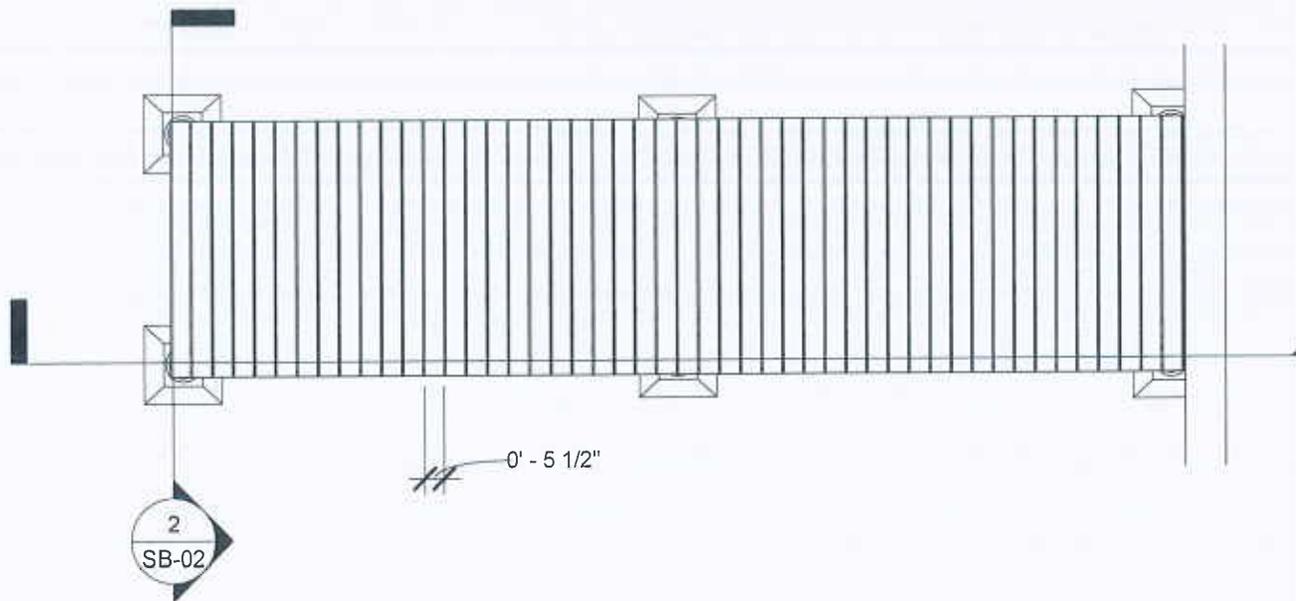




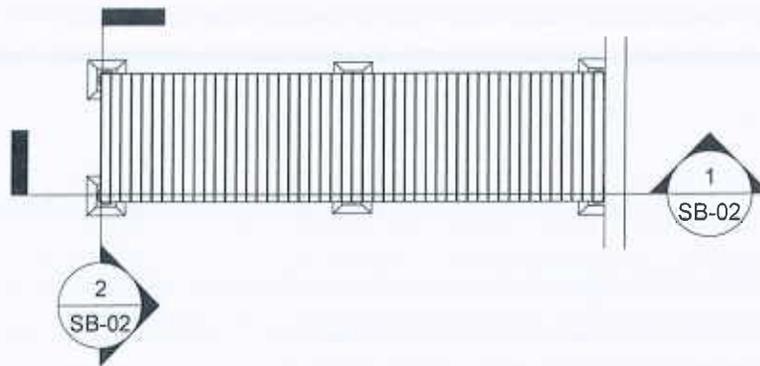




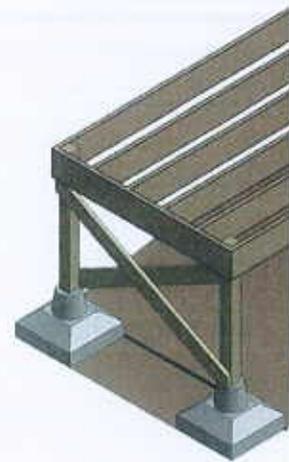
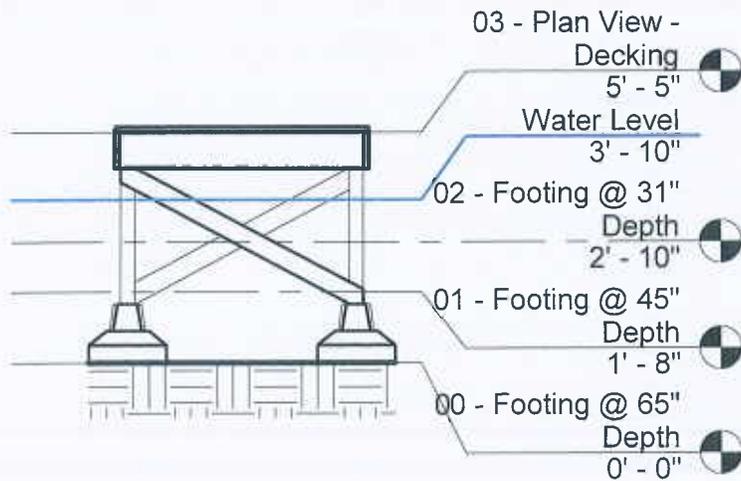
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② 03- Plan View - Decking  
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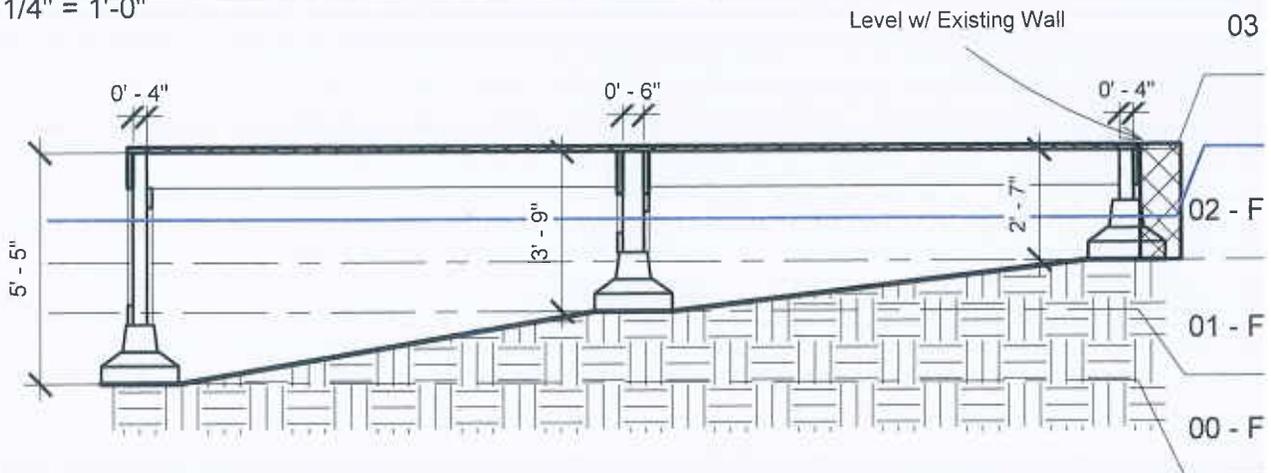


3 Section Key  
1/8" = 1'-0"



4 3D View - Framing Block

2 Section 2  
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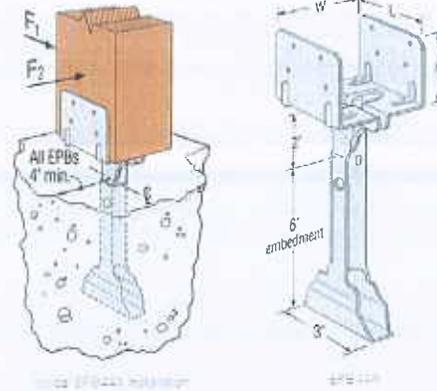


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1/4" = 1'-0"

**Elevated Post Base (EPB):**

**Material**

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Square F  
Size

Concrete

Concrete

Square F  
Size

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**BC/BCS Post Caps:**

**Material**

- 18 gauge

**Finish**

- Galvanized. Some products available in ZMAX® coating.



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**LUS/HUS/HHUS/HGUS Double-Shear Face-Mount Joist Hangers:**

