REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
COLUMBIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, August 7, 2018 – 7 pm
Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room
323 Route 87, Columbia, CT

Members Present: Deputy Selectman, Robert Hellstrom; Selectman, William O'Brien; Selectman, Robert Bogue; Selectman, Lisa Napolitano.

Members Missing: First Selectman, Steven M. Everett.

Also Present: Town Administrator, Mark Walter; Ann Dunnack, Mary Roickle, Columbia Lake Association, *The Chronicle Reporter*, Michelle Firestone.

CALL TO ORDER: R. Hellstrom called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** R. Hellstrom MOVED to approve the Agenda. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**:

3.1 BOS Regular Meeting Minutes for July 24, 2018. R. Bogue MOVED to approve the BOS Regular Meeting Minutes for July 24, 2018. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.

4. **AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:** Paul Kubala, 37 Lake Rd. stated that there were fireworks on Saturday night, August 4, 2018 and that the smoke was heavy, and the noise was very loud. He feels the authorities should have been notified. R. Hellstrom asked P. Kubala to submit a written complaint to the BOS.

R. Hellstrom stated that he lives on Doubleday Rd., and that the other BOS do not live by the lake and did not know about the fireworks.

M. Roickle stated that the Columbia Lake Association formally and officially withdrew itself form any fireworks and expressed that fireworks are illegal, but that it is not their position to enforce the law.

5. **OLD BUSINESS:** None

6. **NEW BUSINESS:**

6.1 **BOS approval for joint purchase with Columbia Lions Club and installation of POW and State of CT flag poles on the Town Green.** M. Walter explained that we would like to install two flag poles on the Town Green at $1,200.00 each. The Lions Club at this time committed to $900.00 for each flag pole. M. Walter stated that he will follow up with the Lions Club to see if they would commit to more than $900.00. W. O'Brien MOVED to approve the joint purchase for the installation of a POW and state OF CT Flag poles. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.

7. **COLUMBIA LAKE / DAM / BEACH:**

7.1 **Application for Construction of a Structure on or Over Columbia Lake for Mr. Eric Sondergren, 166 Route 87, Columbia, CT – PWC Lifts Application**. M. Walter explained that LMAC reviewed the application and the configuration was denied; however, LMAC did offer other options, but the applicant has not responded. W. O'Brien MOVED to approve the suggested recommendations from LMAC to the applicant, Mr. Eric Sondergren based upon what was set forth at the

June 6, 2018 meeting to put in a PWC Lifts at 166 Route 87, Columbia, CT. MOTION CARRIED 4.0

8. **APPOINTMENTS / RESIGNATIONS:** None.

9. **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**

9.1 **Tentative schedule for milling and paving the Town Hall Parking lot**. M. Walter explained that we are trying to reduce the impact on the Town Hall and Library employee's and residents with the scheduling of the milling and paving. We will not be closing Town Hall during the milling but will have to close the Town Hall and Library to the public during paving.

9.2 **Moody's Investors Services improved rating for Columbia.** M. Walter explained that after being reviewed we have been upgraded back to Aa2. Once finalized M. Walter will email the BOS with the final rating.

9.3 **Columbia Plaza.** M. Walter explained that Steven Everett, Robert Hellstrom, representing Economic Development, and Mark Walter met with the owner of Columbia Plaza, Mr. Howard Jaffe. Mr. Jaffe brought some ideas as to what he'd like to see go into the plaza and was open to suggestions from the Town as well.

9.4 **AHM Statistics.** M. Walter provided AHM statistics from 2009 to present. The grant application is pending, and it is anticipated that we will get the grants. L. Napolitano asked did some budgeted items from the school go to AHM. M. Walter explained he did not know and will do some research and get back to the BOS.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

10.1 **Thank you letter from Astrid Belanger.**

10.2 **Eversource conducting grounding tests and structure inspections.** M. Walter explained that Eversource will be working in the town performing ground testing and structure inspections.

10.3 **Eversource to conduct statewide infrared helicopter inspections.** M. Walter explained that Eversource will be using a helicopter to perform inspections in Columbia.

10.4 **CRCOG five-year membership benefits FY 2014-2018**. M. Walter explained that Columbia receives $614,531.00 in benefits and that our dues are $24,797.00. He explained that a big chunk of this was for the Rte. 6 corridor.

10.5 **Thank you letter for the donation to the Covenant Soup Kitchen**.

11. **BUDGET:**

12. **Transfers**. R. Bogue MOVED to approve the transfers totaling $9,904.00 made up from the provided list.

13.

TRANSFER #/AMOUNT	FROM A/C#, DESCRIPTION	TO A/C#, DESCRIPTION
#057 / $1,230.00 REVISED	10-4112-050/Pension Expense	10-4112-060, Employer 457 Match
#058 / $1,108.00 REVISED	10-4132-110/Postage	10-4132-010, Salaries - Assessor
#059 / $1,880.00 REVISED	10-4112/040 Group Insurance	10-4260-010, Salaries - Sr. Center
#059 / $197.00 REVISED	10-4260-240/Fuel	10-4260-230, Electricity
#062 / $2,654.00 REVISED	10-4410-011/Salaries-Public Works OT	10-4410-010, Salaries – Public Works
#062 / $1,602.00 REVISED	10-4410-500/Prof/Tech	10-4410-240, Fuel

#062 / $62.00 REVISED	10-4410-300/Supplies	10-4410-630, Rental
#066 / $70.00	10-4420-110/ Postage	10-4420-300, General Supplies
#066 / $425.00	10-4420-500/Prof/Tech	10-4420-010, Salaries – Waste Disposal
#067 / $276.00	10-4133-010/Salaries-Tax Collection	10-4133-500, Prof/Tech
#067 / $400.00	10-4133-710/Professional Improvement	10-4133-500, Prof/Tech

14. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.

