

The Board of Selectmen held an informational meeting on October 27, 2015 to share info on the capital projects for the November 5, 2015 Special Town Meeting. Present were: First Selectman Robert Morra; Selectmen Robert Lessard, Robert Neil, Gwen Marrion and Sandra Pierog; Administrative Officer Joyce Stille; Superintendent Kristin Heckt; Deputy Fire Chief Peter Morra; Fire Department former Chief Engineer Tom Galeota; and approximately 15 members of the public.

Mr. Morra opened the meeting at 7:02 P.M. with an explanation of the projects. First is the Town and Board of Education Facilities Improvements Program for a total of \$505,000. It has two parts: \$305,000 for the Bolton Center School Parking Lot and sidewalks replacement (any excess funds will go towards classroom carpeting replacement and asbestos abatement); and \$200,000 for the Bolton Heritage Farm Barn for items beyond the fire damage covered by insurance including additional siding repair work, painting and other longstanding necessary repairs. The second project is \$515,000 for the purchase of a new Fire Department 3,000 gallon Tanker Truck.

Mr. Morra shared information as to the deteriorated conditions of the Bolton Center School parking lot and sidewalks. Replacement is necessary.

Ms. Pierog discussed information on the Bolton Heritage Farm barn including background info on some of the improvements already completed by the Town and, damage caused by the May fire. The Town continues to work with the architect, contractor and insurance company to address the fire damaged areas. The additional \$200,000 will go towards repair/replacement and painting of other areas of deteriorated siding as well as addressing necessary structural repairs.

Mr. Galeota reviewed the Fire Department's replacement of the 1981 engine tanker with a 3,000 gallon tanker. While the 1981 engine tanker was refurbished in 1999, it is experiencing an increased number of repair issues. Since the truck is 34 years old, parts are becoming more difficult to find. The typical life span of fire apparatus is 25 to 30 years. The tanker truck will provide more water at fire scenes and is designed to "dump" the water quicker than the older truck.

Mr. Morra explained that at the November 5th Special Town Meeting, two (2) resolutions will be voted on. Resolution one is for appropriating \$505,000 for the Bolton Center School parking lot and sidewalks and, Bolton Heritage Farm barn. Resolution two is for appropriating \$515,000 for the Fire Department Tanker Truck.

The meeting ended at 8:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce M. Stille
Administrative Officer

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