

**TOWN OF BOLTON  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
PUBLIC HEARING – STORMWATER ORDINANCE  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 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 (Remote)	X	
Selectman	Nicole Sullivan	X	
Administrative Officer	Joyce Stille	X	
Others	4 members of the public	X	

**1. Call to Order**

By: Sandra Pierog

Time: 7:01 p.m.

Place: Town Hall

Pierog read the public hearing notice and then asked if there were any members of the audience that wished to comment.

**2. Public Comment**

William Anderson, 76 French Road – has read the ordinance and other documents that were provided on the federal web site. The document contents are very far apart. He asked how the ordinance is going to be enforced and what the real purpose is for it?

Pierog and Stille provided feedback that this ordinance is modeled after the state’s model ordinance. Also Connecticut’s regulations are far more restrictive than nationally. Other states backed off from some of the federal language, but Connecticut decided not to. Pierog also stated that the Council of Small Towns and CRCOG agree that it is a very restrictive set of regulations that will be difficult to enforce and at a large cost to towns.

Morra added that there is no question that this ordinance is overkill. When other state administration is in place he would like to see this matter revisited. The regulations in Town have crept and crept up to being more restrictive that makes compliance more miserable for the residents.

Anderson urged the BOS to vote no on this matter.

Pierog stated that a no vote will mean a potential loss of funding from the state. Stille stated the time frame for adopting this ordinance in Town is at the limit without being penalized. Sullivan commented that communication to the townspeople would be helpful in their understanding of

why this ordinance is before them. By Charter, the BOS must vote on the matter within fourteen days of the public hearing; it is on the agenda for this evening. Any major changes to the ordinance will take them away from the model ordinance.

Eremita commented that when the ordinance was created, it was structured for the shoreline and along major water bodies. What would be a regulation near major watercourses is different than a small town that is inland. There are more pollutants that come off the roads than could ever come from someone's driveway. The biggest offenders are those that are trying to regulate this.

Kim Welch, 51 Vernon Road – stated that runoff is a concern for Lower Bolton Lake. Some residents will channel runoff into a brook or lake. She sees this ordinance as helping to protect resources like Bolton Lake. There is no question that runoff is affecting the lake. As a result, the Town is in the lake management business now. Eremita added that lawn chemicals affect waterways as do the materials that are found on the roads.

The public hearing was closed at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Yvonne B. Filip

Yvonne B. Filip, Board of Selectmen Recording Secretary

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