**Finish**

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**H1.81Z Hurricane Tie:**

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**Finish**

- ZMAX®

**ABA 6" x 6" Adjustable Post Base**

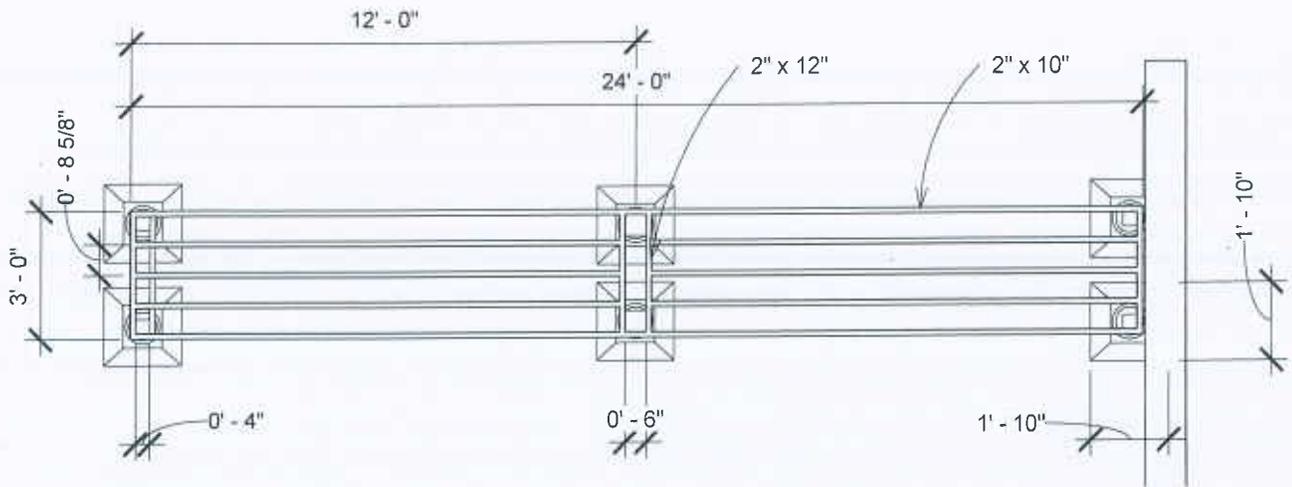
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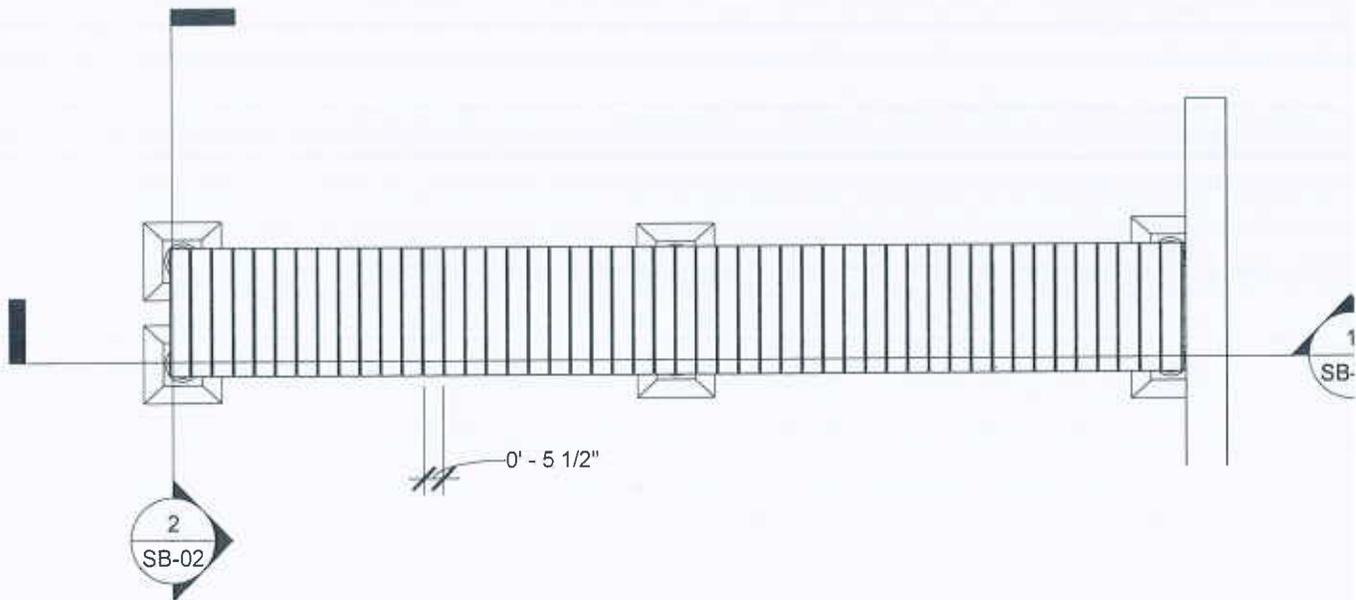


