

The Town of Bolton Board of Selectmen (BOS) held its regular meeting on Tuesday, September 2, 2014 at the Bolton Town Hall with First Selectman Robert Morra presiding. Also present were Selectmen Robert Lessard, Gwen Marrion, Robert Neil, and Sandra Pierog. Also present were Administrative Officer Joyce Stille, Lake Commissioner Kim Welch and Peter Van Dine.

1. Call to Order: R. Morra called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Public Comment: Peter Van Dine of 81 Vernon Road requested that the BOS list the income from other sources than taxes and expenditures regarding Lower Bolton Lake and the STEAP Grant as a separate line item in the Town budget. P. Van Dine said, as per Section 8 of the Town Charter, the revenue and expenditure process should be open and visible to the public.

R. Morra responded that the funds could be listed with explanatory notation in the Town budget document but a new line item cannot be created in the budget document. There are certain grants that cannot be deposited into the General Fund that must be expended for only that item. The STEAP Grant is such an example. Discussion followed.

3. Approval of Minutes:

A. August 5, 2014 meeting minutes: The minutes of August 5, 2014 were amended as follows:
Item E. FY15 Budget Report: sentence to read: "A motion was made by Ms. Pierog, seconded by Mr. Neil to increase the following thresholds **for purchase orders:**"

R. Lessard MOVED to APPROVE the August 5, 2014 meeting minutes as amended. R. Neil SECONDED.
MOTION CARRIED 5:0:0.

B. August 28, 2014 Retreat minutes:

R. Neil MOVED to APPROVE the August 28, 2014 retreat minutes as written. R. Lessard SECONDED.
MOTION CARRIED 5:0:0.

4. Town Hall Anniversary Recognition: J. Stille described the story behind the photos displayed on the white board reflecting the Town Hall as a sanctuary during storms Irene and Alfred.

5. Correspondence: No correspondence.

6. Unfinished Business: No unfinished business.

7. New Business:

A. Charter Oak Greenway Shared Use Path and Path Extension: G. Marrion reported on the meeting of the BOS Trails Committee and the BSC Group on August 12, 2014 regarding the conceptual plans for the multi-purpose trail from Quarry Road along Route 44.

R. Morra reported on the discussion at the meeting between the bike committee and the Connecticut Department of Transportation (DOT) regarding the safety and bike design of the section of the trail between Quarry Road to the Coventry Town line with a spur to Indian Notch

Park as well as the pond and Quarry Road. He said the meeting was generally positive but R. Lessard added that concerns and issues were expressed in correspondence from DOT after the meeting. J. Stille said the town is waiting for official comments from DOT.

B. Lower Bolton Lake Status Report: J. Stille reported that the water quality today was at two meters. The water is still brown with a very low number of bloom greens. She said the lake appears to be stable right now. J. Stille said the Friends of Bolton Lakes and Bolton Lakes Watershed Conservation Alliance will sponsor a meeting to update the public on their activities on Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Camp Newhoca in Vernon.

C. Budget Report: J. Stille said the town is continuing to transition to the new financial software and thanked the staff for all their hard work.

R. Morra raised the topic of an interim Finance Officer while the Town puts together a plan for a permanent staff person. R. Morra stated that knowing Linda Savitsky background, he believes she is very qualified for the contracted position. J. Stille gave a brief background of Ms. Stravinsky's experience and qualifications. Discussion followed.

S. Pierog MOVED to allow the Town to contract with Linda Savitsky as Interim Finance Officer on an interim, part-time basis based on appropriate completion of a reference check, background check and agreement approved by the Town. R. Neil SECONDED. Discussion followed. MOTION CARRIED 5:0:0.

D. Consider and Act on Budget Transfer and/or Appropriation Requests: No report.

8. Ongoing Business:

A. Subcommittee Reports: Facilities and Public Safety Subcommittee: R. Morra reported that at the meeting last week, a number was discussed as a possible cap of 2.4 million dollars for the field projects. Discussion followed on the cost of the recreation amenities and fields at Bolton High School and possible alternatives.

B. Bolton Lakes Sewer Project: R. Morra said the contractor is ahead of schedule cutting through the rock and anticipates the buried lines will be in before winter. The legal notice will be in the newspaper for the notice to connect Phase 4 and letters will go out to property owners.

C. Properties and Facilities: J. Stille reported on activities planned for the Bolton Heritage weekend (September 26-28). She said there will be a service on the Green from 6-6:30 p.m. on September 11, 2014. R. Morra added that the Properties and Facilities Subcommittee wants to set a meeting later this month to discuss the clean energy task force and Finance and Administration Subcommittee to discuss the charter report and IW fees.

D. Revenue Sources: No report.

9. First Selectman's Report: R. Morra reported on the recent Farmer's Market event. He thanked S. Pierog for her efforts. S. Pierog said the 5th annual Farmer's Market next year will be held on the last Sunday in August.

Fire Protection Regulations: R. Morra said the Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) will hold a public hearing on the proposed Fire Protection Regulations on October 8, 2014. A letter was sent to the PZC expressing the concerns and recommendations of the BOS. Discussion followed.

10. Administrative Officer's Report:

A. CTDEEP MS4 General Permit: J. Stille reviewed her list of general points and the memorandum from Wade Thomas on the proposed modifications to the General Permit for the Discharge of Stormwater from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4 Permit). J. Stille will send comments to the DEEP on how the proposed modifications would fiscally impact and impair the town. R. Morra commented that the proposed modifications are totally unjustified. Discussion followed.

B. Expressway Properties: J. Stille reported on correspondence from DOT to Jennifer Carrier (Capitol Region Council of Governments) regarding discussion at the July 15, 2014 meeting on the disposition of land previously acquired by the DOT for the U. S. Route 6 Expressway. A list of the properties in Bolton has been provided by DOT but the Town has not received a map of the parcels. J. Stille said the town would make sure all the parcels are there. Discussion followed on the State's proposal to transfer the land to the respective municipalities by Quit-Claim Deed with a restriction for use as "open space and passive recreational purposes" only.

11. Appointments: No appointments were made.

12. Adjournment: R. Neil MOVED to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:15 p.m. R. Lessard SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5:0:0.

Respectfully submitted by Linda H. McDonald, Recording Secretary

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