Refunds: R. Bogue MOVED to approve the total refunds of $1,079.69 made up of the provided list.

AMOUNT	FROM	TO
$59.20	Town of Columbia	Christian Kollegger on behalf of Alexander Kollegger
$479.47	Town of Columbia	Kristine Nuhfer & Brian Nuhfer
$19.91	Town of Columbia	Marsha Creese & Ronald Creese
$20.77	Town of Columbia	Janis Czarnowski
$20.68	Town of Columbia	Katie Kasica
$210.29	Town of Columbia	Shane Mathieu
$9.80	Town of Columbia	James Maynard & Lori Maynard
$259.57	Town of Columbia	Edward Wendus

MOTION CARRIED 4.0.

15. **APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS:** R. Hellstrom MOVED to approve the payment of bills totaling $132,230.18 comprised of 2017-2018 Emergency, 2017-2018 Regular, 2018-2019 Emergency, 2018-2019 Regular, Credit Card, and Paycheck. MOTION CARRIED 4.0

16. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** None

17. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

17.1 **Real estate per State Statutes Section 1-200(6)(D); Pending Litigation per State Statutes Section 1-200(6)(B); Personnel per State Statues Section 1-200(6)(A).** R. Bogue MOVED to enter into Executive Session at 7:36 pm. with M. Walter present. MOTION CARRIED 4:0. Executive Session ended at 7:53 pm.

18. **ADJOURNMENT:** R. Hellstrom MOVED to ADJOURN at 7:53 pm and the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully Submitted by Jennifer C. LaVoie

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Members Missing: First Selectman, Steven M. Everett.

Also Present: Town Administrator, Mark Walter; Ann Dunnack; Tom Currier, Gary Littlefield; *The Chronicle Reporter*, Michelle Firestone.

CALL TO ORDER: R. Hellstrom called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** R. Hellstrom MOVED to approve the Agenda. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**:

3.1 **BOS Regular Meeting Minutes for June 19, 2018 and July 10, 2018.** W. O'Brien MOVED to approve the BOS Regular Meeting Minutes of June 19, 2018, with R. Bogue abstaining. MOTION CARRIED 3.0. W. O'Brien noted that the minutes for July 10, 2018 should identify the BOS who voted in favor and who opposed for item number 6.2 - Discussion based upon a request from the Open Space Committee to update the Markel property appraisal. L. Napolitano MOVED to approve the minutes as corrected. MOTION CARRIED 3.0, with W. O'Brien abstaining.

4. **AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS :** None

5. **OLD BUSINESS:**

5.1 **Establishment for a Town Meeting to address and approve the extension of the Purchase and Sale Agreement for the Oberlander property.** R. Hellstrom MOVED to establish a special Town Meeting for September 4, 2018 at 6:45 pm in the Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room, 323 Route 87, Columbia CT to address and approve that the previous Town Meeting approvals for the acquisition by the Town of an undeveloped parcel of land consisting of 57± acres identified as parcel 3 on Map 43 by the Town Assessor and known as the "Oberlander Property" be extended and that such extension and acquisition be on such terms and conditions as have been or will be approved by the Board of Selectmen provided that the purchase price is no higher than that last approved by a Town Meeting and the acquisition is consummated by June 30, 2019. The MOTION CARRIED 4.0

6. **NEW BUSINESS:** None

7. **COLUMBIA LAKE / DAM / BEACH:**

7.1 **Application for Construction of a Structure on or Over Columbia Lake for Mr. Eric Sondergren, 166 Route 87, Columbia, CT – PWC Lifts Application.** Based on the limited information provided, W. O'Brien stated that the BOS reached a consensus that they would like LMAC to provide more information, in order for the BOS to make a decision on the application for Mr. Sondergren. M. Walter will follow up with LMAC to get additional information for the next BOS meeting.

8. APPOINTMENTS / RESIGNATIONS:

8.1 BOE resignation of Karen Vertefeuille. R. Hellstrom MOVED to accept the application of resignation. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.

8.2 Columbia Democratic Town Committee's recommendation to appoint Joanne Prague Doyle to fill the vacancy of Karen Vertefeuille on the BOE. Tom Currier read the letter of interest to fill the vacancy of Karen Vertefuille from JoAnne Prague Doyle to the Democratic Committee. Tom Currier stated that the Democratic Committee supports the nomination of Joanne Prague Doyle. W. O'Brien MOVED to approve the recommendation to appoint Joanne Prague Doyle to the BOE. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.

9. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

9.1 CIRMA Member Equity Distribution. M. Walter explained that based on the Town's risk management efforts we received a member equity distribution of $7,637.00 from CIRMA (Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency).

9.2 Dam Safety Permit for DEEP Mono Pond Dam. M. Walter explained that this is a notice that the state wants to repair the dam. He added that this dam is a State-owned dam, it is not owned by the Town.

9.3 AHM Youth & Family Services. M. Walter explained that for FY 2018-2019 the Town of Columbia paid $44,176.00 to AHM Youth & Family Services. We received a $14,000 grant from the State and an enhancement grant of $3,062.00. L. Napolitano stated that she would like a breakdown from previous years. M. Walter stated that he will gather the necessary information and provide this to the BOS.

