

The Town of Bolton Board of Selectmen, hereinafter the “BOS” held its regular meeting on April 12, 2011 at the Town Hall with First Selectman Robert Morra presiding. Also in attendance were: Selectmen Robert Neil, Leslie Shea, Robert Lessard and Ray Walker and Administrative Officer Joyce Stille. Also in attendance were Resident State Trooper Kevin Cook, Sandra Pierog, Arlene Fiano, David Loda, Brenda Cataldo, Lauri Volkert and approximately 75 residents.

1. Call to Order:

Mr. Morra called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

2. Public Comment:

None.

3. Approval of Minutes:

March 1, 2011 Public Hearing

A motion was made by Ms. Shea, seconded by Mr. Lessard to approve the aforementioned minutes as presented with the following amendment:

Remove Robert Lessard as an attendee.

The motion passed unanimously.

March 1, 2011 Regular Meeting

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

4. Correspondence:

Mr. Morra read a letter from Norman J. Preuss concerning Memorial Day. The parade will take place on Monday, May 30th. The parade will begin at the Elementary School at 10:00 a.m., with services on the Town Green at 10:30 a.m.

5. Unfinished Business:

Possible Trail Expansion at Bolton Heritage Farm

The area has not been looked at yet, however Ms. Stille suggested waiting for the possible study on the Town Center that will consider tying together town properties, and how a trail might fit in.

6. New Business:

A. Discussion with State Police

Trooper Kevin Cook provided information to the residents on the recent burglaries that have affected homes on Birch Mountain and Mt. Sumner. The following information was provided:

- There are have been a total of 8 residential burglaries, 1 attempted residential, and 1 business
- These incidents have been burglaries (property crimes), not robberies (person to person)
- Anyone soliciting residents, is required to carry a town issued vendors permit
- If a burglary has not been solved, it may be suspended, however it can always be reopened

Tips in preventing burglaries:

- Watch out for your neighbors, and report any suspicious activity
- Neighbor watches may be useful, the state police are able to help implement program, however it is run solely by the residents
- Make sure cars, doors and windows are locked
- Put lights on timers

Trooper Cook and First Selectman Morra addressed comments and concerns from the following residents:

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| John and Joan Walsh, Tinker Pond Road | Rodney Parlee, Brookfield Road |
| Bob Lewis, Brookside Lane | Jim Florence, Country Club Road |
| Deborah Bogner, Volpi Road | David Mattei, Carter Street |
| Carol Dove, West Street | Lisa Bosco, Laurwood Drive |
| Maureen McKiernan, Golf Lane | Lori Rich, French Road |
| Jackie Steele, Williams Road | David Bonn, Birch Mountain |
| Roy Keiper, Iroquois Trail | Tony, Brookside Lane |
| Brett Carlson, Carter Street | Dave Loda, Hebron Road |
| Polly Silva, Mt. Sumner Drive | Katherine Galle, Castlerock Lane |
| Tom Burns, Green Hills Drive | |

Some of the general questions and responses were:

Q: Are surrounding towns seeing an increase in burglaries and have any arrests been made?

A: Crime statistics have increased in Manchester and Vernon. In Bolton, there have been two arrests for larceny, not for any of the home burglaries.

Q: What is the approximate police response time and is there around the clock coverage?

A: Response can vary depending on coverage. There is 24/7 around the clock coverage. If a resident is going to be away, contact the Resident State Trooper and they can increase patrol in that area during that time.

Q: Does the State Police have any ideas as to why there has been a surge in criminal activity.

A: Due to the type of property taken loose change, cash, jewelry, limited electronics it appears it may be for drugs.

Q: When are the burglaries taking place and where do neighborhoods get the Neighborhood Watch signs?

A: Burglaries have all taken place on weekdays during the day. The state police provide the signs.

Q: How can residents stay informed on criminal activity?

A: Trooper Cook is working with Joyce Stille to put together updates that can be provided on a monthly basis.

Q: How effective are security systems?

A: They are a deterrent for some, if not it does provide a timeline of the burglary. Systems that have an exterior audible alarm that alerts the neighbors are more effective.

Q: Is it possible to increase police protection?

A: At this time it is not a possibility. If approved, it would cost the Town at least \$90,000 and the process could take approximately one year. Ms. Stille added that there are several Towns involved in preliminary discussions on various shared services including police.

The Board recessed at 8:10 p.m. and reconvened at 8:24 p.m.

10. Appointments

A motion was made by Ms. Shea, seconded by Mr. Lessard to confirm the appointment by the Fire Commission to appoint Lauri Volkert as Deputy Fire Marshal. Motion unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Lessard, seconded by Mr. Neil to appoint Brenda Cataldo as a member to the Conservation Commission. Motion unanimously passed.

Additional appointments will be addressed in the scheduled section of the agenda.

7. Ongoing Business

C. Properties and Facilities

The BOS reviewed a preliminary schedule for Heritage Farm Week (August 21-28) provided by Arlene Fiano. The BOS requested a detailed description of all events taking place, budget, flow chart of responsibilities and what the town would have to provide for each activity. Ms. Stille suggested Ms. Fiano to contact the Children's Lutz Museum, to make sure the event does not conflict with Fish Family Farm Day. An encampment weekend is tentatively scheduled August 26-28th. Mr. Loda explained that in preparing for the weekend, reenactment units need to be scheduled in advance, and requested authorization to move forward with that part.

