

Board of Selectmen  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
December 9, 2014 – 10:15 AM  
Town Hall  
**MINUTES**

- 1.0** First Selectman Joyce Okonuk called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. Selectman Linda Finelli was present, Selectman John Bendoraitis was absent. Public Works Director Brandon Handfield and Columbia Town Manager Jonathan Luis were also in attendance. Administrative Assistant Patti Handy joined the meeting at 10:30 a.m. Audience: 0
- 2.0** Needed repairs to Baker Hill Bridge, which spans the town line between Columbia and Lebanon, were discussed. Selectmen and Luis acknowledged the land records do not give clear indication of which town owns the bridge. The towns decided they need to come to some type of understanding of maintenance responsibility for Baker Hill Bridge and Selectmen and Luis said they were open to coming to a global agreement concerning all four bridges. At present Luis reported Baker Hill Bridge is approximately 90% designed and the rough estimate of repair is approximately \$272,000. This bridge connects Baker Hill Road in Columbia and Kingley Road in Lebanon.
- There are three other bridges that fall in both towns—the Jones Road Bridge over the Ten Mile River, the Latham Hill aka Synagogue Road Bridge over Ten Mile River and the Village Hill Road Bridge over the Ten Mile River. Selectmen and Luis agreed that now is the time to determine how Baker Hill Road Bridge responsibilities will be divided and at the same time they would also discuss the other three bridges to reach global agreement on all bridges.
- 3.0** Tabled until next meeting. No action.
- 4.0** The Selectmen agreed to meet on Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup> for budget discussions.
- 5.0** Tabled until next meeting. No action.
- 6.0** No action needed.
- 7.0** Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted,



Joyce R. Okonuk, First Selectman