

The Town of Bolton Board of Selectmen, hereinafter the “BOS” held its regular meeting on October 1, 2013 at the Bolton Town Hall with First Selectman Robert Morra presiding. Also in attendance were: Selectmen Robert Lessard, Robert Neil, Leslie Shea and Ray Walker (arrived at 8:20 p.m.). Also present were Sandra Pierog, Kim Welch, Gwen Marrion, Barbara Amodio, Sylvia Ounpoo, Jim Adams, Mike Morris and Administrative Officer Joyce Stille.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Public Comment:

None.

3. Approval of Minutes:

A. September 3, 2013 Meeting Public Hearing

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

B. September 3, 2013 Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Neil, seconded by Ms. Shea to approve the aforementioned minutes as presented. Motion unanimously passed.

4. Correspondence:

Letter of resignation received September 9, 2013 from Pat Busque as a member of the Library Board.

A motion was made by Mr. Neil, seconded by Mr. Lessard to accept a letter of resignation from Pat Busque as a member of the Library Board. Motion unanimously passed.

5. Unfinished Business

None.

6. New Business:

A. Charter Oak Greenway Shared Use Path

Residents Barbara Amodio (50 Volpi Road) and Sylvia Ounpoo (48 Stonehedge Lane) shared concerns with a potential foot bridge. They urged the BOS to explore the at grade crossway further. Mr. Morra explained that DOT is not in favor of an at grade crossing due to safety concerns.

Ms. Gwen Marrion (38 Maple Valley Road) gave a brief history of what has been happening with meetings with DOT. She requested that the people that have been actively taking part in the meetings meet and decide on a plan to propose to DOT.

Mr. Jim Adams (Stonehedge Lane) spoke in favor to an at grade crossing. Mr. Mike Morris (Llynwood Drive) spoke in favor of not delaying the project.

The BOS agreed to have an outside engineer review the project and give a professional opinion regarding what the potential options could be. Additionally the BOS will also request a detailed explanation of why an at grade crossing would not work. A tentative date of October 31st is set to meet with DOT.

B. Lower Bolton Lake Status Report

Ms. Stille gave an update of the lake:

- September 5th-cove treated with Sonar (Q) for fanwort; specific area treated only
- George Knoecklein continues monitoring the lake as well as Aquatic Control Technology through fall and early winter; Mr. Knoecklein has also been hired by Vernon
- No response to Lake drawdown requested yet
- STEAP Grant-awaiting contract from state
- George studying both Middle (Vernon) and Lower Lakes – expect research to be completed in November
- DEEP – request to not stock catfish for 3 years in process & use as study

C. Summer 2013 Recreation Report

The board reviewed the summer 2013 Summary provided by the Recreation Director. However the number of children signed up for camp has decreased. Ms. Stille shared that Tracy Verrastro, Recreation Director is reevaluating camps for next year.

D. FY14 Budget Report

The board reviewed the month end summary by department. Ms. Stille shared a copy of a letter from the state that the Fringe Benefit and Worker's Compensation for the State Troopers rate has increased to 83.85% from 72.95%. The town was not notified of the new amount until August, therefore it was not figured into the budget.

E. Discussion on FY15 Budget

The board reviewed the letter to be sent out to Boards and Commissions regarding the 2014-2015 Budget. By consensus, the group agreed to request Capital Budget items now so the CAPA Committee has adequate time to review and act on.

F. Consider and Act on Emergency Management Resolution

A motion was made by Ms. Shea, seconded by Mr. Walker to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Town of Bolton Board of Selectmen may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Joyce M. Stille, as Administrative Officer of the Town of Bolton, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of Bolton and to do and perform all acts and things which she deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents.

Motion unanimously passed.

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

None.

7. ONGOING BUSINESS

A. Subcommittee Reports

The board reviewed the minutes of the Human Resources Subcommittee.

B. Bolton Lakes Sewer Project

Mr. Morra shared a letter from the BLRWPCA notifying the town that Vernon and Bolton have adopted the amendment to the ordinance, and requesting the BOS to consider the addition of the Cider Mill property to the District Sewer Service Area.

A motion was made by Mr. Neil, seconded by Mr. Walker to include the Cider Mill property to the District Sewer Service Area. Motion unanimously passed.

C. Properties and Facilities

Mr. Morra commended the Bolton Heritage Farm Commission on the events that took place during Heritage Farm Weekend. Ms. Pierog reported that approximately 250-300 people attended. The CERT Team was available to help with parking. Ms. Pierog listed many groups that assisted with the events.

Mr. Morra reported that he had received a call from Dr. Ray Peracchio regarding a piece of property that the town had purchased from him. Dr. Peracchio inquired if the property could be transferred to the Bolton Land Trust. Mr. Morra reported that the property will be researched to determine if the property can be developed.

Ms. Stille shared with the board that a new proposal has been received regarding a cell tower on West Street. The group is requesting a Public Informational Meeting take place.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Neil to request a Public Informational Meeting on the proposed cell tower on West Street. Motion unanimously passed.

D. Revenue Sources

None.

8. First Selectmen's Report:

A. Joint 3 Board Meeting

Mr. Morra reported that the Three Board Meeting will be taking place on October 15th. Items to be discussed will include Capital Items and the number of tuition students.

B. State Register of Historic Places

1) The Jabez Loomis White/Fish Farmstead

2) The Ebenezer Shaylor Farmstead

Mr. Morra shared two letters received regarding the above mentioned properties, that a nomination has been submitted to list each property on the State Register of Historic Places. Consideration by the Historic Preservation Council is scheduled for October 2nd.

C. Lake Street

Mr. Morra reported that a meeting was held regarding the Lake Street Project. Some modifications have been made to the design to address the towns concerns.

Other Item

Mr. Walker shared with the board that the week of October 6 through October 10 is Fire Prevention Week. The theme this year is preventing kitchen fires.

9. Administrative Officer's Report

A. Financial Software System

Ms. Stille reported that two firms are scheduled for interviews for the Financial Software System. One of the largest challenges will be to implement a uniform chart of accounts that will be required by the state.

B. Hazard Mitigation Strategies

The group received an executive summary from CRCOG on a multi-year plan. The summary reviewed included goals and strategies specifically for Bolton.

C. CEN Broad Band Access

Ms. Stille shared that there are grant funds available for the Fiber Optic Connection. Pricing has dropped drastically from last year.

D. OPM Regional Boundaries Study

Ms. Stille explained that there are no changes proposed for Bolton.

10. Appointments

A motion was made by Ms. Shea, seconded by Mr. Neil to appoint Susan DePold (Town Clerk Position) as the Veteran's Service Contact person. Motion unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Neil, seconded by Mr. Walker to appoint Dawn Rousseau as Record Checker. Motion unanimously passed.

11. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Neil, seconded by Mr. Walker to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 P.M. Motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Bolduk
Board Clerk

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