

The Town of Bolton Board of Selectmen, hereinafter the “BOS” held its regular meeting on August 6, 2013 at the Bolton Town Hall with First Selectman Robert Morra presiding. Also in attendance were: Selectmen Robert Lessard, Ray Walker, Robert Neil and Leslie Shea (arrived at 7:28 p.m.). Also present were State Representative Pamela Sawyer; Bolton Women’s Club Representatives Lani Kerr and Jenny Norris; Open Space Commission Chair Gwen Marrion; Economic Development Commission member Cathy Teller; Elizabeth Moore, Connecticut Farmland Trust and Administrative Officer Joyce Stille and several Bolton residents.

1. Call to Order

Mr. Morra called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

2. Public Comment:

State Representative Pamela Sawyer formally presented the Town of Bolton the \$250,000 STEAP Grant Award for Bolton Lake. Representative Sawyer commended all people involved in putting together the STEAP Grant Application.

3. Approval of Minutes:

A. July 2, 2013 Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Lessard to approve the aforementioned minutes as presented with the following correction:

Section 10, Paragraph 8 “...seconded by Ms. Shea to reappoint...”

Motion passed with Mr. Neil abstaining.

4. Correspondence.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Neil to accept a letter of resignation from Polly Silva as a member of the Inlands Wetlands Commission effective July 31st. Motion unanimously passed.

5. Unfinished Business

None.

6. New Business:

A. Recognition:

Bolton Women’s Club

The Board of Selectmen presented Lani Kerr and Jenny Norris, as representatives of the Bolton Women’s Club a Certificate of Recognition for the work involved to raise funds for the new playscape at Herrick Park. The organization raised \$50,000 for the project.

B. Bolton Grown Brochure

Gwen Marrion, Open Space Commission and Cathy Teller, Economic Development Commission formally presented the new Bolton Grown Brochure. The brochure highlights local agricultural products. The brochure was a combined effort of the Open Space and Economic Development Commission.

C. Community Farm Preservation Program

Elizabeth Moore, Director of Conservation, Connecticut Farmlands Trust was present to give a brief overview of the Communities Farm Conservation Program. Eligible towns can apply for

a matching grant (25% town, 75% state) to purchase development rights from small local farms. There are several steps involved for a town to be eligible. The Open Space Commission has offered to take the lead on the process.

D. Lower Bolton Lake Status

Ms. Stille provided the following updates on Lower Bolton Lake:

- June 27th, chemical treatment applied (Sonar Gensis and Copper Sulphate); booster dose of Sonar herbicide done and portion of the lake treated with copper sulfate; plants continue to show effects of herbicide
- George Knoecklein is monitoring the lake as well as Aquatic Control Technology
- Monitoring 7/29 – almost no naiad present; used depth sounder to look at bottom and then lower underwater camera; a few isolated tiny plants; a few other plants visible – large-leaf pondweed and tape grass, and to some extent coontail
- Water clarity still not good; no bluegreens found
- No response to Lake drawdown requested yet
- Communications – Flow of information through Kim Welch, Lake Commissioner
- \$250,000 STEAP Grant awarded

A motion was made by Ms. Shea, seconded by Mr. Walker to hold the next lake informational meeting on August 29th at 7:00 P.M. at Bolton Town Hall. Motion unanimously passed.

E. FY13 and FY14 Budget Reports

Ms. Stille provided the BOS a list of year end budget transfers (see attachment 6.E.) Also included was an updated list of budget balances for the end of the year.

The BOS reviewed the month end summary by department

F. Consider and Act on Resolution for Lower Bolton Lake STEAP Grant

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

Be it resolved that it is in the best interest of the Town of Bolton to enter into contracts with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

In furtherance of this resolution, Joyce M. Stille, the Administrative Officer of the Town of Bolton is duly authorized to enter into and sign said documents on behalf of the Town of Bolton. The Administrative Officer is further authorized to provide such additional information and execute such other documents as may be required by the state or federal government in connection with said contracts and to execute any amendments, revisions, and revisions thereto.

Motion passed unanimously.

G. Consider and Act on Public Hearing for Amendment to the Ordinance Creating the Bolton Lake Regional Water Pollution Control Authority

Mr. Morra explained that an amendment is required to the ordinance to allow sewer service to the commercial property that is part of the Cider Mill Project. Approval is required by the Town of Bolton and Vernon.

A motion was made by Mr. Neil, seconded by Mr. Lessard to set the Public Hearing for

September 3, 2013 at 7:00 P.M at Bolton Town Hall. Motion unanimously passed.

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

None.

7. A. Subcommittee Reports

The Human Resources Subcommittee conducted a performance evaluation of the Administrative Officer for approval of the BOS.

A motion was made by Mr. Lessard, seconded by Mr. Neil to approve the performance review of the Administrative Officer. Motion unanimously passed.

The Public Safety Subcommittee also met to discuss the upcoming events at Heritage Farm.

B. Bolton Lakes Sewer Project

Mr. Morra reported that tie ins are beginning for Phase III.

C. Properties and Facilities

Ms. Stille shared a copy of the letter notifying the town that the STEAP Grant was not awarded for the Herrick Park Fields project.

D. Revenue Sources

Ms. Stille shared with the board a copy of a letter from CIRMA notifying the town of a \$9,475 Members' Equity Distribution check. This is for the town and Board of Education.

8. First Selectmen's Report:

A. Director of Community Development Position

Prior to the BOS meeting, Mr. Morra and Ms. Stille met with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Planning and Zoning Commission to discuss the Director of Community Development position. Patrice Carson is the interim Director of Community Development. Discussion took place regarding contracting with a firm for this position in the future.

B. Lake Street Improvements

Mr. Morra reviewed the information discussed at a public informational meeting regarding the safety improvements to the Lake Street/Box Mountain area.

9. Administrative Officer's Report

A. State Police Dispatch Consolidation

Ms. Stille reported she attended a meeting on the consolidation of dispatch. Effective in October, all dispatch calls will be handled in Tolland. Residents will not see a difference in service.

B. Revaluation

Ms. Stille reported that the representatives from the revaluation company are currently working in the town.

10. Appointments

A motion was made by Ms. Shea, seconded by Mr. Neil to reappoint Kim Welch as Lake Commissioner with a term ending July 1, 2015. Motion unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Ms. Shea, seconded by Mr. Walker to appoint Krista Badstuebner as a member contingent upon her resignation as an alternate with a term ending July 1, 2014. Motion unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Neil, seconded by Mr. Walker to appoint Nancy Silverstein and Eleanor Preuss as record checkers for the Town Clerk Land Record Audit. Motion unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Neil to confirm the Fire Commission's reappointment of Laurie Volkert and James Rupert as Deputy Fire Marshals with a term ending July 1, 2015. Motion unanimously passed.

11. Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. Shea, seconded by Mr. Walker to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 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.