

From: mlussen0762
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 8:06 PM
To: PublicInput@columbiact.org
Subject: 100 acres acquisition

My name Melissa Lussen. My husband Marshall and I are in favor of acquisition of 100 acres in Wells Woods currently owned by the Inzinga Family. We live at 196 Pine st and we feel the purchase of this land will continue to ad value to our community.

Thank you
Melissa

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: Peg Curtis
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 7:13 AM
To: PublicInput@columbiact.org
Subject: Columbia Open Space

HI - I just wanted to let you know that I am strongly in favor of adding the Inzinga property to Mono Pond. Open space is a treasure for our town that once gone is not easily reclaimed.

Sincerely
Margaret M. Curtis

From: Town Administrator
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 10:53 AM
To: Jennifer LaVoie
Subject: Fwd: Acquisition of Inzinga Property in Wells Woods

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Ann Dunnack
Date: April 1, 2020 at 5:31:21 PM EDT
To: "PublicInput@columbiact.org" <PublicInput@columbiact.org>
Subject: Acquisition of Inzinga Property in Wells Woods

I am totally in favor of this acquisition!

Ann Dunnack
103 Lake Road

From: Town Administrator
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 10:52 AM
To: Jennifer LaVoie
Subject: Fwd: Inzinga Acquisiton

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Ann Dunnack
Date: April 2, 2020 at 11:05:34 AM EDT
To: Joan Hill
Cc: "PublicInput@columbiact.org" <PublicInput@columbiact.org>
Subject: Re: Inzinga Acquisiton

Nice letter.

On Thu, Apr 2, 2020 at 10:51 AM Joan Hill <jhill003@charter.net> wrote:
To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for setting up this method of letting the townspeople speak to this issue. This is to let you know of my strong support for the use of \$30,000 from the town's Open Space Fund to support the state's acquisition of the Inzinga parcel. In addition, I would like to remind you of the strong public support for the entire Wells Wood project that was evidenced at the town meeting held January 21.

As the sellers are elderly, it is urgent that this sale be finalized as soon as possible. Please do all that you can to see that Columbia completes its contribution to this acquisition.

Joan Hill 23 Cards Mill Rd, Columbia, CT 06237

From:
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 8:32 PM
To: PublicInput@columbiact.org
Subject: Inzinga parcel

Good evening Steve and Mark,
This is Kathleen Eaton-Robb, 22 Wildwood Drive, Columbia, and I wanted to express my support for the acquisition of the Inzinga parcel.
Thank you and stay safe,
Kathleen

From: Mike Curtis
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 11:58 AM
To: PublicInput@columbiact.org
Subject: Inzinga Propert

I am writing to express my support for the State of CT to aquire the 100 acre Inzinga property to add to the growing Wells Woods / Mono Pond State Park. I believe that this project, addiing critical open space to Columbia, will simply enhance the town, its character and its desirability as a place to live.

This project, championed in large part by Ann Dunnack and the Columbia Conservation Commission is a marquee effort and will greatly publicize the town as a progressive, grwoing but environmentally-concious community. The identified habitat quality is near pristine, high-quality woodlads and environmentally and ecologically diverse and important.

I unhesitatingly support the aquisition and hope it is a first step for more and enhanced preservation efforts.

Michael D. Curtis

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Columbia, CT

From: Michelle Mazzarella
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 11:30 AM
To: PublicInput@columbiact.org
Subject: Mono Pond Open Space Area

I would like to express my support for open space and the State of CT acquisition of 100 acres in Wells Woods currently owned by the Inzinga Family.

Regards,
Michelle Mazzarella
28 Chesbro Bridge Road
Columbia

From: Linda Rainwater
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 7:20 PM
To: PublicInput@columbiact.org
Subject: Open Space Support, in absentia!

Greetings, Steve, Mark, and all others interested in gauging public sentiment on acquisition of Open Space!