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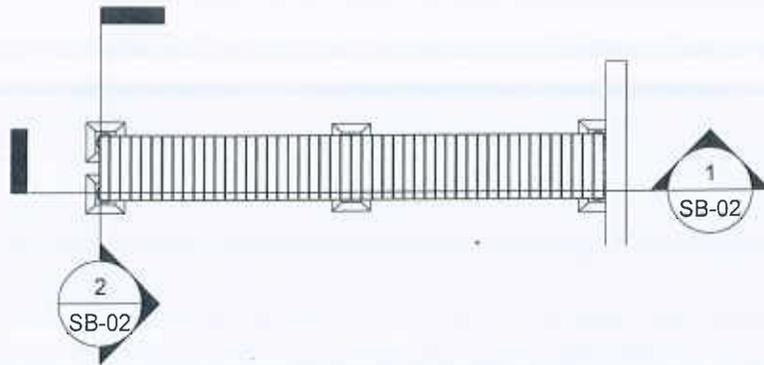
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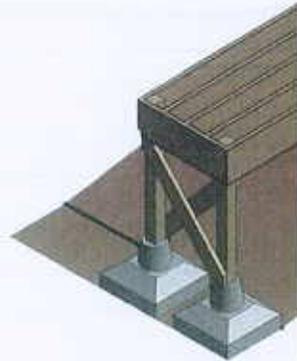
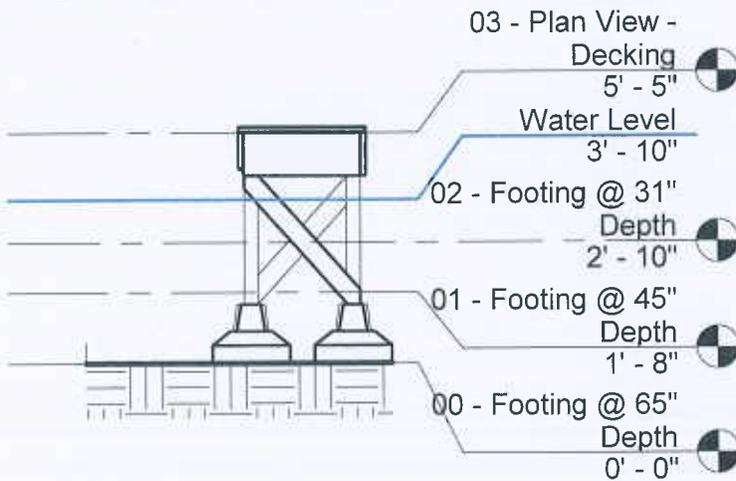
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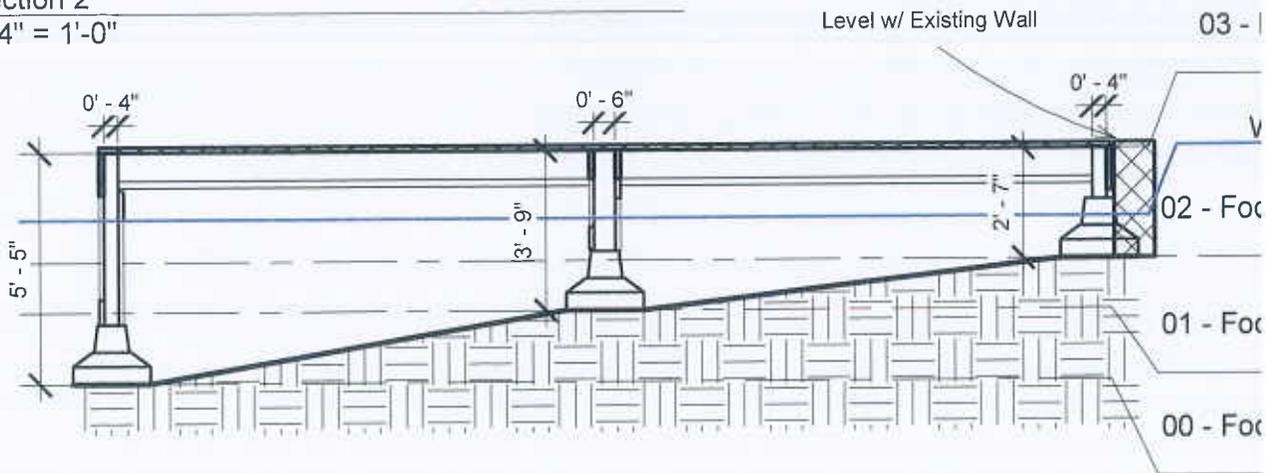


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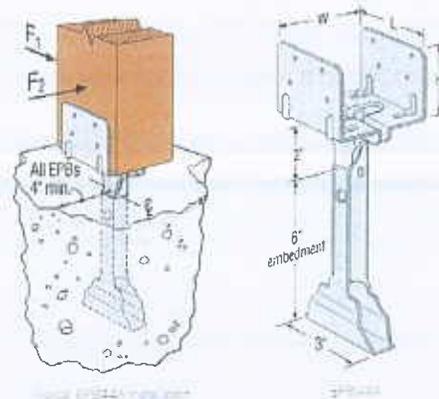


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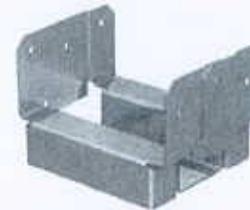
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**Easier on you** physically due to **less time kneeling** and crouching as compared to other hidden and exposed fastener systems.

**Easily replace** damaged boards because any board can be **selectively removed** without the need to remove all the boards on one side as with other hidden fastener systems.

**Standard Tools** commonly used in construction are all you need. You **don't have to buy** anything that's solely for use with Step-Clip and the kits also include the stainless steel nails.

**An efficient solution** Step-Clip's predefined system delivers **uniform spacing and layout** with virtually no drilling. The risk of installer mistakes are significantly reduced, and installers can use their time more wisely as there is no need to stop and wait for special cuts or posts. With Step-Clip, they can be completed after the main boards are installed.

**Design elements** supported by Step-Clip for Kebony **include:** Picture Framing, Feature/Divider boards, perpendicular divider boards, and others.

**Built-in joist protection** means there's **no need to spend time and money** to apply joist protection tape as the Step-Clip strip itself covers and protects the joist.

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## REQUIRED TOOLS & EQUIPMENT

Electric Saw  
(Table, Chop etc.)  
• With a fine carbide blade

Utility Knife

#8 Stainless  
Steel Screws

Measuring Tape

15° Coil Roofing Nail  
or Roofing Hammer

Pencil

Drill  
(Cordless or Corded)

Level

Non-Marring  
Rubber Mallet

**MISC. ITEMS**  
• Chalkline  
• Carbide Drill bit for  
Pre-Drilling  
• Shims

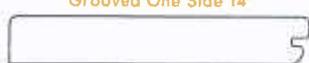
## WHAT'S IN THE BOX?

Step-Clip strips is supplied in two box sizes:  
one with **25** and another with **75** Step-Clip strips.  
Each box includes a corresponding set of coiled  
stainless steel roofing nails.

Check your Step-Clip strip count against your required  
coverage to ensure you have enough Step-Clips strips  
and nails for your project.

