

The Board of Selectmen held a special meeting on August 10, 2015 at the Town Hall with the First Selectman Robert Morra presiding. In attendance were: Selectmen Robert Lessard, Robert Neil, Gwen Marrion, and Sandra Pierog; Administrative Officer Joyce Stille; and residents Richard Tuthill, Peter VanDine, Mr. Davies, Sarah Saunders, David Ostafin and Polly Silva.

1. Call to Order.  
Mr. Morra called the meeting to order at 7:00P.M.
2. Board and Commission Candidates.  
Ms. Silva, Ms. Saunders, Mr. VanDine and Mr. Ostafin each discussed with the Selectmen their individual interests in serving on the various Town boards and commissions. The Board of Selectmen will make appointments at a future meeting.
3. Bolton Heritage Weekend.  
Ms. Pierog shared information about Bolton Heritage Weekend (September 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>) events, publicity and costs. Due to the Bolton Heritage Farm barn fire, planned events are offsite this year. The group discussed adding the Lions Club dinner to the information. A motion was made by Ms. Pierog, seconded by Ms. Marrion, to authorize \$3,676.00 for the event (publicity, postage, musical acts and related costs). Motion unanimously passed.
4. Shared Services.  
The group reviewed the draft "Feasibility of Proposed Consolidation of Town and Bolton Public Schools Financial Operations" report's Executive Summary. By consensus the group agreed to distribute the draft to the Boards of Education and Finance through the 2+2+2 (representatives from the Boards of Selectmen, Finance and Education) meeting. Discussion on the draft will occur at the joint board meeting on August 31, 2015.
5. Personnel.  
The draft Chief Financial Officer's job description was discussed. It will be revised based on comments from the Selectmen and distributed for final review with any questions or concerns then due back within one week. Following this review period, the advertising for the position will move forward unless further concerns are received.
6. Projects for Bonding.  
The group discussed the various capital projects both for a fall Town Meeting and future larger bond issuance. As a result of the fire at Bolton Heritage Farm barn, the group discussed adding \$200,000 for Town funded work on the barn for the building envelope, electrical, architectural/engineering and related costs

to the fall Town Meeting items. Only the fire damaged areas are covered by insurance. This leaves potentially sections of walls and/or other areas having only portions replaced. The \$200,000 in Town funded items for the barn now would be for work that would have been necessary in the larger bond issuance. For the Bolton Center School parking lot project, the group discussed potentially addressing the driveway turn into the larger parking lot. This is a tight corner for emergency vehicles.

For the approval of all Town Meeting projects, the necessary actions with their timing were reviewed. The Selectmen discussed acting on the Town Meeting items at their September 1<sup>st</sup> meeting so that the appropriation requests could be forwarded to the Board of Finance for its September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. If the Board of Finance approves them, then the Board of Selectmen would set the Special Town Meeting for some time in October. The group also discussed having a public informational meeting in September/early October on the projects. The projects also need to go to the Planning and Zoning Commission under state statute 8-24. The two (2) items to be considered at Town Meeting are: 1. replacement of fire truck; and 2. capital improvements – Bolton Center School parking lot and sidewalks; community septic in the Town center including fire suppression cistern/pond; and Bolton Heritage Farm barn. These projects total \$1,320,000. The second phase will be bonding for the remainder of the projects.

7. Adjournment.

A motion was made by Ms. Pierog, seconded by Mr. Neil, to adjourn the meeting at 8:51P.M. Motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce M. Stille  
Administrative Officer

PLEASE SEE THE MINUTES OF SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS FOR THE APPROVAL OF THESE MINUTES AND ANY CORRECTIONS HERETO.