9.4 Emergency Action Plan (EAP) Columbia Lake Dam. M. Walter stated that the EAP provides the Town with a detailed plan to help reduce the risk of human life loss and injury and minimize property damage during an unusual or emergency event at Columbia Lake Dam.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

10.1 Monthly State Trooper services report.

11. BUDGET:

11.1 Transfers: None

11.2 Refunds: None

12. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS: R. Bogue MOVED to approve the payment of bills totaling $56,895.95 comprised of 2017-2018 Regular, 2018-2019 Emergency, 2018-2019 Regular, Credit Card, and Paycheck. MOTION CARRIED 4.0

13. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: R. Bogue asked about Village Hill Bridge and M. Walter explained that we are repairing the parapet walls because they had deteriorated to the extent that it was causing water to migrate further into the concrete and cause further damage and that the project is proceeding as planned.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

14.1 Real estate per State Statutes Section 1-200(6)(D); Pending Litigation per State Statutes Section 1-200(6)(B); Personnel per State Statues Section 1-200(6)(A): None.

15. ADJOURNMENT: R. Hellstrom MOVED to ADJOURN at 7:35 pm and the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer C. LaVoie

LAKE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

August 5, 2018

To: Mark Walter, Town Administrator, Columbia, CT

RE: Application for Construction of a Structure on or Over Columbia Lake
Mr. Eric Sondergren, 166 Route 87, Columbia, CT – PWC Lifts Application

On April 24, 2018, Mr. Eric and Tracey Sondergren (applicant) of 166 Route 87, Columbia submitted an application for permit seeking to install two PWC (personal water craft) lifts on Columbia Lake at the subject property.

The Lake Management Advisory Committee (LMAC) Permit Application Sub-Committee received the application on May 1, 2018. A site visit by Karl Then and Bob Powell (LMAC representatives) was held with Tracy Sondergren and her son on May 25, 2018. The application was reviewed with the applicant. The applicant was encouraged to present the application at the next LMAC meeting on June 6, 2018. Bob Powell also took measurements of the existing dock and portions of the seawall.

The application proposes to install two (2) EZ Port Drive-On Lifts for their Personal Watercraft (jet skis) on the south side of the existing dock. The existing dock is 8 feet wide by 23 feet long. Standard docks on the lake are 5 feet wide by 20 feet long. Each of the lifts is 59 inches wide by 149 inches long. Roughly 5 feet by 13 feet. See attached application.

The southern property line between the applicant and neighbor (168 Route 87) is approximately 8'-9" from the south edge of the applicant's existing dock. The property line is not parallel to the existing dock, but is angled, with the extended property line (the property line which extends into the lake) in front of the adjacent property owner's house. The proposed lift would be approximately 18 feet from the adjacent property owner's house. Because the property line is angled, there is approximately 11 feet from the existing dock to the extended property line where the proposed lifts would be located. This will result less than one foot between the proposed lift and the property line. See attached site plan sketches.

The application was discussed at the June 6, 2018 LMAC meeting, with the applicant's son and daughter present representing the applicant. The applicant's son presented the application and participated in the discussion with LMAC members. LMAC explained to the applicant that the proximity of the proposed lift to the property line (less than 1 foot) was too close. The Lake guidelines for dock locations suggest that 15 feet is the minimum distance from a property line, rather than the 8'-9" that exists. The potential for loud noises from the jet skis as they "power-up" to dock onto the lift was also a concern expressed by a LMAC member because of the closeness to the adjacent property owner's house.

After a lengthy discussion, LMAC tabled the application to the next meeting and suggested the following to the applicant:

1. Can the applicant consider placing one lift on the south side of the dock and one lift on the north side of the dock?
2. Can the applicant contact the neighbor at 168 Route 87 for their response to the application?

The applicant did not respond to either of the above suggestions at the July 10, 2018 LMAC meeting. As a result, LMAC voted to recommend the denial of the application due to the close proximity of the proposed lift to the property line. A letter was sent to Steven Everett, dated July 11, 2018 asking that the Board of Selectman deny the application.

Respectfully Submitted;

Robert R. Powell, Jr.

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

LMAC RECEIVED
5/1/18

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: 4/24/18

Complete and return to the Board of Selectmen.

Property owner: Eric Sodergren
Address: 166 Route 87 Columbia, CT
Property Location: 166 Route 87 Columbia, CT
Daytime phone # 704-847-3211 @ 704-989-5865
Applicant if different from owner: —
Address: —
Daytime phone # —
email: tracy.sodergren@gmail.com

Structure Information:

Proposal is for: ☒ New ☐ Replacement ☐ Repair

Structure Type: ☐ Dock ☐ Seawall ☐ Raft ☐ Boat Cover ☒ EZDock EZPort PWC Lift

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: Eric Sodergren Date: 4/23/18