Step-Clip Qty	Joist Spacing (in. O.C.)	Coverage	
		square feet (sf) (approx.)	square meters (m <sup>2</sup> ) (approx.)
<b>25</b>	12	37	3.4
	16	50	4.6
	19.2	60	5.6
	24	75	7.0
	12	112	10.4
<b>75</b>	16	150	14.0
	19.2	180	16.7
	24	225	20.9

## ORDERING INFORMATION

Contents	SKU	Description	SKU
25 Step-Clip Strips + Nails	STEPCLIP50SF	 Kebony Clear 5/4 x 6 (22 x 140 mm) Grooved Two Sides 10' 12' 14' 16'	#2637
75 Step-Clip Strips + Nails	STEPCLIP150SF	 Kebony Clear 5/4 x 6 (22 x 140 mm) Grooved One Side 14'	#2638



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Commanding Officer  
Lt. Marc Petruzzi #037

# State of Connecticut



## Connecticut State Police Troop K - Colchester



Executive Officer  
Master Sergeant Eric Peck  
#085

Date: 01-01-20

Mr. Steve Everett  
Columbia First Selectman  
323 Jonathan Trumbull Highway  
Columbia, CT 06237

Dear Mr. Steve Everett

This correspondence is an effort to keep you apprised of the monthly police services occurring within the Town of Columbia.

During the month of December 2019 the Columbia Resident Trooper as well as Troop K Troopers responded to 195 Calls for Service in the Town of Columbia. Of these Calls for Service the most notable are:

Accidents:	7
Burglaries:	0
Larcenies:	0
Other Criminal:	1
Other Non-Criminal:	3
Non Reportable Matters:	142
Other Noteworthy Events (List):	
One Untimely Death	
One Emergency Committal	

In addition to the above investigations Troopers conducted the following motor vehicle enforcement:

On-Sight DWI:	0
Traffic Citations:	29
Written Warnings:	13

Sincerely,

*LT Petruzzi #037*

Lt. Marc Petruzzi #037  
COMMANDING OFFICER  
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## Lawyer may not be able to post bond

### State's attorney: Police had some trouble arresting Mawhinney

By Alex Wood

awood@journalinquirer.com

When Fotis Dulos walked out of a Stamford Superior Court lockup Wednesday to be arraigned on charges that he murdered his missing wife, Jennifer Farber Dulos, he was wearing a sports coat, and his hair and goatee beard looked well groomed.

Minutes earlier, when lawyer Kent D. Mawhinney of South Windsor had walked out of the same lockup to be arraigned on a charge of conspiring with Dulos in the murder, he was wearing a dirty white T-shirt.

Judge John F. Blawie left both men's bonds at the levels he had set when he signed the warrants for their arrests — \$6 million for Dulos and \$2 million for Mawhinney.

Outside court, Dulos' lawyer, Norman Pattis, confidently predicted that his client would post the bond, even though he said a \$6 million bond is almost never seen for a defendant without an extensive criminal record.

"If not today, it'll be tomorrow," Pattis told the crowd of reporters Wednesday as he faced 20 television cameras.

By contrast, Mawhinney's lawyer, Jeremy S. Donnelly, had told the judge, "I don't believe he has the financial resources of his co-defendants."

The third defendant in the case is Dulos' girlfriend, Michelle Troconis, 45. Like



Erik Trautmann / Hearst Connecticut Media via AP, pool

Kent D. Mawhinney of South Windsor is arraigned on conspiracy to commit murder charges in the case of missing mother of five Jennifer Farber Dulos in Stamford Superior Court on Wednesday.

Mawhinney, 54, who lives on Sandstone Drive in South Windsor, she is charged only with conspiracy to commit murder, punishable by up to 20 years in prison. The charges against Dulos, 52, include murder and felony murder, each carrying 25 to 60 years behind bars.

The judge cut Troconis' bond from \$2 million to \$1.5 million, and her lawyer,

Andrew B. Bowman, said later that he expected she would post it.

As of late Wednesday, none of the defendants had yet posted bond.

#### Must live apart

Dulos and Troconis must continue to live apart, after a judge ordered that they have no contact following their first arrest on

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Panel to hold hearing on proposed blasting **PAGE 4**

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Cracks in GOP over Iran crisis

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UConn men earn first conference win **PAGE 44**

## 100th foundation fixed; new applications accepted beginning Monday

By Eric Bedner

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A year after its launch, the captive insurance company fixing crumbling foundations has put its 100th family back in their home and will begin accepting new applications Monday.

Since Jan. 10, 2019, the Connecticut Foundation Solutions Indemnity Co. has fixed 100 homes, and Superintendent

Michael Maglaras is expecting the group to fix more than that this year.

"For us, we consider a project to be done when a local town building inspector signs a certificate of completion on a foundation project," Maglaras said. "We hit the number 100 this week, which is a major milestone."

Captive President Steven R. Werbner praised Maglaras as "a great leader" who has led the captive's resounding success.

"The CFSIC team has really pulled off a miracle," Werbner said.

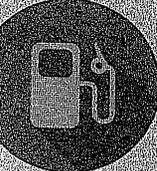
Getting foundations fixed not only helps put their full value back on their municipal property tax rolls, but also ends what is often a stressful experience — emotionally and financially — for homeowners.

