

**Bolton Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
7:00PM, Thursday, March 8, 2018
Bolton Town Hall, 222 Bolton Center Road
Minutes**

The Board of Selectmen held its regular meeting on March 8, 2018, at the Town Hall with the First Selectman Sandra Pierog presiding. Also in attendance were Selectmen Kimberly Miller, Nicole Sullivan, Robert Morra; Administrative Officer Joyce Stille and 5 members of the public.

1. Call to Order

S. Pierog called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Public Comment

S. Pierog opened the meeting for public comment for items not on the agenda.

Bill Anderson of 77 French Road suggested setting up a charter review committee.

Richard Hayes of 139 Vernon Road voiced his opposition to Senate Bill 181 stating that he believes it is wrong for the town. The town charter states that the best should be done for the town and this must be complied with. Residents need to be retained and with the many changes to the Planning and Zoning regulations, there are many avenues available to preserve property without raising taxes.

R. Morra noted that concerns about this were originally discussed and S. Pierog anticipates heated discussion if the bill passes.

Richard Treat of 8 Lyman Road spoke about the Nathan Hale Greenway. The boundaries have been marked and no trail improvement is needed in Bolton although a location needs to be selected for trailhead parking. Perhaps the Trails Committee can focus attention on this property and maintain it with the help of volunteers. Kim Welch of Vernon Road spoke about Bike Walk Bolton. Will a port-o-let be available for the rolling museum? They request to meet with the Trail Committee to discuss trail improvements to the Notch Road Extension connection to the Hop River Trail.

3. Approval of Minutes

a. February 6, 2018 Meeting

A motion was made by R. Morra, seconded by Kimberly Miller, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed 5:0:0.

b. February 13, 2018 Budget Workshop

A motion was made by R. Morra, seconded by Nicole Sullivan, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed 4:0:1 (Miller abstained)

4. Correspondence

None

5. Unfinished Business

None

6. New Business

a. Girl Scouts Recognition

S. Pierog read a proclamation dated March 7, 2018, that the Board of Selectmen recognizes March 12, 2018, as Girl Scout day in Bolton.

b. Charter Oak Greenway Shared Use Path and Path Extension

S. Pierog stated that this project is proceeding nicely and may be done before the end of the summer.

c. Lower Bolton Lake Status Report

J. Stille noted that Consultant George Knoecklein's report is online. The date for the annual presentation on the lake is March 29, 2018, at 7:00pm at Town Hall. Kim Welch stated that the ice was out as of February 20, 2018 compared to February 24 in 2017. They are awaiting the fish survey results. There will be no catfish stocking this year as it was done in 2017 and is a biannual process.

d. FY18 Budget

56.16% has been expensed so far this year compared to 53.23% in 2017. The largest expenses are sand and salt, Fire Department equipment and the library. The tax collectors summary is through January. Motor vehicle taxes have been slow to come in. It is difficult to pinpoint the reason for this as it is the first year that it has been a separate line item.

e. FY19 Budget

Per the governor's budget Bolton will lose approximately \$76,000 in State funds. \$37,000 of this is For ECS (Education Cost Sharing) and \$25,000 is for LoCIP (Local Capital Improvement Plan).

J. Stille noted that the loss to Bolton will really be closer to \$50,000 as LoCIP is not part of the General Fund.

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

1. Zoning Board of Appeals

Transfer \$200.00 from Professional Business and Training to Other Payroll

A motion was made by Nicole Sullivan, seconded by Kimberly Miller to approve the transfer.

Motion passed 5:0:0

2. Town Clerk

Transfer \$125.00 from Office Operations to Professional and Business

A motion was made by R. Morra, seconded by Nicole Sullivan to approve the transfer.

Motion passed 5:0:0

3. Capital Reserve

Transfer a total of \$23,693.00 as follows to Road Resurfacing:

\$6,250.00 BOE Athletic Facilities

\$2.00 FD Grant Match

\$4,916.00 Financial Software

\$10,000.00 BCS Road Entrance

\$2,525.00 BHS Tennis Courts

A motion was made by R. Morra, seconded by Kimberly Miller to approve the transfer.

Motion passed 5:0:0

J. Stille noted that the transfers will now go to the Board of Finance and then to the May 2018 Annual Town Meeting for approval.

7. Ongoing Business

a. Subcommittee Reports

S. Pierog spoke regarding Facilities and Public Safety subcommittee meeting. There was a presentation on solar power for Town Hall, the Senior Center, the Fire Department and Herrick Park. Options will be available soon. The group also discussed the proposed addition to the Town Garage which will be funded through LoCIP. The proposed welcome signs proposed by the Economic Development Commission are too large and the commission will need to reconsider the size. R. Morra noted that any solar panels for the Town Hall would be ground solar and at Herrick Park it would be canopy solar.

b. Properties and Facilities

J. Stille noted that the handicapped ramp at Herrick Park needs to be rebuilt due to its slope and width. Work is to be done before the start of summer camp. S. Pierog shared that the Heritage Farm Commission is developing a memorial master plan. There is also interest from a local builder to remove and replace the house porch.

c. Revenue Sources

J. Stille reported on the Surplus funds of \$9,487.48 which were received from MIRA as the MidConn project is now defunct.

8. First Selectman's Report

a. Senate Bill 181

S. Pierog and P. Carson testified in favor of the bill. Seven towns asked to be added to the original four. There is still the option for discussion if the bill passes.

b. Other Updates

None

9. Administrative Officer's Report

a. Crumbling Foundations

J. Stille noted that Pam Toohey, State Department of Housing, inspected two Bolton homes with damage. There are possibly six to twenty with issues, five of which may be serious. Staff is working with CRCOG on the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan which is required to be updated every 10 years. There is no cost to participate other than staff time.

b. Nathan Hale Greenway

J. Stille shared that the trail at this point is not going to be a fully developed trail. Emergency access is a concern and Bolton is working with Coventry on that issue. The proximity to residential housing needs to be considered. Staff will review the consultant's proposed trail and another public meeting will be held.

10. Appointments

R. Morra made a motion to approve the appointment of Randy Heckman as the Assistant Building Official, seconded by N. Sullivan. Motion passed 5:0:0

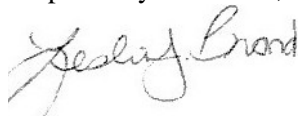
11. Executive Session

A motion was made by R. Morra, seconded by N. Sullivan to go into executive session to discuss personnel-contract for AFSCME Local 818 and to include J. Stille in the discussion. Executive session started at 8:03 p.m. and ended at 8:20 p.m. A motion was made by R. Morra, seconded by N. Sullivan, to approve the contract between the Town of Bolton and AFSCME Local 818 as negotiated. The motion passed 5:0:0.

12. Adjournment

A motion was made by N. Sullivan, seconded by K. Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. The motion passed 5:0:0.

Respectfully submitted,



Leslie Brand
Board Clerk

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