

The Town of Bolton Board of Selectmen, hereinafter the “BOS” held its regular meeting on May 3, 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 Tom Galieota and Fire Chief Jim Preuss representing the Fire Department.

1. Call to Order:

Mr. Morra called the meeting to order at 7:17 P.M.

2. Public Comment:

None.

3. Approval of Minutes:

April 12, 2011 Meeting

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

4. Correspondence:

None.

5. Unfinished Business:

Possible Trail Expansion at Bolton Heritage Farm

Nothing new to report.

6. New Business:

A. Discussion with Fire Department Rescue Truck Committee

Tom Galieota and Fire Chief Preuss were present to discuss the concerns with the current Rescue Truck and information that has been compiled regarding purchasing a new rescue truck. Mr. Galieota gave a detailed presentation on several issues that the Fire Department has with the existing truck, and the capabilities of the proposed truck. An informational meeting will be held later in the month for residents to attend.

B. Consider and Act on Annual Run to Read Road Race

A motion was made by Ms. Shea, seconded by Mr. Walker to set the Run to Read Road Race for 9:00 a.m. on October 1, 2011, contingent that it does not conflict with Bolton Heritage Day. Coordinators of the race are required to notify the Resident State Troopers, Highway Department, Fire Department and residents, in addition to providing a certificate of insurance. Motion unanimously passed.

C. Consider and Act on Special board of Selectmen’s Meeting

A motion was made by Ms. Shea, seconded by Mr. Walker to hold a special Board of Selectmen’s meeting on Tuesday, May 10th immediately following the Budget Referendum. Motion unanimously passed.

D. Discussion on FY11 and FY12 Budgets

The board reviewed the month end summary by department. Ms. Stille distributed a copy of the state budget impact on Bolton passed by the State Senate. Ms. Stille also distributed a collection summary from the Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

E. Discussion on Proposed Wireless Telecommunications Tower Facility

The town is waiting on the final information from the attorneys.

F. Consider and Act on STEAP Grant Application

A motion was made by Ms. Shea, seconded by Mr. Neil to authorize Administrative Officer Joyce Stille to submit an application for a STEAP Grant in the amount of \$500,000. Motion unanimously passed.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Neil, seconded by Mr. Lessard to approve the following budget transfer: Highway Budget: \$4,000 from Diesel Fuel line item and \$19,452 from Sand and Salt line item to Road Repairs line item. Motion unanimously passed.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen recommends to the Board of Finance and the Town Meeting that the Town of Bolton appropriate \$650,000, and that the Town issue bonds or notes and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$650,000 to finance the appropriation, for costs related to the acquisition of a rescue truck and related equipment for use by the Bolton Volunteer Fire Department. The appropriation may be spent for acquisition, equipment, consulting fees and testing fees, legal and administrative costs related to the project, costs related to any application for and acceptance of available grants, legal fees, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project.

Motion unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Neil, seconded by Mr. Walker to schedule an informational meeting regarding the proposed rescue truck on May 26th at 7:00 P.M at Town Hall. Motion unanimously passed.

7. Ongoing Business:

A. Subcommittee Reports

The BOS discussed setting up a Human Resources Subcommittee meeting on Tuesday, May 10th at 7:00 P.M. Ms. Stille will contact Paul Smith to check availability of the BOE Human Resources Subcommittee to discuss shared services.

The BOS will be holding a retreat in the beginning on June.

B. Bolton Lakes Sewer Project

Mr. Morra reported that bids were opened for Phase 3, and were favorable for the project.

C. Properties and Facilities

Ms. Stille updated the board on the high school project. Temporary Certificate of Occupancy's have been issued for the new space and garage. Approvals are expected to begin the PCB removal and Asbestos Abatement.

The BOS discussed the report compiled by Hans DePold regarding a Bolton Visitors Center.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Ms. Shea to inform Hans DePold that the BOS are requesting that the visitors center project needs to be under the jurisdiction of the BOS for further evaluation and review before proceeding any further. Motion unanimously passed.

D. Revenue Sources

Ms. Stille shared with the board that the town received a \$5,000 matching grant for the Bolton Heritage Farm Barn.

8. First Selectman's Report:

Mr. Morra reminded everyone that the Memorial Day Parade will begin at 10:00 A.M., with services at the green at 10:30 A.M.

Mr. Morra commended the Navy Seals on the capture of Osama bin Laden.

9. Administrative Officer's Report:

A. Route 6 Regional Economic Development Council

Ms. Stille reported that the council is trying to set up a time for all planning & zoning commissions to meet, to move forward with the project.

B. Personnel

Ms. Stille reported that Valerie Huestis has recently resigned from the Finance Department. The position will be posted soon.

10. Appointments

Ms. Stille reported that the BOS appointed Jim Rupert as the Zoning Enforcement Officer and Building Official for a two year term at the April 2011 meeting. However under the Appointed Officers Ordinance (effective July 2009) Mr. Rupert was appointed for a four year term. Therefore the appointment made in April was not required.

Ms. Stille reported that at the April meeting, Mr. Rupert was also appointed as Fire Inspector. However, Fire Inspector is not a current position. As part of the ordinance, the BOS are required to create a position prior to appointing someone to that position. In addition, the Fire Commission does not have authority to appoint someone to the Fire Inspector position. Therefore the appointment that was made at the April meeting is not binding.

11. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Walker to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 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.