"CFSIC is an insurance company, and it's in the business of insurance," Rep. Jeffrey A. Currey, D-East Hartford, said. "But what

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... a special meeting that was held result of a petition citizens. petition requested the in order for towns- to learn more about g negotiations for a nbalance service and ails of a recent pur-

... seemed reluctant to approve the allocation. Board of finance mem- bers said at the special town meeting they only delayed approval in order to obtain more details on different financing options for the purchase. **HAMPTON, Page 4**



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— Gasbuddy.com

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**Around town**

Blood drive, 11 to 6 p.m. Wednesday at the Lebanon Senior Center. See more calendar on Page 3.

**Lotteries**

**MONDAY**

Mid-Day 3: 9-11  
Mid-Day 4: 8-5-2-1  
Play 3: 1-7-3  
Play 4: 1-7-1-0  
Cash 5: 10-15-17-20-27  
**Lucky For Life**  
5-8-15-33-48/2

Wilmington Animal Control Officer Tina Binheimer brought Angel to the Bolton Veterinary Hospital on Dec. 29, where the dog spent several days before returning to the Wilmington dog shelter. "She had damage to her liver, which caused internal bleeding," Binheimer said. A nonprofit group founded by Wilmington resident Sarah Reis, called "It Takes A Village Hill,"

**animal or person. It's a great community.**

*Sarah Reis*

is raising money for Angel's veterinarian bills, with a goal of \$2,200. As of Monday afternoon, nearly \$1,700 had been raised through the Facebook fundraiser. **WILLINGTON, Page 4**



Angel, a brindle pitbull mix who is between 8 and 10 years old, is recovering from liver damage at the Wilmington dog shelter after getting hit by a car on Interstate 84 in December. Courtesy of Sarah Reis

# Senior center expands van service

**\$16K budget addition will allow rides to be offered 5 days a week**

**LISA MASSICOTTE**  
CHRONICLE STAFF WRITER

COLUMBIA — Seniors will soon be getting more opportunities for wellness and social trips following the recent expansion of the Beckish Senior Center's van transportation program.

In December, the board of selectmen unanimously approved giving an additional \$16,000 to the senior van transportation budget out of the town's contingency fund balance.

This additional funding will allow the Beckish Senior Center to operate its van five days a week instead of three as well as hire a second part-time driver and dispatcher, with small salary increases for both drivers and dispatchers, according to Columbia Senior Center Director Bernadette Derring.

"Just getting your seniors up and out is



The Columbia Senior Center van is parked outside of Columbia's Beckish Senior Center. It now runs three days a week, but will be expanding to five. Lisa Massicotte | Staff

so beneficial to them," Derring said. "So many of our seniors are homebound."

Once new employees are hired, the van's schedule will be from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekdays with Mondays,

Wednesdays and Fridays designated toward medical rides while wellness/social trips are to be scheduled on Tuesdays and Thursdays, according to

**SENIOR VAN, Page 4**

2020 brings higher labor costs for small businesses

Liptrap are partnering with 10 Coventry businesses for a research project," reads a recent release from the Coventry Land Use Office.

Liptrap is an associate professor of sports management at Nichols College in Dudley, Mass., who is also an internet marketing specialist involved in the sports marketing field, according to Coventry Director of Planning and Development Eric Trott.

Trott said the research is

most commit to a 12-week period over spring 2020 and incur costs associated with advertising.

Dates are 8 to 10 a.m. on Jan. 14, 16, 21, 28; Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25; March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7.

For more information or to sign up, call Coventry Director of Planning and Development Eric Trott at 860-742-4062 or email him at [etrott@coventryct.org](mailto:etrott@coventryct.org). The deadline for registration is Wednesday.



Rose Kurcinik parks the Beckish Senior Center's van outside the building in Columbia recently. She's been driving this van for a year and a half as her retirement job after previously working as director of transportation for the Windham Region Transit District. Lisa Massicotte Staff

## Senior van program expands

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Derrig.

She noted this schedule is not absolute, as she'll be taking notes on what schedule works best for the community, making adjustments accordingly.

However, the center will have to abide by its van schedule more strictly than they have in the past, Derrig said.

The program began in 2017 with the purchase of a 14-passenger van to provide Columbia's seniors with transportation to and from wellness trips, such as for grocery shopping and banking, through an optional donation.

Derrig, however, said medical visits have been dominating the van's schedule for some time now, which is one reason why she first requested the board of selectmen authorize the purchase of a medical car to be used in

addition to the van.

"We felt a medical car would be in our best interest to have," Derrig said, stating almost all surrounding towns, except Andover, have a medical car and van at minimum.

"We're having a 14-passenger van only holding three people (take) 25-mile round-trips when it could be here taking people grocery shopping with multiple people."

Although selectmen didn't authorize a medical car, the expansion of the van's operating schedule will provide more wellness and socialization trips for the town's senior citizens.

Derrig also mentioned possible opportunities for recreational trips such as going to a movie theater, museum or restaurant from time to time.

"This allows (seniors) to be more social and more

active," Derrig said.