Applicant Signature: Eric Sodergren Date: 4/23/18

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

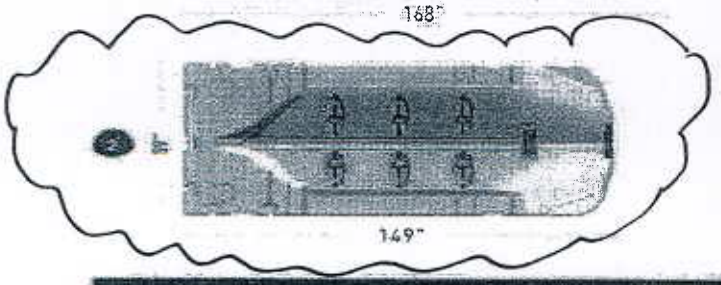
Revised: 4/1/97, 12/01, 09/03, 10/03

EZ PORT® MAX 2i DRIVE-ON LIFT

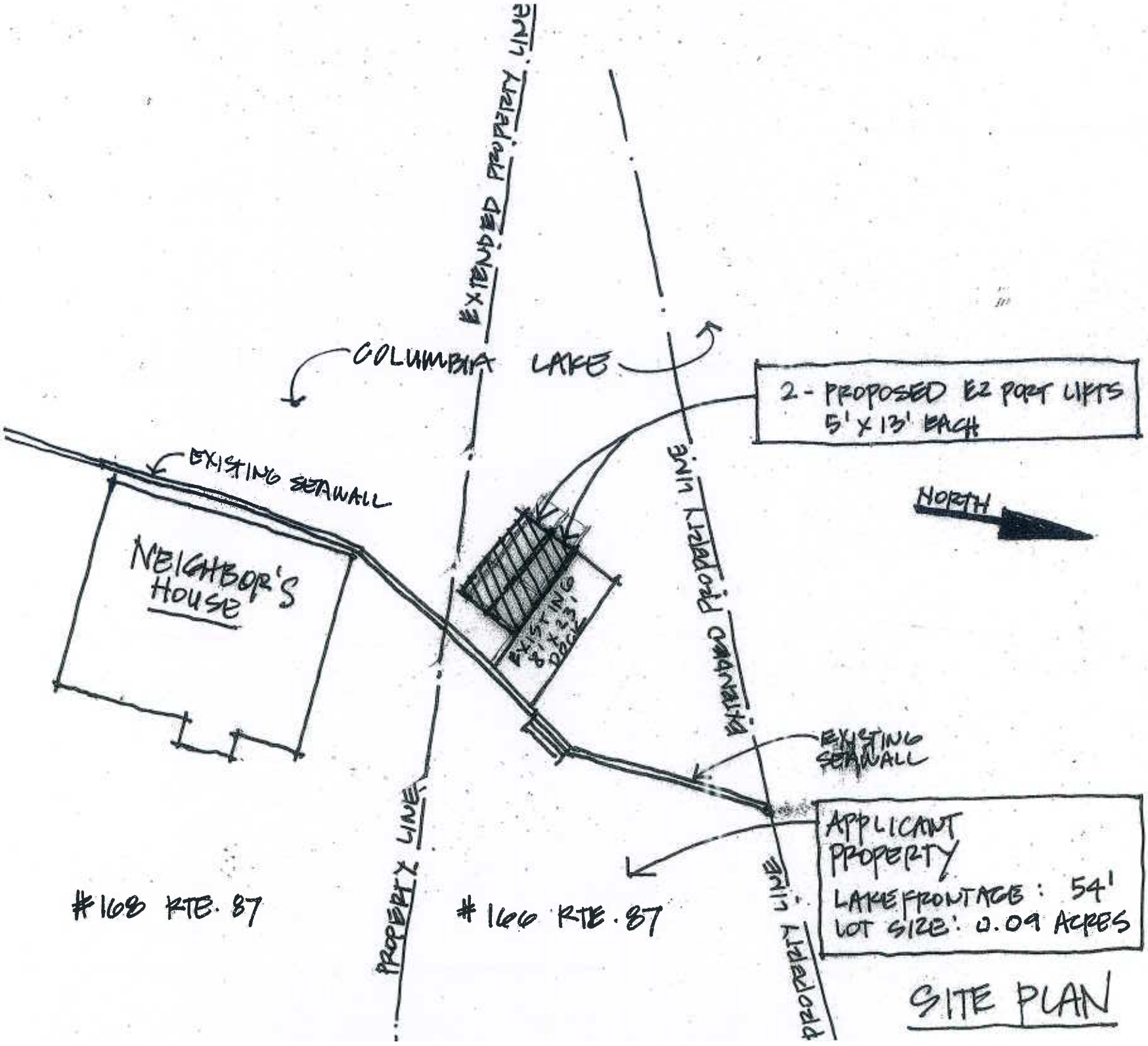
EZ Port revolutionized docking and launching with the original, drive-on PWC lift. Our patented industry-leading EZ Port Max 2i takes that innovation to the highest level. It features a split entry and self-adjusting rollers that make loading and unloading smooth and effortless. EZ Port Max 2i is the simplest and most durable drive-on, push-off method of dry docking. Whether you are an experienced operator or just getting started, boarding and launching is a breeze, and is ideal for any size or brand of PWCs.

