

The Town of Bolton Board of Selectmen, hereinafter the “BOS” held its regular meeting on January 4, 2011 at the Town Hall with First Selectman Robert Morra presiding. Also in attendance were: Selectmen Robert Neil, Leslie Shea, Ray Walker and Robert Lessard. Also in attendance were Sandra Pierog, Jim Bruner; Eagle Scouts Cameron White, Calvin Judd, and Philep Levesque and their families.

1. Call to Order:

Mr. Morra called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

2. Public Comment:

Jim Bruner, 20 Pond View Road, was present to commend Lance Dimock and the Highway Department on the masonry work that was completed near the culvert on Pond View Road.

Sandra Pierog, Bolton Heritage Farm Commission Chair, updated the board on recent work that has been completed at the barn. Additional work is required on the sills and carrier beams. Ms. Pierog requested approval to apply for a 2011 Barns Grant. The grant does require a match of \$5,000 cash.

A motion was made by Ms. Shea, seconded by Mr. Neil to approve the application for a grant through the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation for the 2011 Barn Grant Stabilization Program. Motion unanimously passed.

Ms. Pierog requested that the BOS designate the week of August 21st as Bolton Heritage Farm Week. The commission will put together daily activities for the week. Activities will include star gazing, model airplane demonstration, dog walk, four leaf clover contest, a nature hike, weed identification and possibly a farmers market. Mr. Morra requested that the commission work with the Buildings and Grounds Department to coordinate the events.

A motion was made by Mr. Neil, seconded by Mr. Lessard to designate the week of August 21st as Bolton Heritage Farm Week. Motion unanimously passed.

The reapplication for the bid on the barn roof is currently with the Connecticut Council on Culture and Tourism. If approved, it is expected to go out to bid in January. Ms. Pierog requested that the agreement with the architect be extended and increase by \$3500. This extension will cover the rebidding process.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Ms. Shea to extend the agreement with the architect, Sara Nelson Edwards and to increase and not to exceed \$3,500. Motion unanimously passed.

3. Approval of Minutes:

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

4. Correspondence:

A motion was made by Ms. Shea, seconded by Mr. Neil to accept the resignation of James Toner of the Conservation Commission. Motion unanimously passed.

5. Unfinished Business:

Possible Trail Expansion at Bolton Heritage Farm

There are no updates at this time.

6. New Business:

A. Eagle Scout Recognition

Mr. Morra presented Cameron White, Calvin Judd and Philep Levesque each with a Resolution on behalf of the Board of Selectmen for their achievement as rank of Eagle Scout.

B. Discussion on Property Tax Exemption for Buildings Used in Farming

Mr. Morra reported that Attorney Barger responded with minor modifications and they will be reviewed at the February meeting.

C. Discussion on FY11 and FY12

Mr. Morra shared with the board the detailed list of budget workshops taking place in January.

D. Discussion on Proposed Wireless Telecommunications Tower Facility

Mr. Morra updated the board on the meeting he attended regarding the placement of a cell tower on West Street. At the meeting, discussion took place regarding different types of towers. An informal hearing will take place for residents to attend and give input. A date has not been set.

E. Consider and Act on Budget Transfers and/or Appropriation Requests

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Ms. Shea to approve the Fire Commission budget transfer of \$330 from the Miscellaneous Department Activities to Medical. The motion unanimously passed.

7. Ongoing Business:

A. Subcommittee Reports

Mr. Morra reviewed with the board the BOS Capital Plan. The CAPA Committee will be meeting on January 18th to combine and prioritize the BOS and the BOE capital plans. Ms. Shea expressed concern regarding the priority of the Notch Road Municipal Center improvements. She did not feel that the community would support major improvements to the building.

B. Bolton Lakes Sewer Project

Mr. Morra updated the board on the sewer project. Work is continuing on the grinder pumps. If weather permits, construction of the wall along 384 may begin in approximately three weeks. Phase 3 is expected to bid out in February and Phase 4 is expected to go out to bid in the fall.

C. Properties and Facilities

Mr. Walker updated the board on the High School project. Mr. Walker discussed issues that surfaced during inspections regarding spray on fireproofing and issues with the equipment. He did report that it appears that everything will be resolved by the contractor in the best interest of the community. Temporary heat is expected to be running by the end of the week. The fire protection system has been installed in the ground.

D. Revenue Sources

None.

8. First Selectman's Report:

Mr. Morra reported that he met with OPM, DEP and the Health Department regarding the proposed project at Cider Mill. The conclusion of the meeting will require Michael Taylor to work with town staff to develop a plan for the area. If approved, a modification to the ordinance will be required to include the area in the sewer project.

9. Administrative Officer's Report:

None.

Route 6 Regional Economic Development Council

None.

10. Appointments

None.

11. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mr. Neil, seconded by Mr. Walker to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 P.M. Motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heidi Bolduk
Board Clerk

Please see the minutes of subsequent meetings for the approval of these minutes and any corrections hereto.