

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 12, 2013**

A Town Meeting of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in the Town Meeting of the Town of Columbia, Connecticut was held in the Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room on Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at 6:45 p.m.

**Present:** Selectman Richard Szegda, Selectman William O'Brien, Selectman Robert Hellstrom, Selectman Robert Bogue, Town Administrator Jonathan Luiz and others.

**Moderator:** Bob Baldwin

**Clerk:** Kimberly A. Bona

**Citizens:** 16 citizens including four Selectmen.

R. Szegda MOVED that the Town acquire that certain abandoned cemetery consisting of 0.01 acres of land located on the western side of Wells Woods Road, indentified on Columbia's Assessor's Map 038 as Lot 004L and known as the "Root Cemetery." R. Hellstrom SECONDED the motion. J. Luiz explained that the small cemetery is located off Wells Woods Road and that it contains Root family descendents and that no owner can be identified. J. Luiz said that Chris and David Ramm have provided town and Historical Society members with access to the cemetery courtesy of a right-of-way over the Ramm property. R. Szegda stated that the Wells Wood area is important to Columbia for historic purposes and that it is important that the town takes ownership for this. Ann Dunnack stated that the cemetery contains approximately 4 descendents of the Root family. A. Dunnack says that the Historical Society fears that the cemetery will be lost if the town does not take ownership of it.

B. Baldwin re-read the motion into the record and called for a vote. The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kimberly A. Bona