FEATURES/BENEFITS:

- Adjustable rollers adapt to all PWC brands and hull designs for ease on and off of the port
- Three-sided accessibility to configure exactly to your needs
- Wide variety of anchoring options make it simple to accommodate to your waterfront



	DESCRIPTION	SIZE (W x L x H)	WEIGHT	FLOTATION CAPACITY	PART #
1.	EZ Port MAX 2i	168" x 59" x 15" 4.3 m x 1.5 m x 38 cm	324 lbs 146.9 kg	1,708 lbs 771 kg	206036PW
2.	EZ Port MAX	148" x 59" x 15" 3.8 m x 1.5 m x 38 cm	296 lbs 134.2 kg	1,380 lbs 626 kg	206032PW


EXTENDED PROPERTY LINE
COLUMBIA LAKE
2 - PROPOSED E2 PORT LIFTS
5' X 13' EACH
EXISTING SEAWALL
NORTH
NEIGHBOR'S HOUSE
EXISTING 8' X 23' DECK
EXTENDED PROPERTY LINE
EXISTING SEAWALL
APPLICANT PROPERTY
LAKEFRONTAGE : 54'
LOT SIZE: 0.09 ACRES
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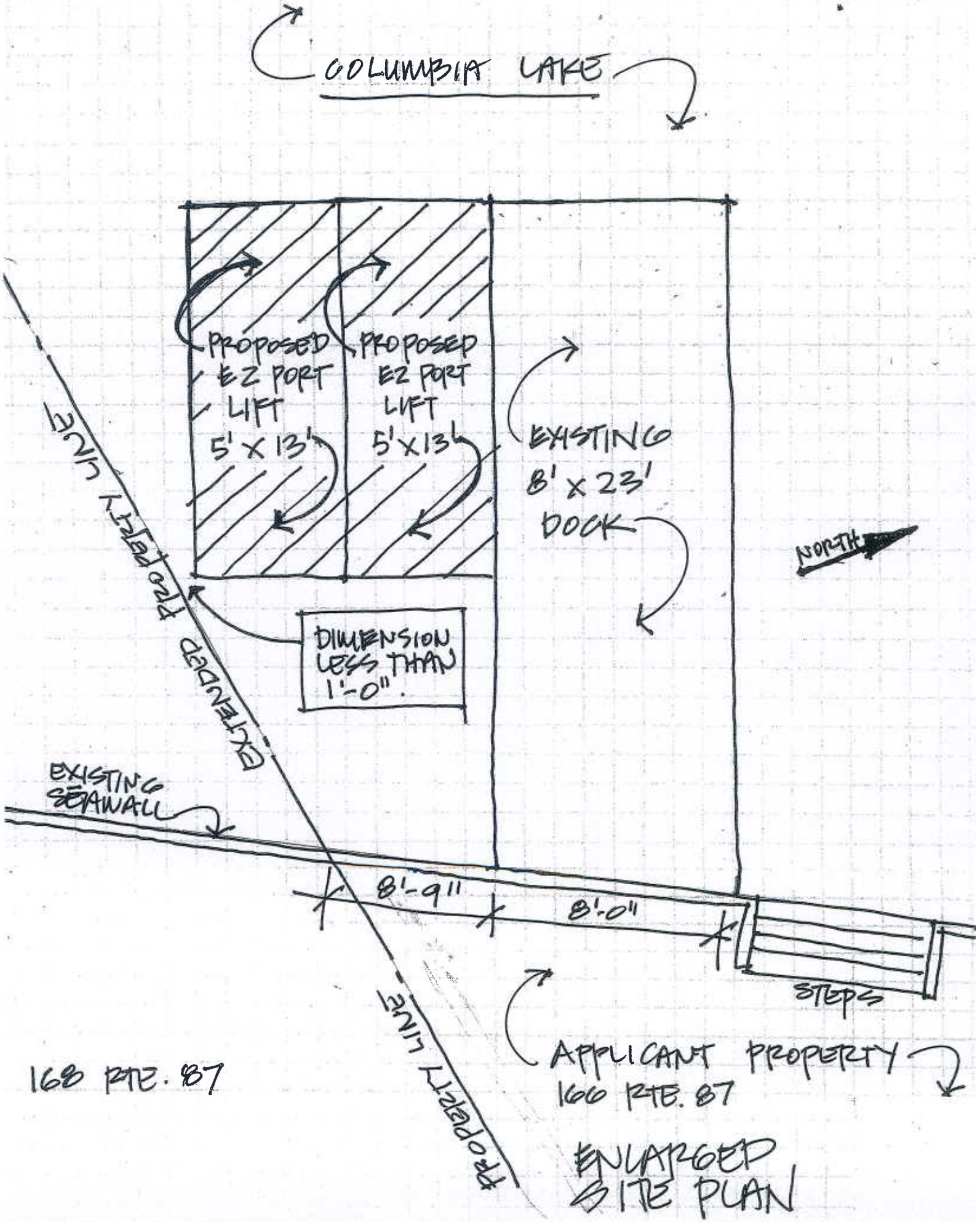
PROPERTY LINE
#166 RTE. 87
PROPERTY LINE

SITE PLAN


COLUMBIA LAKE
PROPOSED EZ PORT LIFT 5' x 13'
PROPOSED EZ PORT LIFT 5' x 13'
EXISTING 8' x 23' DOCK
NORTH
DIMENSION LESS THAN 1'-0".
EXTENDED PROPERTY LINE
EXISTING SEAWALL
8'-9"
8'-0"
STEPS
PROPERTY LINE
APPLICANT PROPERTY
166 RTE. 87
168 RTE. 87
ENLARGED SITE PLAN

LAKE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

July 11, 2018

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. Eric Sondergren, 166 Route 87, Columbia, CT – PWC Lifts Application

On May 24, 2018, Mr. Eric Sondergren of 166 Route 87, Columbia submitted an application for permit seeking to install two PWC (personal water craft) lifts on Columbia Lake at the subject property.

The Lake Management Advisory Committee reviewed the application at their June and July meetings. The proposed work will involve the installation of two PWC lifts to the southern side of an existing dock.

After review, it is the recommendation of LMAC to the Board of Selectmen that this permit not be approved due to the close proximity of the proposed lifts to the property line and adjacent property owner's house.

