

**TOWN OF BOLTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2018**

		Present	Absent
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	3 members of the public	X	

1) Call to Order: S. Pierog called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. All stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

2) Public Comment:

Carl Preuss, 158 Brandy Street, owns the property on the west side of the proposed fire department training pad. He is concerned about the water flowing from the training site onto his property. He asked the BOS to consider directing the water flow towards Bolton Center Road.

M. Eremita inquired about the repaving where the gas lines were put in. He thought that the repaving was going to wait for all of the tie ins. S. Pierog and J. Stille shared that all of the tie ins were completed for people who signed up, residents were complaining about the roughness of the road, and there were concerns about plowing the road in its previous condition.

M. Eremita also inquired about Net Source leaving. A carpentry business is looking to move into that area and J. Stille shared that the new use requires Planning and Zoning Commission's action.

3) Approval of Minutes

A) July 10, 2018 Meeting

R. Morra made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2018 meeting as written. M. Eremita seconded the motion. Vote unanimous, with all in favor. Motion passes.

4) Correspondence:

The Fire Department's Tanker 234 is back in town. S. Pierog received a letter from the Fire Chief to thank those involved for their assistance. The defects were fixed at no cost to the town.

Stacey Reed resigned from the Board of Education. At their next meeting, the BOE will need to act on two resignations.

5) Unfinished Business:

None

6) New Business

A) Charter Oak Greenway Shared Use Path and Path Extension:

The Manchester Rotary Club was considering a September event. That has been changed to June 2019. Work is continuing on the path. Camp Meeting Rd and Birch Mountain Rd in Manchester were supposed to be closed last weekend for work. It was delayed due to the weather. The work is scheduled to be continued this weekend, weather dependent.

B) Lower Bolton Lake Status Report

J. Stille reported the catfish aging report is on the website. Kim Welch, Lake Commissioner, added that the reports indicate there is no spawning in the lake. Another sample of curly pond leaf was found. Northeast Aquatics located several beds of the leaf and intend to harvest the weeds manually. K. Welch will distribute maps of the curly pond leaf areas and ask people to stay out of those areas to decrease spread. The Ag Station was on the lake twice doing extensive plant surveys. The water is high now and muddy brown in color due to high iron. The higher water level is keeping the water moving, which seems to be helping.

C) FY18 Budget Report

The tax collector's report through the end of June shows that 100.65% of the revised forecast has been collected. Compared to previous years, this was a little bit lower. However this is the first year that motor vehicle and real estate were done separately which impacts the comparisons. A few bills are still expected to be paid out of the FY18 budget. The town has only been billed for unemployment through April.

D) FY19 Budget

Through the end of July the town is 12.28% expensed. The BOS also discussed whether or not they would take their FY19 wage increase that was part of the approved budget. The BOS discussed briefly.

S. Pierog made a motion to freeze the Selectmen's wages for the fiscal year ending in 2019 at the same level as fiscal year ending in 2018. R. Morra seconded the motion. Vote unanimous, with all in favor. Motion passes.

J. Stille is working with other small towns and boards of education to consider ECHIP for an insurance consortium. It looks potentially possible that this could be a way to save money for next fiscal year.

E) Consider and Act on Call a Resolution for Special Town Meeting for Former Route 6 Expressway Land Between Notch Road and Notch Road Extension

R. Morra made a motion to approve the call and resolution as written for the September 11, 2018 special town meeting. M. Eremita seconded the motion. Vote unanimous, with all in favor. Motion passes.

F) Consider and Act on Tax Abatement for Bolton Land Trust Parcel

The tax collector wrote a letter to recommend that the BOS waive the 30 day application period, abate, and reimburse \$881.36 to the Bolton Land Trust for property taxes paid.

M. Eremita made a motion to waive the 30 day application period, abate, and reimburse \$881.36 to the Bolton Land Trust. R. Morra seconded the motion. Vote unanimous, with all in favor. Motion passes.

G) Consider and Act on Budget Transfers and/or Appropriation Requests

There have been two transfers since the last meeting.

Budget	Amount	From Line Item		To Line Item
Highway	\$1,200.00	Equipment & Repairs	to	Fuel
Fire Commission	\$4.00	Professional & Business Training	to	Repairs & Maintenance

7) Ongoing Business

A) Subcommittee Reports:

The subcommittees need to find times to meet.

B) Properties and Facilities

The repairs on the foundation at the barn have been completed. They are looking at installing a handicap ramp in.

J. Stille reported the addition on the town garage project was approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission under 8-24. The fire department training area project went to the Inland Wetlands Commission and staff is gathering additional requested information for the commission.

C) Revenue and Sources

The town received another member's equity distribution from CIRMA.

8) First Selectman's Report

A) Review of FY18 Year

J. Stille and S. Pierog will put together a written report for the BOS and the town website.

B) Farmer's Market

The farmer's market will be the last Sunday in August. The Heritage Farm Commission contacted S. Pierog to ask if the BOS will help cut samples in the testing tent.

C) Other

Nothing to report.

9) Administrative Officer's Report

A) CRCOG

J. Stille shared some information on the benefits of being involved with CRCOG.

B) Capitol Region Emergency Planning Council

The emergency planning council meets quarterly.

C) EDMS Status Report

EDMS is an electronic document management system. Bolton is participating in a human resources pilot program. Other than staff time, this is costing the town nothing.

The land use project has been stalled due to a new project manager. The town is going to continue to move forward on this project.

J. Stille shared that CRCOG is requesting the support of municipalities on a letter to President Trump regarding crumbling foundations.

On September 27th at 6:30 there will be a school safety and town preparedness forum at the high school.

10) Appointments

None

11) Adjournment

R. Morra made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53pm. M. Ermita seconded the motion. Vote unanimous, with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebekah Rupert
Recording Secretary

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