

**TOWN OF BOLTON  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2018**

		<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
First Selectman	Sandra Pierog	X	
Deputy First Selectman	Robert Morra	X	
Selectman	Mike Eremita	X	
Selectman	Kim Miller	X	
Selectman	Nicole Sullivan	X	
Administrative Officer	Joyce Stille	X	
Others	8 members of the public	X	

**1. Call to Order**

By: Sandra Pierog

Time: 7:01 p.m.

Place: Town Hall

All rose to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Public Comment:**

Gwen Marrion, 38 Maple Valley Road – spoke about the trail erosion near Notch Pond. Trail maintenance is more difficult with pond overflow. She requested the Board take a position on maintaining the pond level or allowing it to turn into a swamp. There is no funding for an engineered dam and the DEEP Dam division is extracting itself from dam maintenance. Morra indicated the Board was willing to discuss a solution short of an engineered dam including how work could be done and how the solution will be maintained. Pierog will have the issue added to a subcommittee meeting agenda.

Marrion continued by asking that a trail subcommittee meeting be scheduled to discuss the Nathan Hale Greenway, connection from Cook Drive to the Rail-trail and how the opening of the trail will be celebrated. Pierog indicated a trails meeting will be scheduled after this busy season.

Milton Hathaway, 40 Quarry Road – has been following this project for some time and has some suggestions. He suggested using that mailing list to inform interested people about the efforts being made for Notch Pond. This is a major asset for Bolton.

William Anderson, 76 French Road – is the Chair of the Economic Development Committee. This pond is on their agenda all the time. EDC is willing to work with other boards on the issues raised by Marrion. It is a shame that DEEP is forcing the Town to address the issue when they do not maintain the drainage that flows into the pond. His suggestion is to look into putting the pond into a limited liability corporation (LLC) to limit the liability the town and its taxpayers would have. Grant money and donations could be sought through the LLC. Pierog commented this is thinking outside of the box. However, the town cannot take state property and put it into an LLC.

Ross Lally, 41 Notch Road – is the Chair of the Inland Wetlands Commission. There is value in this pond and stream. There is a lot of highway runoff that flows into the pond. He is in favor of maintaining it as a pond. It provides recreation and water quality. As a private citizen he enjoys the view of it when driving. The pond is a great resource to have and enjoy.

Barbara Amodio, 50 Volpi Road – has requests for the Rolling Museum on June 2, 2018 (rain date June 3). She requests that the trenches along the trail be unclogged and that the gate at Steele Crossing Road be open. Riders with bike trailers cannot pass on the side of the closed gates. Amodio is grateful for the port-a-pot. She would like the Board to consider using recreation funds to leave the port-a-pot in place year-round. She asked if the Town is interested in pursuing bike-friendly status. If so, the goal is to achieve the status in 2020 to coincide with the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Ms. Amodio won a kiosk and asked for help in figuring out where to place it. EDC has been informed of this. Her thought is to place it on the pad at the end of the I-384 Exit 5 ramp. There is a bench there for riders to rest. The kiosk can contain a map of the businesses in Bolton. Pierog commented that this is State land; the Town would have to get permission to install the kiosk there.

### **3. Approval of Minutes:**

#### **A. April 3, 2018 Regular Meeting**

**Motion:** Move to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2018, meeting as corrected.

Corrections:

- Page 1 of 6, Public Comment – change “Sontag” to “Sonntag”.
- Page 3 of 6, New Business, item A – change “Piergo” to “Pierog”.
- Page 4 of 6, First Selectman’s Report, item B – change “plaque” to “award”.
- Page 5 of 6, Administrative Officer’s Report, item A – change “multi-nodal” to “multi-modal”.

By: Morra

Seconded: Eremita

Voting:

For: Pierog, Miller, Morra, Sullivan, Eremita

Against: None

Abstain: None

#### **B. April 21, 2018 Special Meeting**

**Motion:** Move to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2018, meeting as corrected.

Corrections:

- Page 1, second motion, first sentence – change “single” to “per”.
- Page 1, second motion, second sentence – change “single” to “larger”.

By: Morra

Seconded: Miller

Voting:  
For: Pierog, Miller, Morra, Sullivan, Eremita  
Against: None  
Abstain: None

### **C. April 21, 2018 Retreat**

**Motion:** Move to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2018, retreat.

By: Eremita

Seconded: Miller

Voting:  
For: Pierog, Miller, Morra, Sullivan, Eremita  
Against: None  
Abstain: None

### **4. Correspondence:**

None

### **5. Unfinished Business:**

None

### **6. New Business:**

#### **A. Charter Oak Greenway Shared Use Path and Path Extension**

Pierog praised the DOT for the minimal interruptions for the sewer and bridge work. The work was well executed and shutdown of the off-ramp was less than one day.

Stille complimented the DOT for the extra effort made to visit and speak with the business owners to be affected by the shut down even though the Town had notified the owners.

#### **B. Lower Bolton Lake Status Report**

Work has not started up again.

#### **C. FY18 Budget**

Stille noted no major impacts. Budget is 70.97% expensed. There was a transfer in fringe benefits for unemployment. Paving will begin soon. The Fire Department is sending trucks out for repair work; there is a potential problem with the pump truck. Data Processing is getting new equipment and ransomware. At this time of year routine repairs and beach sand are needed.

Pierog thanked Eremita for suggesting the three-year history data included in the report.