Having their own medical car will still be a priority for Columbia's senior center, Derrig said, but in the meantime, she's been encouraged to look to collaborate with other towns' transportation services.

"We're looking into a shared calendar for the van, so working with either Lebanon or Andover — someone who is pretty close to us," Derrig said.

"Because you don't want two vans going to the same place at the same time with only one or two people. How can we help each other to operate a little more cost-effectively and efficiently?"

For more information about the senior center van transportation program, call the Beckish Senior Center at 860-228-0759.

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currently good state economy makes it more challenging to out to qualified candidates. There are less

looking for work right he said.

As a response, the Bureau has raised p various offices across country. In the Ha office, which reports on London and Windham ties, the hourly pay has raised from \$21 to \$23.

The census hires p on a part-time basis. As sus jobs are temporary. Goralski said people us work for the census in

To help fill the need census takers, and positions for the cen Census Solutions Work was held in Norwich Hall Monday. Various

ple from around the including the mayor me brainstorm ideas to get n people to work on the cen

The basic qualifiers work on the census is to b at least 18 years of age, hav valid Social Security num and email address, be a U citizen and, for men born 1960 or later, be regist with the Selective Serv System, or have a qualify exemption.

However, Goralski wa to attract people who live communities that are hard report, so the data used bet represent the area as a who

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## Lawmaker charged with DUI returned to leadership post

ASSOCIATED PRESS

HARTFORD — A Connecticut lawmaker charged with drunken driving in October has been returned to a leadership post on the legislature's Public Safety and Security Committee.

Democratic Rep. Joe Verrengia, a retired police officer from West Hartford, was suspended from the co-chairmanship of the panel after his arrest.

He has since completed an alcohol education program for first-time DUI offenders, which will lead to dismissal of the charge in November if he successfully completes a probationary period.

"I have taken this very seriously from day one," Verrengia said last week.

"I did complete the two things under my control at this point," he said. "There was a requirement to attend a MADD panel, which was personally a very impactful group with families who lost loved ones to drunken driving. I also took it upon myself to exceed the number of alcohol education hours."

The Public Safety and Security Committee deals with law enforcement issues as well as gambling and alcohol regulation.

Democratic House Speaker Joe Aresimowicz recently restored Verrengia to his post, citing his completion of the education program.

Verrengia fell asleep behind the wheel in the travel lane of a West Hartford street.

TO PLACE AN OBITUARY: CLASSIFIED DEPT. AT 860-423-8466, ext. 3363, OR 860-423-8466, ext. 3337 AFTER 5 P.M. ON FRIDAYS

# Tourism district looks for town reps

LISA MASSICOTTE  
CHRONICLE STAFF WRITER

Local towns are being pushed to appoint representatives to the Eastern Regional Tourism District to help secure funding that is currently being withheld by the state.

For the past few months, the Eastern Regional Tourism District has been struggling to provide mandated documentation to the state and have quorums in order to take votes.

It's now working on replacing its leadership, building its board of directors, finding a new nonprofit partner and addressing its breach of contract with the state.

The ERTD is one of three regional tourism districts initially established through state statutes for the purpose of stimulating economic growth by promoting and marketing districts as travel and business destinations.

Up until April 2019, the three districts, however, were stagnant for more than three years when the state eliminated funding, according to Randy Fiveash, the director of the state's Office of Tourism.

Due to organizational disarray, the eastern and western districts were found to be in breach of their

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*There are currently 10 towns without representatives: Chaplin, Coventry, Eastford, Franklin, Lebanon, Old Lyme, Pomfret, Scotland, Sterling and Woodstock.*

# Tourism district looks for town reps

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\$400,000 contracts for the 2018-19 fiscal year, which ended in June.

Out of that \$400,000, an estimated \$162,000 was left unspent by the eastern district, which it may be required to hand back over to the state due to contract stipulations.

Before the ERTD was notified of its breach of contract last Dec. 6, the state was already withholding \$200,000 of funding until the district submits an audit.

"It's important to leverage these state dollars and really do some effective marketing for the district," said Windham Economic Development Director Jim Bellano, who was appointed last week to the ERTD's

interim executive committee.

That interim committee was created in lieu of an actual executive board, as previous leadership was requested to be replaced and restructured by the state.

"My focus in the short term is correcting the past and clearly moving forward as we go into 2020," Bellano said.

The deadline to "cure" the breach was extended to Jan. 20 by Fiveash.

In response to the breach, the district board wrote it will make follow-up calls to the towns that have not appointed a representative to the district's board of directors by Wednesday, along with providing the necessary financial documentation by the end of the month.

A representative from each

of the district's 41 towns must be seated at the board of directors per state statutes.

There are currently 10 towns without representatives: Chaplin, Coventry, Eastford, Franklin, Lebanon, Old Lyme, Pomfret, Scotland, Sterling and Woodstock.

Coventry has put out a public notice requesting statements of interest for the representative position, which can be filled out on the town's website until Jan. 21.

The position has a three-year term, which includes the obligation to attend monthly board meetings, according to Fiveash.

"If there's one that hasn't sent a representative, it's too many," said Columbia First Selectman Steven Everett, who was appointed by selectmen Tuesday to serve on the

board.

