

The Town of Bolton Board of Selectmen, hereinafter the “BOS” held its regular meeting on June 4, 2013 at the Notch Road Municipal Center, Room 9 with First Selectman Robert Morra presiding. Also in attendance were: Selectmen Robert Neil, Robert Lessard, Ray Walker and Leslie Shea. Also present were Administrative Officer Joyce Stille; Bolton Heritage Farm Chair Sandra Pierog; Lake Commissioner Kim Welch; residents Ray Hardy, Shelly Jewell and Richard Treat (Mr. Treat arrived at 6:54 P.M.) and approximately 5 other residents.

1. Call to Order

Mr. Morra called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

2. Public Comment:

Shelly Jewell, 20 Lakeside Lane, Friends of Bolton Lake, reported that the group raised \$1,700 at their recent tag sale. Ms. Jewell asked several questions regarding the lake status. First Selectman Morra explained that her concerns would be addressed under Item 6.B.

3. Approval of Minutes:

A. May 7, 2013 Meeting

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

B. May 21, 2013 Special Meeting

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

C. May 21, 2013 Special Meeting

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

D. May 28 2013 Special Meeting

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

4. Correspondence.

None.

5. Unfinished Business

None.

6. New Business:

A. Bolton Women’s Club Recognition

Due to a scheduling conflict, this will take place at the July meeting.

B. Lower Bolton Lake Status Report

- Ms. Stille reported that the lake was treated on May 20th. The lake will continue to be monitored to determine the best time to treat again. Reports have been received on the monitoring that will be sent to the Lake Commissioner for distribution
- DEEP catfish sampling has continued
- Town officials and staff are following up with the septic installer that was reportedly pumping groundwater because of all the rain
- Booms with filters have been put around the lake to help filter the excessive rain

C. FY13 and FY14 Budgets

The board reviewed the month end budget summary by department. Ms. Stille explained why some balances are high due to not receiving invoices for the current fiscal year. Additional information regarding Municipal Opportunities & Regional efficiencies (M.O.R.E.) Commission recommendations was provided.

D. Discussion on VCI Bolton Center Study

The board received a copy of the power point shown at the last meeting. The final report from the consultant is expected in June. At that point the selectmen will discuss concepts, prioritizing, logical progression and financial feasibility.

E. Consider and Act on Appropriation and/or Transfer Request(s).

At the May meeting, First Selectmen Morra and/or Administrative Officer Joyce Stille were authorized to approve budget transfer requests until the end of the fiscal year. Therefore, a list of transfers to date was provided:

- Town Building Operations Budget: \$500 from Professional & Business Training to Repairs and Supplies
- Highway Budget: \$4,000 from Equipment & Maintenance to Road Repairs
- Highway Budget: \$4,000 from Fuel & Gasoline to Equipment & Maintenance
- Fire Commission Budget: \$5,000 from Medical Expense to Repairs & Maintenance; \$1,100 from Professional & Business to Repairs & Maintenance; \$1,879 from Other Contracts to Repairs & Maintenance; \$111 from Misc. Department activities to Uniforms; \$20 from Medical to Office Supplies
- Elections: \$1,200 from Professional & Business Training to Office Operations

Mr. Treat requested permission to address the BOS now since he missed public comment. He expressed his concerns regarding the town government.

7. Ongoing Business

A. Subcommittee Reports

Ms. Stille reported that she attended the recent Bolton Heritage Farm Commission meeting to discuss the Barn Grant and Heritage Farm Weekend.

The Public Safety Committee voted against installing speed bumps on Williams Road.

The Finance and Administration Subcommittee adopted guidelines for the Resident Assistance Fund.

B. Bolton Lakes Sewer Project

Mr. Morra updated the board on the sewer project. First Selectman Morra reported construction for Phase IV is slightly different, to avoid disruption for traffic. Phase IV Public Hearing for Benefit Assessments was held on May 22nd.

C. Properties and Facilities

The group reviewed the minutes from the May 28th meeting with DOT regarding the Construction of the Charter Oak Greenway Shared Use Path.

The group also received a letter of support from Sandra Pierog regarding deer crossing signs in the area of the farm. Mr. Ray Hardy provided several additional letters supporting the issue. Ms. Stille

reported that the town currently does not have any signs. The Highway Department is in the process of ordering them.

D. Revenue Sources

Ms. Stille reported that a STEAP grant has been submitted for the lake issue.

8. First Selectmen's Report:

First Selectman Morra commended the BOS on their professionalism in the work they do.

9. Administrative Officer's Report Natural Hazard Mitigation

Ms. Stille shared with the board that town staff is finalizing comments to return to CRCOG. Once the final report is adopted it will eventually be sent to the state and federal government. This report is updated every four years. With the storms in recent years, issues such as wide spread power outages and potential flooding will be reported.

10. Appointments

A motion was made by Mr. Neil, seconded by Mr. Walker to confirm the appointment of Bruce Dixon as Fire Marshal and Peter Morra as Deputy Fire Marshal. Motion unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Ms. Shea, seconded by Mr. Neil to appoint Ray Walker as Tolland County Mutual Representative, with N. James Press as the alternate. Motion unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Neil, seconded by Ms. Shea to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 P.M. and to re-adjourn the meeting at Town Hall. Motion unanimously passed.

The BOS reconvened at 8:05 P.M. Ms. Shea had left the meeting.

A letter of interest was received from Ruth M. Treat to serve on the Community Voice Channel Board of Directors. A motion was made by Mr. Lessard, seconded by Mr. Neil, to appoint Ms. Treat as Bolton's representative to the Community Voice Channel Board of Directors with a term ending July 1, 2015. Motion unanimously passed.

11. Consider and Act on Second Budget Referendum Date (if necessary)

Since the referendum passed, another date did not need to be set. The BOS discussed holding a special meeting on July 18th to act on budget reductions.

12. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Neil, seconded by Mr. Walker to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 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.