#### **D. FY19 Budget**

The Public Hearing on the budget was held and filmed last week. The link for the power point is available on the website. The zero percent tax increase was not opposed at the meeting. The Board of Finance is acting this Thursday on the budget to go to referendum on May 22, 2018. A special meeting for the BOS is scheduled for 8:05 p.m. on May 22, 2018 in order to set a date for a second referendum should the budget vote fail.

**E. Consider and Act on Public Hearing for Stormwater Ordinance**

This is tied to MS4 compliance.

**Motion:** Move to approve the draft of the ordinance and set the public hearing date for June 5, 2018.

By: Morra

Seconded: Eremita

Voting:

For: Pierog, Miller, Morra, Sullivan, Eremita

Against: None

Abstain: None

**F. Participation in Remote Meetings**

Pierog reported that the Board of Finance has approved a policy for attendance via electronic communications. They have managed well using this form of attendance when members cannot physically be at the meeting due to work travel. She believes it is overdue for the BOS.

**Motion:** Move to approve the policy for attendance via electronic communications as presented.

By: Morra

Seconded: Eremita

Voting:

For: Pierog, Miller, Morra, Sullivan, Eremita

Against: None

Abstain: None

**G. Consider and Act on Budget Transfers and/or Appropriation Requests**

Stille reported that the Board has nothing to act on at this time. She shared a list of the following transfers:

Budget	Amount	From Line Item		To Line Item
Senior /Social Services	\$1,500.00	Other Payroll	to	Vendor Payments
Data Processing	\$725.00	Other Contracts	to	New Equipment

## **7. Ongoing Business:**

### **A. Subcommittee Reports**

BOS Finance and Administration Subcommittee - There was a discussion on the employment separation based on the auditor making comment about the language. Additional clarification language is being proposed.

Stille reported that work has been started on the CT Sustainability Program. So far this is not taking up much staff time. Work will continue when time and town resources allow.

The current practice of a yearly tax collection was discussed. A change to collection twice a year is not being recommended at this time.

**Motion:** Move to approve the following Employment Separation Fund additional language:

**Contributions (amount and timing thereof) shall be determined by the Board of Selectmen annually. The Selectmen may delegate to the Administrative Officer or a duly authorized individual the authority to make the contribution (amount and timing).**

By: Eremita

Seconded: Sullivan

Voting:

For: Pierog, Miller, Morra, Sullivan, Eremita

Against: None

Abstain: None

**Motion:** Move to delegate the authority to Joyce Stille for contribution to the Employment Separation Fund for the current year.

By: Eremita

Seconded: Sullivan

Voting:

For: Pierog, Miller, Morra, Sullivan, Eremita

Against: None

Abstain: None

### **B. Properties and Facilities**

Meetings have to be scheduled for some of the subcommittees. The possible bike friendly designation mentioned earlier will go to Facilities and Public Safety.

Estimates have been requested for painting at Heritage Farm. The porch work is nearing completion although the porch posts have to be hand-crafted. Stille reported that a PO was submitted today for the painting job.

### **C. Revenue Sources**

None

## **8. First Selectman's Report:**

### **A. Memorial Day Parade**

The Preuss family has agreed to be in charge of the parade. The Resident Trooper has been requested for traffic duty. Parade to start at 10:00 a.m. at Bolton Center School. The BOS members walk in the parade. Services will be held at the Town Green at 10:30 a.m. Family Day begins at 11:00 a.m. at the Center School and continues into the afternoon.

### **B. Other Updates**

The 300th anniversary committee has met twice and has had some great ideas for the celebration. They will reach out for other ideas. There are many opportunities for voicing what you would like to see take place or to be a support person for the planned events. The committee is considering running events throughout 2020.

The Town submitted a response to the state regarding the high school audit. The Town is appealing a number of the disallowed costs totaling approximately \$200,000.

## **9. Administrative Officer's Report:**

### **A. Eastern Gateways Study**

Sandy Pierog, Joyce Stille, and Patrice Carson attended the meeting. The PowerPoint presentation was posted on the Town's website. Bolton has followed up on the key areas that are part of the study:

- Highlight the economic development node at the town line with Coventry.
- The extension of the trail.
- The Notch Road interim plan to correct the end of the road.
- Support of the entire interchange plan.
- A sign on I-384 to notify of potential issues on Routes 6 and/or 44.

### **B. CRCOG**

Ten homes in Town have sought an assessment change due to crumbling foundation. In total, 591 homeowners throughout the region have sought a change, but there are many more out there. There are two sources of funding for testing, which are listed on the website. There is still no assistance for the fix of the foundations. Joe Courtney's office is holding a presentation at Ellington High School with an IRS representative attending to outline the remedies available as a tax deduction on a tax return. Information about the meeting will go out via a bulletin and be posted on the website.

## **10. Appointments:**

**Motion:** Move to appoint Lance Dimock as Tree Warden for a two (2) year term.

By: Morra

Seconded: Eremita

Voting:

For: Pierog, Miller, Morra, Sullivan, Eremita

Against: None

Abstain: None

**Motion:** Move to confirm the appointment of Jordan Hosey as Town Clerk Assistant.

By: Eremita

Seconded: Kim Miller

Voting:

For: Pierog, Miller, Morra, Sullivan, Eremita

Against: None

Abstain: None

### **11. Adjournment:**

**Motion:** Move to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

By: Morra

Seconded: Eremita

Voting:

For: Pierog, Miller, Morra, Sullivan, Eremita

Against: None

Abstain: None

Respectfully Submitted,

Yvonne B. Filip

Yvonne B. Filip, Board of Selectmen Recording Secretary

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