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

Town Administrator

From: George Murphy
Sent: Thursday, July 26, 2018 6:51 AM
To: Mark Walter
Subject: Tentative 2018 Milling and paving Schedule

Mark, please review if this information is correct and a go for Jennifer to post on the Town Website for August 3rd . Also, the library should be notified that they will have to close on Friday and Saturday of that week.

Good morning Jennifer. Mark and I would like to have some information put up on our town web site for upcoming paving in August. We do not need to post until August 3rd, 2018.

The Town of Columbia has tentatively scheduled milling and paving for the following dates and is weather dependent:

Milling

Colonial Road - August 16th
Town Hall - August 17 & 18th

Paving

Colonial Road - August 22rd
Upper Macht Road - August 23rd
Thompson Hill Road - August 23rd
Town Hall - August 24th & 25th

Town Hall will be closed August 24th and Saxton B. Little Library will be closed August 24th and August 25th. No activities will be held at Town Hall or library August 24,25,26th.
We apologize for any inconvenience this might create for residents.

Also, Could we get a sandwich board sign for the Transfer Station which will help get the word out to residents.

Thanks,

George

TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMAN -

I COUNT MYSELF LUCKY TO HAVE WORKED FOR THE TOWN OF COLUMBIA & I THANK YOU FOR DEDICATING THE ANNUAL REPORT TO ME. IT WAS AN UNEXPECTED SURPRISE WHICH I WILL ALWAYS CHERISH.

A THOUSAND & ONE THANKS ~

ASTRID BELANGER

EVERSOURCE ENERGY

P.O.Box 270
Hartford, CT 06141-0270

July 2018

Dear Neighbor,

As part of our everyday effort to deliver reliable energy to our customers and communities, we will be conducting grounding tests and structure inspections of existing structures in selected areas in the towns of Mansfield, Coventry and Columbia. Maintaining infrastructure is one of the many ways Eversource supports the safe and secure transmission of electricity throughout the region.

We're Always Working to Serve You Better

Starting soon crews from METSCO Energy Solutions, OSMOSE and JHD Inc. will be working for Eversource to conduct grounding tests, mowing for access, inspecting culverts, inspecting our existing transmission structures and inspecting access gates and barriers. This work will be taking place on or near your property.

What You Can Expect

Since your property is on or near the project route, here is important information about how we will work in your neighborhood:

- **Reliable Service**: Be assured that this work will not interrupt electric service to your property.
- **Proper Identification**: All people working on this project carry identification.
- **Where We Will Be Working**: Construction activity will take place within the existing right of way (transmission corridor) in Mansfield, Coventry and Columbia.
- **Communication**: Keeping the lines of communication open is important to us. Feel free to reach out to us by email at TransmissionInfo@Eversource.com or call 1.800.793.2202 if you have any questions.
- **Construction Hours:** The hours for construction are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Sunday.
- **Construction Activities**: (Please see typical photos on pp. 2) Project activities will include the following:
  - Pick-up trucks, ATV's, mowing equipment and foot patrols on the right of way.
  - In some instances, hand excavation around the base of structures may be necessary and will be filled in before moving to another structure.
  - Crews will be using hand held meters to review the grounding status of selected structures.
- **Project Completion:** We expect all work to be complete by the end of December 2018.

Contact Us

Eversource is committed to being a good neighbor and doing our work with respect for you and your property. Again, if you have any questions about this work, please call 1.800.793.2202 or email us at TransmissionInfo@eversource.com. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Brian Ragozzine

Brian Ragozzine
Project Manager -- Eversource Energy

P.O.Box 270
Hartford, CT 06141-0270

Grounding test

Crews will be walking and working at selected structures, conducting testing and obtaining field information. This work is minimally invasive and generally requires no ground disturbance.

Structure Inspection

Crews will be using pickup trucks, ATV's, and mowing equipment and walking within the right-of-way. The inspections will take place at selected structures and may require hand excavation at the base of the structures. All disturbed areas will be restored after the work has been completed.

Photos show typical work areas, and are for illustration only.

Town Administrator

From: Bandzes, Patricia C <patricia.bandzes@eversource.com>
Sent: Friday, August 03, 2018 4:00 PM
To: Town Administrator; lfrancis (townofdurhamct.org); Emmett Lyman; franklin (99main.com); richard.johnson (glastonbury-ct.gov); Haddam - Lizz Milardo; Hebron - Andy Tierney; Lebanon - Betsy Petrie2; Middlefield - Ed Bailey ; Middletown - Wayne Bartolotta; Middletown - Rob Kronenberger; sbransfield (portlandct.org)
Cc: Jennifer LaVoie; Durham - Jaclyn Lehet; admin (easthaddam.org); franklinpr (99main.com); Glastonbury - Susan Lauzier; Haddam - JoAnn Ricciardelli; Hebron - Donna Lanza; Lebanon - Bernie Dennler; Middletown - Linda Desena; Portland - Michelle Ceppaglia
Subject: FW: Eversource to Conduct Statewide Infrared Helicopter Inspections

Fyi. Please share with others in your town, as appropriate.

Thanks, and have a good weekend.
Pat

Patricia C. Bandzes
Community Relations and Economic Development-Connecticut | Eversource Energy
22 East High Street, East Hampton, CT 06424 | ☎ 860-267-3861 (office) | ☎ 860-777-5685(cell)
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The following news release will be sent to the media in Connecticut, promoted on social media.

