

The Town of Bolton Board of Selectmen, hereinafter the “BOS” held its regular meeting on January 11, 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; and Administrative Officer Joyce Stille.

1. Call to Order

Mr. Morra called the meeting to order at 7:09 P.M.

2. Public Comment:

None.

3. Approval of Minutes:

A. December 13, 2011 Public Hearing

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

B. December 13, 2011 Meeting

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

C. December 21, 2011 Special Meeting

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

D. December 27, 2011 Special Meeting

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

4. Correspondence:

Ms. Stille reported to the BOS that Rich Hayes, Board of Education (BOE), notified her that he did not have a current month’s budget for the BOE. Once that becomes available he will forward the information on.

5. Unfinished Business:

Possible Trail Expansion at Bolton Heritage Farm

Nothing new to report.

6. New Business:

A. Consider and Act on Refuse and Recycling Service Agreement for Solid Waste and Recyclables Services

Ms. Stille reported to the board that Rich Barger, Town Counsel, is still reviewing the proposed contract with Willimantic Waste.

A motion was made by Ms. Shea, seconded by Mr. Neil to authorize Joyce Stille, Administrative Officer or Robert Morra, First Selectman to sign a contract contingent upon contract language. Motion unanimously passed.

B. Discussion on Capital Budget Requests

The board reviewed the FY13 Requested Capital Items for the town and the Five Year Capital Improvement Plan for the town and BOE. The group discussed possible prioritization of some of the items. The discussion will continue at the next Budget Workshop.

C. Consider and Act on Replacement of Chipper

Ms. Stille shared with the board that due to the age and recent increased usage of the chipper it is starting to have multiple issues. If the town were to finance a new chipper and include refinancing of the boom mower, there would be a lower interest rate than what the town currently has. The cost of the new chipper with the refinancing will be paid over four years.

A motion was made by Mr. Lessard, seconded by Mr. Neil that based on the current condition of the chipper and financing of the boom mower, that it is in the Town's best interest to replace and finance the chipper and refinance the boom mower at this time and authorize Joyce M. Stille, Administrative Officer to sign any and all documents on behalf of the Town of Bolton related to the purchase, financing and refinancing. Motion unanimously passed.

D. Discussion on FY12 Budget

The board reviewed the month end summary by department. Most departments are where they should be. However payroll line items are lower than typical because of Hurricane Irene and Storm Alfred.

E. Discussion on FY13 Budget

The board discussed the upcoming budget workshops.

F. Consider and Act on Budget Referendum Date

A motion was made by Mr. Lessard, seconded by Mr. Neil to set the Budget Referendum for Tuesday, May 8, 2012 at Bolton Town Hall, 222 Bolton Center Road from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Motion unanimously passed.

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

A motion was made by Ms. Shea, seconded by Mr. Walker to approve the following transfers in the Town Clerk's Budget:

Transfer \$400.00 from Other Contracts to Professional and Development.

Motion unanimously passed.

7. Ongoing Business

A. Subcommittee Reports

The Personnel Subcommittee will be meeting to discuss union negotiations and shared services. Facilities and Public Safety will be meeting to discuss the water supply requirements.

B. Bolton Lakes Sewer Project

Mr. Morra reported that the Town of Vernon Inland Wetlands approved the wetlands permit application. A Public Hearing will soon be held for Construction on Phase 4.

C. Properties and Facilities

Ms. Stille updated the board on the High School Project. The Public Building Commission is looking to finalize the project in the near future.

D. Revenue Sources

Ms. Stille reported that the town did not receive a STEAP Grant.

8. First Selectmen's Report:

Nothing new to report.

9. Administrative Officer's Report

A. Route 6 Regional Economic Development Council

Ms. Stille reviewed the notes from the two public informational meetings. A final report will be given to the BOS for approval within the next few months.

B. FEMA

Ms. Stille shared with the board that all paperwork for the First Phase has been submitted to FEMA. FEMA has not started to work on Storm Alfred.

C. Insurance Pooling

Ms. Stille discussed with the board that discussions are continuing about Insurance Pooling with the Town of Columbia for a four year contract. Preliminary figures show that pooling with Columbia would provide a significant savings to the town. The final multi board meeting will take place on February 6th at 6:00 P.M. at the Horace Porter School in Columbia.

10. Appointments

A motion was made by Ms. Shea, seconded by Mr. Neil to appoint Larry Pesce to the Bolton Heritage Farm Commission as an alternate for a term ending 2014. Motion unanimously passed.

11. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Neil, seconded by Mr. Lessard to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 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.