A motion was made by Mr. Lessard, seconded by Mr. Neil to approve the encampment weekend pending meeting the criteria requirements. Motion unanimously passed.

Ms. Pierog provided the board with a detailed analysis of the bids received for the Bolton Heritage Farm Barn Roof. The total amount is \$140,025, however may be \$900 less if copper gutters are not used. Ms. Pierog requested authorization for Joyce Stille to sign the contract.

A motion was made by Mr. Lessard, seconded by Ms. Shea to accept the bid from the lowest qualified bidder, Proulx and LaRoche in the amount of \$140,025, and to authorize Joyce Stille, Administrative Officer to sign the contract documents.

6. B. Consider and Act on Route 6 Hop River Corridor Resolution

Ms. Stille provided the board with a brief presentation of the Route 6 Hop River Corridor Master Plan. First Selectman Morra received a letter from Joyce Stille as chair of the Route 6 Regional Economic Development Council requesting adoption of the Resolution regarding Route 6 Hop River Corridor Economic Development Strategy and Master Plan Study.

A motion was made by Ms. Shea, seconded by Mr. Walker to adopt the resolution as presented (Attachment 6.B.) regarding the Endorsement of the Route 6 Hop River Corridor Economic Development Strategy and Master Plan Study. Motion unanimously passed.

C. Consider and Act on Call for Annual Town Meeting

A motion was made by Ms. Shea, seconded by Mr. Neil to adopt the Call for Annual Town Meeting and resolution as presented (Attachment 6.C.) to be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2011 at the Bolton Town Hall, 222 Bolton Center Road, Bolton, CT. Motion unanimously passed.

D. Consider and Act on Banking Resolution

A motion was made by Ms. Shea, seconded by Mr. Lessard to adopt the Banking Resolution as presented (Attachment 6.D.). Motion unanimously passed.

E. Discussion on FY11 and FY12 Budgets

The board received a summary by department budget sheet. The board discussed including additional projects to the bond issue this summer. However the BOS agreed they did not want to add to the debt.

F. Discussion on Proposed Wireless Telecommunications Tower Facility

The balloon float has taken place. Ms. Stille explained to the board that if the BOS would like to comment on the tower facility, it should be done soon.

G. Consider and Act on Resident State Trooper Contract

A motion was made by Ms. Shea, seconded by Mr. Neil to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That Robert R. Morra, the First Selectman, be and herewith authorized to execute a contract on behalf of the Town of Bolton with the Connecticut Department of Public Safety, Division of State Police for the services of two Resident State Trooper(s) for the period of July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2013.

Motion unanimously passed.

H. Consider and Act on budget Transfers and/or Appropriation Requests

A motion was made by Ms. Shea, seconded by Mr. Neil to approve the following budget transfers:

Highway Budget: \$18,691.80 from the Sand and Salt line item to the Equipment line item.

Insurance Budget: \$1,912.00 from Property and Liability line item to the Workers' Compensation line item.

Canine Services Budget: \$2,000.00 from Other Payroll to Professional and Business.

Town Clerk Budget: \$200.00 from Other Contracts to Professional and Business.

The motion unanimously passed.

7. Ongoing Business:

A. Subcommittee Reports

The Human Resources Subcommittee met and discussed possibly shared services with Willington.

B. Bolton Lakes Sewer Project

Mr. Morra reported that work on Phase 3 is expected to start at the end of August. Phase 1 should be tied in by late summer or early fall.

C. Properties and Facilities

The school is hoping to get a Certificate of Occupancy by the end of the week of April 18th.

D. Revenue Sources

Ms. Stille shared a letter from CIRMA stating that the Town and BOE will be receiving an equity distribution in the amount of \$9,982.

8. First Selectman's Report:

Mr. Morra reported he attended one of the Governor's Town Hall meetings.

9. Administrative Officer's Report:

Replacement of Fire Department Rescue Truck

Ms. Stille reported that the Fire Chief and the Chair of the Truck Committee will be attending the next BOS meeting to discuss the purchase of a new Fire Department Rescue Truck. The Public Safety Subcommittee may want to meet before the next BOS meeting.

10. Appointments

A motion was made by Mr. Neil, seconded by Mr. Morra to appoint Ron Rousseau as a member of the Conservation Commission, with a term ending July 1, 2013. Motion passed 3-1-1; Morra, Neil and Walker in favor of; Shea opposed; and Lessard abstained.

A motion was made by Ms. Shea, seconded by Mr. Morra to appoint Jeanne Webb to the Economic Development Council, with a term ending July 1, 2013. Motion unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Lessard, seconded by Ms. Shea to appoint Richard Metcalf to the Board of Fire Commissioners, with a term ending July 1, 2015. Motion unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Ms. Shea, seconded by Mr. Neil to appoint Jim Rupert as Deputy Fire Marshall contingent upon approval from the Board of Fire Commissioners. Discussion took place regarding changing the title to Fire Inspector. Ms. Shea amended her initial motion, seconded by Mr. Neil to appoint Jim Rupert as Fire Inspector contingent upon approval from the Board of Fire Commissioners. Motion unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Ms. Shea, seconded by Mr. Neil to reappoint Jim Rupert as Building Official and Zoning Enforcement Officer. Building Official has a term by statute. Since Mr. Rupert's primary responsibilities is serving in both capacities, the BOS was asked to act on both. Motion unanimously passed.

The BOS received a request from Peter Van Dine to be appointed to the Conservation Commission. No action was taken by the BOS.

11. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Morra to adjourn the meeting at 10:17 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.