

The Board of Selectmen held a special meeting on September 17, 2015 at the Town Hall with First Selectman Robert Morra presiding. Also in attendance were: Selectmen Robert Lessard, Robert Neil, Gwen Marrion and Sandra Pierog; Administrative Officer Joyce Stille; and residents Richard Tuthill, Richard Treat and Chris Davies.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Morra called the meeting to order at 6:36 P.M.

2. PROJECTS FOR BONDING

The group reviewed the status of the projects. The Planning and Zoning Commission approved the Bolton center community septic for current system replacement with design for future needs. The barn is the only current facility without septic. The barn work was approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission by a vote of 3 yes, 1 no and 2 abstentions. Under statute 8-22, Bond Counsel believes an approval by the Planning Commission requires the majority of the entire commission to vote yes. Ms. Stille and Ms. Carson are working on this issue with Bond Counsel. The Board of Finance approved the fire truck appropriation and approved \$505,000 out of \$805,000 requested for the Town and Board of Education projects. The \$300,000 was the cost for the community septic. Under the charter, the Board of Finance cannot choose projects and the Board of Selectmen cannot change the resolution to remove an item. The selectmen cannot send forward a project that does not have sufficient funding. As a result, the Boards of Selectmen and Finance will need to act again on resolutions.

Ms. Marrion questioned the raised septic system on the farm. It is expected to be no higher than two feet but blended in and will not impair the agricultural use.

3. CONSIDER AND ACT ON ONE OR MORE APPROPRIATION RESOLUTIONS FOR THE 2015/16 TOWN AND BOARD OF EDUCATION FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM AND FOR THE WITHDRAWL OF PRIOR APPROVED RECOMMENDATION

A motion was made by Ms. Pierog, seconded by Mr. Neil, to approve the resolution as found in Attachment A for \$505,000. Motion unanimously passed. The resolution for \$300,000 was not considered at this time.

A motion was made by Ms. Pierog, seconded by Ms. Marrion, to request the Planning and Zoning Commission to hold a special meeting for reconsideration on the barn approval for the four votes necessary under 8-22. Ms. Stille and Ms. Carson will continue to work with Bond Counsel also. Motion unanimously passed.

4. BOLTON HERITAGE FARM BARN

Ms. Pierog and Ms. Stille discussed concerns with the contractor on providing unit cost estimates in a timely fashion. A motion was made by Mr. Lessard, seconded by Mr. Neil, to authorize Ms. Pierog and Ms. Stille to proceed as necessary with the current contractor to move the barn project restoration. Motion unanimously passed.

Ms. Stille had received notice from the court regarding the fire. Restitution is being requested.

Good news was received on the barn roof. Damage to the shingles is minimal.

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION PROPOSED 2015 BOLTO PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

The group discussed the Proposed 2015 Bolton Plan of Conservation and Development. Items discussed included: whether the Planning and Zoning Commission supported all items; whether language was strong enough; formation of new group (PIC); and Town being listed as leader or partner. The Selectmen will submit their individual comments directly to the Planning and Zoning Commission. A motion was made by Mr. Neil, seconded by Mr. Lessard to send a letter to the Planning and Zoning Commission endorsing the points outlined in the Economic Development Commission's letter on the draft plan. Motion passed unanimously. The Selectmen also agreed that while language differences may exist, the plan is an improvement over the current plan and moves the Town in the right direction.

6. ETHICS ORDINANCE

Board of Education member Kate Galle and Ms. Stille agreed on language regarding child advocacy by staff or Board of Education members. Ms. Stille distributed a revised version of the ordinance which included this change as well as changes discussed at the Finance and Administration Subcommittee's meeting. The legal opinion from the Town Attorney's firm that confirmed the ordinance applies to Board of Education staff was sent to Board of Education Chair Matthew Giuffre and Superintendent Kristin Heckt. In addition, the Town's and Board of Education's attorneys had discussed the issue. Mr. Tuthill presented a draft section addressing staff and officials providing services or goods to the Town. Mr. Tuthill and Ms. Stille will jointly work on refining the language which will then be forwarded to the Town Attorney for review. Adding this section will require a new public hearing on the ordinance.

7. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Pierog, seconded by Mr. Lessard, to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 P.M. Motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce M. Stille
Administrative Officer

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