

The Town of Bolton Board of Selectmen, hereinafter the “BOS” held its regular meeting on April 10, 2012 at the Town Hall with First Selectman Robert Morra presiding. Also in attendance were: Selectmen Robert Neil, Robert Lessard, Leslie Shea and Ray Walker. Also present were residents Sandra Pierog, Peter Phelan and Richard Treat.

1. Call to Order

Mr. Morra called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

2. Public Comment:

Mr. Morra read into the record an email from Jeff and Cristie Gibilisco, 96 Birch Mountain Road, regarding the request for permission and a location for a Skate Board Park. It was explained that the park would be privately funded. The email did provide statistics on sports related injuries.

3. Approval of Minutes:

A. March 13, 2012 Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Neil, seconded by Mr. Walker to approve the aforementioned minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

B. March 22, 2012 Special Meeting

A motion was made by Shea, seconded by Mr. Walker to approve the aforementioned minutes as presented. The motion passed with Ms. Shea abstaining.

4. Correspondence:

None.

5. Unfinished Business:

Possible Trail Expansion at Bolton Heritage Farm

The trail has not be finalized yet. There is minor work required to mark the area.

6. New Business:

A. Discussion on FY12 Budget

The board reviewed the month end summary by department.

B. Discussion on FY13 Budget

Mr. Morra shared with the board that the Board of Finance (BOF) recently met to review the town budget. The BOF has not taken any action on the budget to date. Mr. Morra shared with the board that the Town of Columbia is holding a Town Meeting to vote on the insurance cooperative agreement with the Town of Bolton.

C. Consider and Act on Call for Annual Town Meeting

Mr. Morra read into the record the Call for Annual Town Meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Shea, seconded by Mr. Walker to adopt the Call for Annual Town Meeting and resolution as presented (attachment 6.C.) to be held on Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at the Bolton Town Hall, 222 Bolton Center Road, Bolton, CT at 7:00 P.M. Motion unanimously passed.

D. Discussion on Debt Service

Mr. Morra shared with the board a chart detailing the level of debt service until 2033. It

includes existing net debt, the August 2010 Bond Issue, Fire Truck and proposed April/May 2012 Bond Issue and the proposed towns portion of the sewer project.

E. Consider and Act on Budget Transfer and/or Appropriation Requests

A motion was made by Ms. Shea, seconded by Mr. Neil to approve the following transfer in the Planning and Zoning Budget:

Transfer \$1200 from Professional and Business to Office Operation. Motion unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Ms. Shea, seconded by Mr. Lessard to authorize Robert Morra or Joyce Stille to approve budget transfers not exceeding \$3,000 for the remainder of the fiscal year. A report will be given to the BOS of all transfers approved. Motion unanimously passed.

7. Ongoing Business

A. Subcommittee Reports

Mr. Morra reported that the BOS have not met to discuss the proposed Vision and Mission Statement of the Bolton Heritage Farm. They expect to do this before the next regular BOS meeting.

B. Bolton Lakes Sewer Project

Mr. Morra reported that Phase 3 work has started up again. Letters to connect for Phase 1 and Phase 2 should be distributed in the upcoming months.

C. Properties and Facilities

Ms. Pierog provided information to the BOS on a proposed sign for Bolton Heritage Farm. The sign will be constructed by resident Jack Sodler. Ms. Pierog provided details on the specifications of the sign.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Neil to authorize the Bolton Heritage Farm Commission to purchase a sign not to exceed \$900 from Farm Funds. Motion unanimously passed.

Ms. Pierog reported that a final inspection took place for the Barn Roof Grant. The easement is currently at Connecticut Council on Culture and Tourism. Once signed it will be recorded in the Town Clerk's Office and sent to the Attorney General for signature. There is a requirement that the barn must be open to the public 12 times a year. However, if a website is established to show the interior of the barn, that may satisfy the requirement. Ms. Pierog will work with the town web master to create a place to put the photos.

Ms. Pierog reported that "Rosie" the mascot, is still expected to arrive in time for the Memorial Day Parade.

Ms. Pierog informed the board that the BHF Commission would like to advertise BHF Weekend on the website, and possibly in a town mailing.

Ms. Pierog informed the board that a \$5,000 grant was awarded to repair the foundation

around the shed.

Ms. Pierog requested information on the status of the application of the Vibrant Communities Grant. The grant deadline is Friday, April 13th. Mr. Morra will follow up on the status.

Mr. Morra reported that the BOS Facilities Subcommittee will be meeting with the BOE Facilities Subcommittee to discuss the comprehensive plan on the town's recreational facility. Other groups involved will be contacted regarding the meeting as well. Peter Phelan shared with the board that one town is currently installing synthetic turf. Mr. Walker asked Mr. Phelan to provide any information on model fields that have worked and what has not worked.

D. Revenue Sources

The BOS received a letter from CIRMA stating that the town and BOE received an equity distribution in the amount of \$11,714.00.

8. First Selectmen's Report:

Mr. Morra wanted to follow up on the debt service chart. He did explain that the figures provided are worst case scenario. Part of the towns portion of the sewer project are for current vacant lots.

9. Administrative Officer's Report

The Administrative Officer was not present at the meeting.

A. Insurance Cooperative Agreement

B. Personnel

10. Appointments

None.

11. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Neil, seconded by Mrs. Shea to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 P.M. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Bolduk
Board Clerk

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