

The Board of Selectmen held a special meeting on January 22, 2013 at the Notch Road Municipal Center with First Selectman Robert Morra presiding. Also present were: Selectmen Robert Neil, Robert Lessard, Leslie Shea and Ray Walker; Board of Finance member John Toomey; and Administrative Officer Joyce Stille.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Morra called the meeting to order at 8:16 P.M.

2. CONSIDER AND ACT ON BUDGET TRANSFER REQUEST

A motion was made by Mr. Neil, seconded by Mr. Walker, to approve the following budget transfers into the Professional and Technical budget, technical services line item for the Lower Bolton Lake weed issue:

\$5,000	Finance Budget, Other Payroll Line Item
\$9,000	Employee Fringe Benefits Budgets, Health Insurance line item
\$5,000	Insurance Budget, Self Insurance line item

Motion unanimously passed. The Board of Finance also approved \$35,000 from the Contingency Fund for this issue that must now go to Town Meeting.

3. DISCUSSION ON CHARTER OAK GREENWAY SHARED USE PATH

The group discussed in depth the proposed plans and specifications for the closing in the gap of the Charter Oak Greenway. A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Neil, to support the project to close the gap in the Charter Oak Greenway as proposed by the DOT based on the following points:

- * Proposed project with bridge only viable option from a design and safety standpoint
- * Bridge will become gateway to Bolton, design needs to be architecturally reflective of our New England community, not a contemporary design
- * Consideration of further use of SNET parcel for slight modification of path
- * Proposed route and bridge needs to be sensitive of private properties and planned or possible expansion, slight trail modifications may be warranted
- * Discussions with current property owners need to be ongoing as consider easement versus land taking
- * Use of current DOT land for the path to the degree feasible rather than use of private land
- * Minimization of the base footprint with the straight vertical walls, multiple piers and open spans are critical to businesses and the town for: signage; cross connections to businesses (for parking and access); and access to future walkways/paths

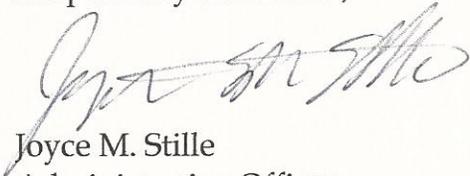
- * Connection to street level at each end of bridge is desired to enhance trail use and business opportunities
- * Future mixed use development plans of Town are to be considered. Trail and bridge should not conflict with proposed common access roads
- * Final approval of the bridge design shall be Town of Bolton officials

Motion unanimously passed.

4. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Neil, seconded by Ms. Shea to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 P.M. Motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Joyce M. Stille
Administrative Officer

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