

The Town of Bolton Board of Selectmen, hereinafter the “BOS” held its regular meeting on February 7, 2012 at the Town Hall with First Selectman Robert Morra presiding. Also in attendance were: Selectmen Robert Neil, Robert Lessard, Leslie Shea and Ray Walker; Administrative Officer Joyce Stille; residents Gwen Marrion, John Treat, Richard Treat, Alan Wiede, Hans and Susan DePold.

**1. Call to Order**

Mr. Morra called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**2. Public Comment:**

Gwen Marrion updated the BOS on the Closing the East Coast Greenway Gap. She explained that DOT is currently surveying a proposed area for the trail. They expect to complete the surveying by the spring. She also suggested that it may be beneficial to include signage for food establishments and historical landmarks along the route once it is established. Mr. Morra had suggested DOT may want to consider running the trail north of 384 along the CL&P right of way. Ms. Marrion will forward the suggestion on.

Alan Wiede, South Road, explained to the BOS that there has been a large tractor trailer truck that has been traveling South Road on a frequent basis. Due to the narrow width of the road and the high speed the truck appears to be traveling at, he expressed concerns of the safety of other travelers on that road. He has not noticed the truck recently, however if it does continue Mr. Morra asked him to contact the Selectmen’s Office.

Jonathan Treat, 55, 61, 71 & 87 Bolton Center Road, expressed concerns about a possible proposed route of the East Coast Greenway that includes running across a piece of his property. He explained he supports the trails, however discourages this possibility. The BOS explained they had not heard of this possible trail.

By consensus, the BOS moved item 6.D. up on the agenda.

**6. D. Discussion on W3R**

Hans DePold distributed materials related to Bolton Heritage Farm and W3R activities. He also presented to the BOS information regarding the history of Bolton Heritage Farm (BHF). He did share information on possible grants that may be available to the Heritage Farm. The BOS explained that any consideration of applying for grants related to BHF must be coordinated by the Bolton Heritage Farm Commission before the Selectmen can consider them.

Mr. Richard Treat reiterated the importance of the Bolton Heritage Farm and discussed work that has been completed. He urged Mr. DePold to present this information at a Bolton Heritage Farm Commission meeting.

Susan DePold discussed the importance of the history of the Bolton Heritage Farm.

**3. Approval of Minutes:**

**A. January 11, 2012 Meeting**

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

**B. January 17, 2012 Budget Workshop**

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

**C. January 24, 2012 Budget Workshop**

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

**D. January 31, 2012 Special Meeting**

A motion was made by Ms. Shea, seconded by Mr. Walker to approve the aforementioned minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**E. January 31, 2012 Budget Workshop**

A motion was made by Mr. Neil, seconded by Mr. Walker to approve the aforementioned minutes with the following correction: remove Robert Lessard as an attendee. The motion passed with Mr. Lessard abstaining.

**4. Correspondence:**

None.

**5. Unfinished Business:**

**Possible Trail Expansion at Bolton Heritage Farm**

Ms. Stille explained that the appropriate people have not had the opportunity to walk the proposed trail. Richard Treat reviewed the proposed area is located off of Maple Valley, and would be approximately 500 feet in length and approximately 18 inches in width. Mr. Morra expects to walk the area before the next regular BOS meeting.

**6. New Business:**

**A. Consider and Act on Insurance Pooling Agreement**

The board reviewed the recent information regarding the Insurance Pooling. The group discussed the benefit of cost savings and sharing of services.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Ms. Shea that the Bolton Board of Selectmen hereby moves to enter into and be bound by the terms of the cooperative agreement the formation and operation of a committee to purchase health benefits. Motion unanimously passed.

**B. Discussion on Capital Budget Requests**

The board reviewed the Five Year Capital Plan which now includes items from the Board of Education. This will be discussed in more detail at the BOS Special Meeting on February 21<sup>st</sup>.

**C. Discussion on FY12 Budget**

The board reviewed the month end summary by department. The group also reviewed the MSW and Recyclables report for month ending December 31<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Stille shared that the town attorney is still reviewing the proposed contract with Willimantic Waste. Ms. Stille also shared with the board the CRCOG 2012 Legislative Agenda. Education Reform will be

one of the major items discussed that has a large impact on the town.

**E. Consider and Act on Budget Transfer and/or Appropriation Requests**

A motion was made by Mr. Neil, seconded by Mr. Walker to approve the following transfer in the Fire Commission Budget:

Transfer \$10,000 from Uniforms and Supplies to Repairs and Maintenance for unexpected repairs on various vehicles.

Motion unanimously passed.

**7. Ongoing Business**

**A. Subcommittee Reports**

The group reviewed the minutes from the Public Safety Subcommittee. The discussion on the water supply will continue at a future meeting. The Personnel Subcommittee will need to meet soon to discuss shared services.

**B. Bolton Lakes Sewer Project**

Mr. Morra shared that March 1<sup>st</sup> is the expected date for the project to resume.

**C. Properties and Facilities**

Ms. Stille discussed the possibility of a comprehensive town wide comprehensive plan for fields. The group discussed work that needs to be completed at Herrick Park and at Bolton Center School behind the town garage.

There are no updates on the High School Project. The Public Building Commission does not meet until the end of the month.

**D. Revenue Sources**

Ms. Stille expects the Governor's Budget to be released very soon.

**8. First Selectmen's Report:**

Mr. Morra shared that the BOS has been working on the FY13 Budget.

**9. Administrative Officer's Report**

**FEMA**

Ms. Stille shared with the board that staff has been working on the completing paperwork to submit to FEMA.

**10. Appointments**

None.

**11. Executive Session:  
Union Negotiations**

A motion was made by Ms. Shea, seconded by Mr. Neil to go into executive session to discuss union negotiations and to include Ms. Stille in the discussion. Motion unanimously approved.

Executive session ended at 9:02 P.M.

A motion was made by Ms. Shea, seconded by Mr. Neil to ratify contracts between the Town of Bolton and AFSCME Local 818 and 1303-331. Motion unanimously passed.

**12. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mr. Neil, seconded by Mr. Walker to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 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.