

The Board of Selectmen held its regular meeting on September 6, 2016, at the Town Hall with the First Selectman Robert Morra presiding. In attendance were: Selectmen Michael Eremita, Robert Neil, Sandra Pierog, and Gwen Marrion. Administrative Officer Joyce Stille, Superintendent Kristin Heckt, members of the BHS Public Building Commission, and several others were also present.

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Public Comment:** Milton Hathaway, 40 Quarry Road, reported on the state of Bolton Notch Pond. Due to lack of care, the area is now more of a swamp and is no longer safe for recreational use. The BOS is aware of the situation and continues to push rebuilding the dam historically, the simplest solution. The state has not yet responded positively.
3. **Approval of Minutes:**
  - A. **July 26, 2016 Special Meeting**– Motion by M. Eremita. S. Pierog seconded. Vote 4:0:1, R. Neil abstaining due to absence at that meeting.
  - B. **August 2, 2016 Regular Meeting** – R. Neil moved, G. Marrion seconded. Vote 5:0:0.
  - C. **August 4, 2016 Special Meeting** – S. Pierog moved, R. Neil seconded. Vote 5:0:0.
4. **Bolton High School LEED Certification:** Mark Hopper from Fletcher Thompson presented LEED certification for Bolton High School. Members of the Public Building Commission for the high school project were also presented with certificates of appreciation from the Town of Bolton for their service.
5. **Correspondence:**
  - A. **Letter of Resignation from the Energy Committee received from Mr. Mike Morris:** M. Eremita moved to accept the resignation. G. Marrion seconded. Vote 5:0:0.
  - B. **Letter of Resignation from Susan DePold as Republic Registrar of Voters:** No action necessary.
6. **Unfinished Business:** None.
7. **New Business:**
  - A. **Charter Oak Greenway Shared Use Path and Path Extension:** A public forum presentation on a possible connection from the Notch Road area to Quarry Road will be scheduled for November or December. The cost of the bike trail is now projected at 14 million. BSC Group work is delayed due to a needed clarification from the DOT on ROW.

Facilities and Public Safety Subcommittee recommended “Share the Road” signs for Birch Mountain Road and 3 locations on state roads (pending state approval). S. Pierog moved to place signs at Birch Mountain, Route 85 and Lyman, Bolton Center Road by the Fire Department and on Camp Meeting on the Bolton side. R. Neil seconded. Vote 5:0:0.

**B. Lower Bolton Lake Status Report:** Clarity has decreased with low rainfall and wind. A Friends of Bolton Lake forum will be held at Town Hall on October 27.

**C. FY17 Budget Report:** The town is 17.01% expensed, compared to 17.19% at this point last year. J. Stille reviewed FY16 year- end unaudited budget balances. Several balances are due to vacancies within departments.

At this point in the meeting, G. Marrion moved to amend the agenda, advancing item #11 to follow 7C. S. Pierog seconded. Vote 5:0:0.

**D. Consider and Act on Deed for Route 6 Corridor State Land:**

M. Eremita moved to approve the First Selectman to sign for the properties once corrections have been made. R. Neil seconded. Vote 5:0:0. G. Marrion suggested a public statement on the transfer and the history behind it. The BOS agreed. G. Marrion will draft it and send it to J. Stille.

**E. Building Foundation Issue:** S. Pierog moved to waive Town building fees for any foundation repairs tied to substandard concrete in Bolton based on confirmation by the Building Official. M. Eremita seconded. Vote 5:0:0.

**F. Consider and Act on Bolton Heritage Farm Barn Work:** S. Pierog asked to postpone action as a grant has been identified that would cover the cost of the study on the Barn's financial feasibility. The BOS agreed. S. Pierog moved to approve payment to Proulx in the amount of \$54,322.90, and Nelson Edwards in the amount of \$942.89. M. Eremita seconded. Vote 5:0:0.

S. Pierog reviewed the remaining work to be done, proposed as follows:

Install door into the milk room from hay loft

Roof bracing (trusses)

Sill, siding, and flashing replacement right side of Milk Room

Remove ceiling and interior wall surfaces of Milk Room

Drainage and grading left side of shed addition

Foundation repair (west side)

Ramp to equipment room

Fire alarm upgrade

M. Eremita moved to approve the list given contingent on the cost staying under the limit of funds remaining at this time, and to authorize S. Pierog and J. Stille to move forward with the projects. R. Neil seconded. Vote 5:0:0.

**G. Consider and Act on Budget Transfer and/or Appropriation Requests:** None.

**8. Ongoing Business:**

**A. Subcommittee Reports:** Nothing new to report.

**B. Properties and Facilities:** Addition to the town garage and demolition of the collapsing original building are necessary. S. Pierog moved to move forward with engineering plans sufficient to put the project out to bid. M. Eremita seconded. Vote 5:0:0. Costs and plans for a cistern by the Center School and Notch Road Municipal Center will be developed.

**C. Revenue Sources:** Nothing new to report.

**9. First Selectman's Report:**

**A. Board of Education Capital Projects:** The BCS sidewalks are complete. Asbestos and some tile replacement remains. The BOE voted to move forward with repair of the tennis courts this year utilizing CHOICE Funds. G. Marrion asked to have net posts looked at for inclusion in the repair. The BOS agreed.

**B. Economic Development:** Syndet is fully operational again. There are several residential rebuilds and expansions under way. The BOS is invited to a CERC course with Coventry.

**10. Administrative Officer's Report:**

**A. Personnel:** Courtney Cannella has started working at Town Hall. Carrie Concetelli begins as Director of Senior Services on September 19.

**B. CROG:**

**1. MS-4:** Work continues on a plan to move forward.

**2. Electronic Document Management:** Reviews of vendors ongoing.

**11. Appointments:** Peter Van Dine, 81 Vernon, presented his candidacy for Inland Wetlands or Conservation Commission. A. Ansaldi, 40 Luck's Way, presented his candidacy for the Economic Development Commission.

The following appointments were made:

Conservation Commission: Peter VanDine (D), full member, term ending 7/1/19. Motion made by M. Eremita, seconded by S. Pierog. Vote 4:0:1, R. Morra abstaining.

Economic Development Commission: Alex Ansaldi (R), alternate member, term ending 7/1/18. Motion made by R. Neil, seconded by Michael Eremita. Vote 5:0:0.

Energy Committee: Richard Dziadul, (U), full member, term ending 7/1/17. Motion made by R. Neil, seconded by M. Eremita. Vote 5:0:0.

Senior Citizen Commission: Helen Winkler (R), full member, term ending 7/1/20; Cheryl Udin, (D), full member, term ending 7/1/20; Corenda Haugh, alternate member, term ending 7/1/20. Motion made by R. Neil, seconded by M. Eremita. Vote 5:0:0.

S. Pierog moved to confirm the Town Clerk's appointment of Courtney Cannella as Town Clerk Assistant. M. Eremita seconded. Vote 5:0:0.

G. Marrion moved to move the November meeting to the 1<sup>st</sup> of November. R. Neil seconded. Vote 5:0:0.

**12. Adjournment:** M. Eremita moved to adjourn. R. Neil seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Benitez, Recording Secretary

Please see minutes of subsequent meetings for corrections to these minutes and any corrections hereto.