EVERSOURCE ENERGY

Eversource to Conduct Statewide Infrared Helicopter Inspections

BERLIN, Conn. (August 3, 2018) – To help ensure customers have reliable power, Eversource is conducting aerial inspections of high-voltage electrical equipment in Connecticut using a helicopter with special heat-sensing imaging equipment. The overhead inspections allow the energy company to cover vast distances while capturing images not visible to the naked eye. These images identify potential problems with electric lines and related equipment, so the company can make any necessary repairs or upgrades before possible reliability issues arise.

"With more than 800 miles of transmission rights of way in Connecticut, these helicopter inspections are a crucial and effective part of our commitment to reducing the frequency and duration of power outages," said President of Regional

Electric Operations Craig Hallstrom. "Well over a million customers in Connecticut depend on us for their electric service. To ensure they have energy for every moment of their lives, we're continuously working to keep the electric system operating safely and reliably."

Weather-permitting, these aerial inspections will start Monday, August 6 and continue through August 17. They will take place from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., covering the following Connecticut cities and towns:

Andover, Beacon Falls, Berlin, Bethany, Bethel, Bethlehem, Bloomfield, Bozrah, Branford, Bristol, Brookfield, Brooklyn, Canton, Chaplin, Cheshire, Chester, Columbia, Coventry, Danbury, Darien, Deep River, Durham, East Granby, East Haddam, East Hartford, East Haven, East Lyme, East Windsor, Ellington, Essex, Farmington, Franklin, Glastonbury, Granby, Greenwich, Guilford, Haddam, Hamden, Hampton, Hartford, Harwinton, Hebron, Killingly, Lebanon, Ledyard, Litchfield, Lyme, Manchester, Mansfield, Meriden, Middlebury, Middlefield, Middletown, Milford, Monroe, Montville, Naugatuck, New Hartford, New Milford, Newington, Newtown, North Branford, North Stonington, Norwalk, Old Saybrook, Orange, Oxford, Plymouth, Pomfret, Portland, Putnam, Redding, Ridgefield, Rocky Hill, Roxbury, Salisbury, Shelton, Simsbury, Somers, South Windsor, Southington, Stamford, Suffield, Thomaston, Thompson, Wallingford, Washington, Waterbury, Waterford, Watertown, Westport, Wethersfield, Wilton, Windham, Windsor, Wolcott, Woodbridge and Woodbury.

For identification purposes, the helicopter being used for Eversource's transmission line inspections is a blue and silver Bell, with a registration number N1431W.

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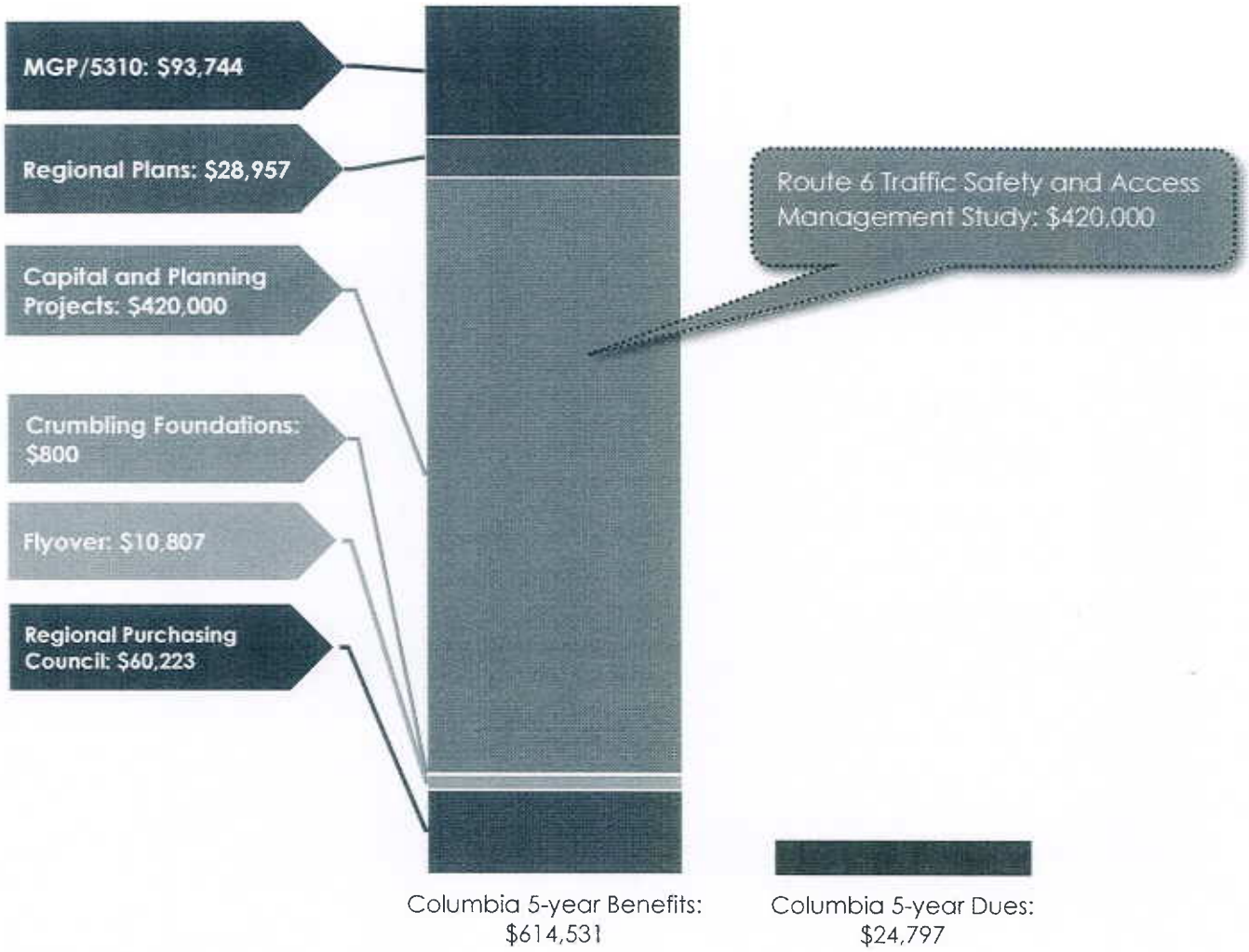
FY18-19 Dues: $6,674