Everett attended the ERTD board meeting Jan. 3 and said the room was full of energy and enthusiasm with great attendance.

"I thought the meeting was desperately needed," Everett said last week.

"It's going to take a strong council working with different entities to happen, but I believe it's possible," Everett said. "Because I believe that eastern Connecticut is raw and ripe for tourism explosion."

*Residents interested in becoming a town representative for the Eastern Regional Tourism District should contact their respective municipal chief executives for additional information.*

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**Posted Refund Transaction (s)**

Condition(s) : Name : DUFFY  
 Bill Name  
 Dist/Susp/Bank Address

TOWN OF COLUMBIA

Int Date: 01/21/2020

Date: 01/21/2020 Page: 1

2018-03-0051599 DUFFY RYAN J  
 4 SADLON RD  
 COLUMBIA CT 06237-1332

Prop Loc/Vehicle Info.  
 UniqueID/Reason

2007/2HJYK16207H535052  
 51599  
 Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.

Paid Date	Tax	Int	L/F	Total Adjusted	Overpaid Tax
7/25/2019	161.26 193.58	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	161.26 193.58	-32.32
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TOTAL 1

**REQUEST FOR ABATEMENT OR REFUND OF PROPERTY TAXES**

Sec. 12-81(20), Sec. 12-124, 12-125, 12-126, 12-127, 12-127a, 12-128, 12-129 Rev. as Amended  
 This is to certify that DUFFY RYAN J

- has presented satisfactory proof that he/she is entitled to an exemption on the assessment list of 10/01/2018
- Sec. 12-81 (20) Servicemen Having Disability Rating.
  - Sec. 12-124 Abatement to poor.
  - Sec. 12-125 Abatement of Taxes of Corporations.
  - Sec. 12-126 Tangible Personal Property Assessed in more than one Municipality.
  - Sec. 12-127 Abatement or Refund to Blind Persons.
  - Sec. 12-127A Abatement of Taxes on Structures of Historical or Architectural Merit.
  - Sec. 12-128 Refund of Taxes Erroneously Collected from Veterans and Relatives.
  - Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.

DUFFY RYAN J  
 4 SADLON RD  
 COLUMBIA, CT 06237-1332

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To **CAROL W. PRICE CCMC** Collector of **TOWN OF COLUMBIA** State of Connecticut.

I hereby apply for refund\* of such part of my tax as shall represent:

~~The service exemption~~ of Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.  
 (State reason -- Cross out service exemption if it does not apply)

*2007 Honda Ridgeline  
 Sold July 2019*

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		Tax	Interest	Lien	Fee	Total	Overpaid Tax
Total Due	07/01/2019	161.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	161.26	
Total Paid	07/25/2019	193.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	193.58	-32.32 ***
<b>Adjusted Refund</b>		<b>-32.32</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>32.32</b>	

**PLEASE READ, SIGN, AND DATE BELOW:**

I am entitled to this refund because I made the payments from funds under my control, and no other party will be requesting this refund. I understand that false or deliberately misleading statements subject me to penalties for perjury and/or for obtaining money under false pretenses.

X RYAN J DUFFY  
 Print Name

X [Signature] 1/12/2020  
 Signature of Taxpayer Date

**COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO THE GOVERNING BODY**

To the First Selectman, or \_\_\_\_\_  
 It is recommended that refund\* of property taxes and interest in the amount of 32.32  
 be made to the above-named taxpayer in accordance with the provisions of Section (s):

Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.

DATED AT TOWN OF COLUMBIA, CONNECTICUT THIS 12 DAY OF December 2019

[Signature]  
 CAROL W. PRICE CCMC  
 (860) 228-0230

**ACTION TAKEN BY GOVERNING BODY**

The First Selectman, as authorized by the Board of Selectman, or \_\_\_\_\_  
 approved on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_. It was voted to refund  
 Property Taxes and Interest amounting to \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

First Selectman

Other Governing Body

Mail To : CAROL W. PRICE CCMC  
 TOWN OF COLUMBIA  
 323 ROUTE 87  
 COLUMBIA, CT 06237-1156

January 10, 2020

First Selectman Steven Everett  
323 Jonathan Trumball Highway  
Columbia, CT 06237

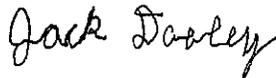
Dear Mr. Everett,

My name is Jack Dooley and I am a 9<sup>th</sup> grade student at EO Smith High School. I am writing to ask that I be appointed to the Youth Services Committee. I attended the November discussion on Vaping and also answered questions from the audience. I found the presentation very informative and made some good contacts, through the presenters, that I was able to bring back to the Vaping committee I am on at EO Smith.

After the presentation and discussion, Mr. O'Brien asked if I would be interested in joining the committee as a member. He felt I would be a beneficial addition to the group regarding topics and perspective from a younger member. I am very interested in joining the Youth Services Committee. I feel I have a lot to offer and welcome the opportunity to be involved and give back to my community.

I thank you for your attention and consideration to this request. If you have any questions for me please let me know. My contact information is below.

Sincerely,



Jack Dooley

37 West St.  
Columbia, CT 06237  
860.228.6886