I was SO looking forward to the Town Meeting that had been scheduled for April 7 so we could take the next steps in acquiring the Inzinga parcel, moving us one step closer to the long-range goal of establishing the Mono Pond State Park as tentatively planned. I am hoping that at least some of the MANY folks I've been seeing out on the trails have reached out to you to express their favorable opinion of this acquisition. As unsettling as the current pandemic situation is, I do see many silver linings; one is the rather remarkable uptick in the number of people who are getting out and enjoying our beautiful outdoors! (If only the stock market would follow suit...) Hopefully, folks will be considerate and cautious, and we will get through all of this relatively unscathed, and we will maintain some of the habits of mind that this crisis has forced us to cultivate: patience, tolerance, thriftiness, inventiveness, and appreciation of small moments, so many of which occur out on the trails.

Thanks for listening!
Linda Rainwater

From: Ingrid Wood
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 11:43 AM
To: Town Administrator; PublicInput@columbiact.org
Subject: Subject: Approval of State of Connecticut acquisition of 100 acres in Wells Woods section of Columbia, CT w/conditions

To: Mr. Mark Walter, Town Administrator, Columbia, Connecticut:
To: Whom this may concern:

This memo is to register my approval and "yes vote" for the acquisition of the 100-acre parcel in the Wells Woods section of Columbia, Connecticut. This parcel is also locally known and previously described as the 100-acre "Inzinga" parcel in Columbia, Connecticut.

This "yes vote" is in lieu of an in-person vote at a Columbia, Connecticut Town Meeting, during a State of Connecticut and U.S. national health emergency due to an officially declared pandemic issued in Governor Lamont's Orders, updated April 5, 2020.

Please note my "yes vote" by virtue of this memo is effective ONLY through the dates of the declared Town of Columbia Emergency declared by First Selectman Steven Everett and State Emergency declared Governor Lamont's Orders. This memo is no longer valid once both of these declarations are terminated. Thus my "yes vote" applies to a time certain defined by local and state government authorities during the present health emergency. Once the emergency is terminated, this memo and vote herein are invalid.

Thank-you.

Ingrid E. Wood, Property Owner at
322 Rt 87
Columbia, CT 06237

mailing address:
P.O. Box 145
Columbia, CT 06237

From: David Bull
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 10:49 AM
To: PublicInput@columbiact.org
Subject: Wells Woods Acquisition

To Whom it May Concern

Most things considered, I support the proposed 100 acre acquisition. BUT, until I see or receive a guarantee from the Board of Selectman that there will be an annual budget line item in support of BOTH existing Szegda parcels as well as this new one, I cannot support the request.

When the original acquisition of the Szegda parcels was proposed, there were promises made of future and continued adequate support for equipment, operational funds, and budget line support to enable both parcels to be fully supported for recreational, wildlife, and/or agricultural integration into the Town of Columbia system. That has not been the case, promises broken. Instead, while the Rec Park area has received considerable attention, the Szegda parcels – and in particular the several volunteers who have asked for funds for equipment and operational materials/supplies but have been denied – have been largely ignored. I see absolutely no point in acquiring an additional 100 acres when our existing open space parcels are not being supported either at a level or less than needed.

This is a matter of responsible maturity; i.e. don't purchase what you can't support. Greed is of no value here.

As noted above, the opportunity to make the purchase is a great one; but, it comes with a price – that being a guarantee in writing in meeting minutes by the Board of Selectman of future budget and operational level support for ALL open spaces owned by the town. That may require an increase in local taxes. Until that comes, I vote no!!

David Bull

David Bull

From: eric dunnack
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 6:22 PM
To: PublicInput@columbiact.org
Subject: Wells Woods

Hello,

I would like to express my support for the plan to conserve the forested property in Wells Woods that was supposed to be put to town meeting before the meeting was cancelled due to coronavirus.

Eric Dunnack
103 Lake Road
Columbia

From:
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 12:38 AM
To: PublicInput@columbiact.org
Subject: Wellswood Open Space

I am in favor of the purchase. We should always take every advantage possible to preserve natural land and open space.

Nancy Hammarstrom
5 Oak Wood Lane
Columbia, CT 06237

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