

The Town of Bolton Board of Selectmen, hereinafter the “BOS” held its regular meeting on May 4, 2010 at the Notch Road Municipal Center with First Selectman Robert Morra presiding. Also in attendance were: Selectmen Robert Neil, Robert Lessard, and Ray Walker; Administrative Officer Joyce Stille; Selectmen Leslie Shea was not present.

1. Call to Order:

Mr. Morra called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

2. Public Comment:

None.

3. Approval of Minutes:

April 13, 2010 Public Hearing

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

April 13, 2010 Regular Meeting

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

4. Correspondence

Letter received April 28, 2010 from Norman J. Preuss concerning Memorial Day.

The BOS received a letter from Norman J. Preuss in regards to the Memorial Day Parade which will take place on May 31st. 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

Mr. Morra reported that Richard Treat has not returned from his trip to China, therefore they have not visited the area.

6. New Business:

A. Consider and Act on Budget Referendum Date.

A motion was made Mr. Neil, seconded by Mr. Lessard to set a date for a second referendum, if needed, on June 1, 2010 at the Bolton Town Hall, 222 Bolton Center Road, Bolton, CT. Motion unanimously passed.

B. Discussion on Municipal Services Agreement with CRRA.

The town received a letter from CRRA regarding renewing the Municipal Services Agreement. Ms. Stille informed the group that the CRCOG Policy Board voted to have CRCOG review the agreement for all towns involved. They will then report back to the towns with their findings.

C. Status Report on American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Grants.

Ms. Stille updated the board on the renovations at Town Hall. The only items to finish are the floors in the main hall, and the back door off of the kitchen.

D. Discussion on FY10 and FY11 Budgets.

Ms. Stille discussed that the Board of Finance will be meeting on Thursday, May 5, 2010 to finalize the budget for referendum on May 18, 2010. The budget proposed at the Public Hearing includes a 2.92% tax increase and 1.2% spending increase.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Neil, seconded by Mr. Lessard to approve a transfer in the Fire Marshal Budget, from Professional & Business Training to Other Payroll to cover the Fire Marshal and Deputy Fire Marshal. Motion unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Neil to approve a transfer in the Planning & Zoning Commission Budget, from Professional & Business Training to Other Payroll to over Board Clerk Fees. Motion unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Neil to approve a transfer in the Highway Budget, from Diesel Fuel & Gasoline to Equipment to purchase the van from Greater Hartford Transit. Motion unanimously passed.

7. Ongoing Business:

A. Subcommittee Reports

Mr. Morra and Ms. Stille updated the board on the items that were discussed at the Finance and Administration Subcommittee meeting. Items discussed included the Property Tax Abatement for farm buildings, Homeowners Program for Tax Payments, Establishment of Fees for Construction Oversight of Public Improvement, budgets and the status of the cemeteries.

B. Bolton Lakes Sewer Project

Mr. Morra reported that Phase 2 was recently awarded, which is expected to be completed in the fall of 2010. The amount came in slightly below what was budgeted. Phase 3 is expected to go out to bid in August. Mr. Morra also reported that letters were received from the USDA stating the funds for Phase 4 & 5 have been awarded.

C. Properties and Facilities

Ms. Stille reported that the High School Project is currently out to bid with a closing date of May 14, 2010.

D. Revenue Sources

Ms. Stille reported that the paperwork regarding the grant for the Bolton Heritage Farm have come in, and are currently being reviewed by the Town Attorney.

Ms. Stille reported that with the High School Project, bonding may begin as soon as this summer.

Ms. Stille reported that Moody's has changed the bond rating for the town from an A3 to an A2.

8. First Selectman's Report

Mr. Morra asked that residents vote at the budget referendum on May 18th. He also reminded everyone of the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 31st.

9. Administrative Officer's Report:

A. Permitting Project.

Ms. Stille reported that all the pertinent staff has been trained on the permitting system, and now the final details are being worked out with the Consultant.

B. Bolton, Lancashire, England.

Ms. Stille reported that the town has been in touch with the Council from Bolton, Lancashire, England expressing interest in beginning a partnership. They have responded with interest as well.

C. Route 6 Regional Economic Development Council.

Ms. Stille distributed to the board a copy of the Community Workshop Invitation. The workshops will be taking place on May 13th in Andover, and May 25th in Columbia. There will be a presentation on the Final Report on the Planning Project Recommendations. Additionally there will be an introductory presentation on the Transportation Study.

10. Appointments.

A motion was made by Mr. Neil, seconded by Mr. Walker to appoint Nancy Silverstein and Eleanor Preuss as record checkers for the Town Clerk. Motion unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Neil, seconded by Mr. Lessard to appoint Ray Walker as Fire Marshal. Motion unanimously passed.

11. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Neil, seconded by Mr. Walker to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 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.