Five-Year Membership Benefits FY 2014-2018



Descriptions

Flyover: CRCOG managed a statewide aerial photography flight. This represents your portion of that benefit.

Crumbling Foundations: CRCOG manages a foundation testing reimbursement program for homeowners affected by the crumbling foundation problem. This represents the amount of money homeowners in your town have recieved.

Regional Plans: CRCOG undertakes a number of regional planning projects. These include: Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan; Regional Complete Streets Plan; MetroHartford Future (CEDS); Regional Sustainable Code Development.

Transit Programs: CRCOG assists the Department of Transportation with municipal coordination and project selection for the FTA 5310 program and the Municipal Grant Program.

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CRCOG 2017-2018 Department Highlights

Homeland Security and Public Safety

Advanced the Get Ready Capitol Region Citizen Preparedness Initiative.

Bolstered regional teams- SWAT, Dive, Bomb, Incident Management, Command Post, Incident Communication.

Performed a large scale West Farms Mall SAVERS exercise and an infectious disease exercise series.

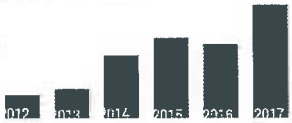
Managed and administered federal homeland security grant funds on behalf of the 41 communities who make up the Capitol Region Emergency Planning Council.

Involved in the statewide Puerto Rico and Islands Evacuee Relief effort. Participated in work groups and assisted communities in our region as necessary.

Began administering a DPH grant in the amount of $1.2 million on behalf of all the hospitals and local public health agencies in Region 3. Includes Hospital Emergency Preparedness (HEP) and Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) funding. Created a Heath Care Coalition to manage the process.

Municipal Services

Expanded Job Order Contracting to 45 communities and saved CRCOG members $1 million in CRPC bids.



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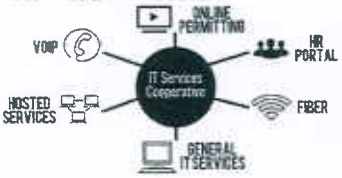
Began administering the Crumbling Foundations Testing Reimbursement Program and continued support of the Ad-Hoc Working Committee on Crumbling Foundations.

Improved and advanced the HR Portal, including the addition of benefits information to the salary survey.

Installed and continued configuration of the Electronic Document Management Pilot.

Managed Human Services Coordinating Council and Regional Election Monitor; continued support of the Central Connecticut Solid Waste Authority.



Increased IT Cooperative participation with 61 towns participating in various programs. Savings to municipalities for the various programs range from 5% to 68%.

Policy Development and Planning

Improved redevelopment potential of contaminated properties through environmental site assessments and remediation planning under the Metro Hartford Brownfields Program. DECD and EPA grants provided $160,856 in assistance this year to complete assessments and planning at twenty sites in eight municipalities.

FY 2018 Brownfields Investment
Total: $910,856
23 Sites, 11 Communitites

Established Metro Hartford Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund and Subgrant Program, and awarded $750,000 in new loans and subgrants to fund clean-up of site contamination in three towns.

Promoted and supported transit oriented development (TOD) through a state grant to encourage municipalities, neighborhoods, and anchor institutions to better connect people, places and jobs. Highlighted TOD successes in the region.

Conducted three major regional planning initiatives to make our region more economically competitive, vibrant, and resilient: Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, Complete Streets Policy and Action Plan, and Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan.

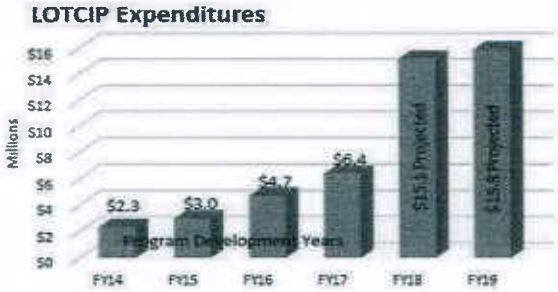
Transportation

Obligatated approximately $21.9 million in federal STP Urban funds for transportation projects in FFY 2017 and approved $10.9 million in new bridge projects under LOTCIP.

Issued a LOTCIP project solicitation for $25.5 million for roadway reconstruction, pavement rehabilitation, stand-alone sidewalk, and bicycle-pedestrian projects.

Completed FFY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program.

Received positive Federal Certification for the Hartford Transportation Management Area



Programmed $6.4 million in FY 2017 funding and continued to ramp up municipal projects for delivery under LOTCIP in FY2018.

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With our most sincere thanks,

Kimberly A. Clark
Executive Director

Shirley Surette
Associate Director

Jan Czikowsky
Kitchen Manager

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