

**TOWN OF BOLTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2019**

		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	
Members of the Public	3	X	

1. Call to Order

By: Sandra Pierog Time: 7:06 p.m. Place: Notch Road Municipal Center–Room 9

All stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Public Comment:

Barbara Amodio - Bike Walk Bolton epistle has been sent out. This year, Trails Day – will focus on getting people with disabilities involved, possibly by renting rickshaws to transport them on the trail. In regards to the missing link, any plans for the trail will impact the highway. Focus on safety. No meeting with DOT has been scheduled. The BOS supports the safety improvements at the end of Notch Road at I-384 terminus and the trail missing link as one project. This is how it was proposed by DOT. The BOS does not support doing the trail or Notch Road separate from each other. Barbara inquired about the kiosk since the roof is at her house. The kiosk will be installed at the exit 5 trail area. Stille reported that the whole permitting process must be adhered to before the kiosk is installed. The people to approve the signage is a different group than the project group. EDC will be consulted for information to be included on the mapping/information board.

Pam Sawyer– She is representing the Bolton 300th Celebration Committee. They request additional funds in the Founder’s Day Fund. The cost will exceed the current budget. The Committee is also asking for the support of staff, fire and police safety, as well as the insurance needed for the events. A fireworks display is desired. They hope to raise an additional \$20,000 and are working with a fundraiser. The 300th anniversary is in 2020. Budgeting is now focused on the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Budgeting numbers for the celebrations held in the second half of 2020 will be needed next year during the budgeting process. Pierog and Stille urged Pam to provide some estimates for the events

being planned. These numbers are needed, at a minimum, before asking the Board of Finance for additional funds.

3. Approval of Minutes:

A. December 4, 2018 Regular Meeting

Motion: Move to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2018 meeting.

By: Eremita

Seconded: Morra

Voting:

For: Pierog, Eremita, Morra, Sullivan

Against: None

Abstain: Miller

4. Correspondence:

A letter of resignation from Ruth Treat has been received as Bolton's representative to the Community Voice Channel effective July 1, 2019.

Motion: Move to accept the resignation with regrets.

By: Morra

Seconded: Eremita

Voting:

For: Pierog, Eremita, Morra, Sullivan, Miller

Against: None

Abstain: Miller

5. Unfinished Business:

None

6. New Business:

A. Charter Oak Greenway Shared Use Path and Path Extension

The greenway is open to the public and is being used every day. It will not be plowed.

B. Lower Bolton Lake Status Report

There is very thin ice on the lake now. The water level is down 15" with the target being 18". The DEEP report for 2017 on electrofishing and fish aging will be posted on the website.

C. FY19 Budget

Stille reported that through the end of December the percentage expensed is 44.90. The Tax Collector is reporting 99.89% collection rate through November.

D. Consider and Act on FY20 Budget Referendum Date

Stille suggest the date of Tuesday, May 21, 2019, from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Motion: Move to accept setting the FY20 Budget Referendum Date of Tuesday, May 21, 2019, from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

By: Morra

Seconded: Eremita

Voting:

For: Pierog, Eremita, Morra, Sullivan, Miller

Against: None
Abstain: Miller

E. Consider and Act on Health Insurance Consortium

Stille reported that this program allows the Town to purchase employee health insurance along with other towns in order to have a bigger pool of insureds. The final negotiations are being conducted with CIGNA; an EAP program will be added to the benefits. This will be a three-year commitment with July 1, 2019 targeted for the beginning date. The towns that are joining the group are Brooklyn, Columbia, Canterbury, Thompson, Union, and Bolton. The group will consist of just under 500 insureds. Additional towns can be added to the group, but the participating groups cannot leave prior to the contract end date.

Motion: Whereas, Public Act 10-174, An Act Concerning Agreements Between Municipalities and Boards of Education For The Joint Purchase of Employee Health Insurance allows municipalities/Boards of Education to join together for the purpose of providing medical and/or health care benefits for their employees. Now therefore, the Town of Bolton Board of Selectmen approve the Town and Board of Education forming and joining the Connecticut Collaborative Health Insurance Program (CT-Chip) and authorize the Administrative Officer and Superintendent of Schools to take action necessary on behalf of the Town of Bolton.

By: Morra

Seconded: Eremita

Voting:

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

F. Consider and Act on Participation as Pilot Community in a Conveyance Fee of Real Property Program

Pierog reported this program never made it out of committee at the State level. Agreeing to be a pilot community allows Bolton to participate; it does not mean that Bolton has to participate if the legislation passes.

Motion: Move to approve Bolton being a pilot community in a Conveyance Fee of Real Property program.

By: Morra

Seconded: Miller

Voting:

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

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

The Fire Department is requesting that \$2,000 be transferred from Purchased Services to Medical within their budget for the reason of increased training costs for EMS. Stille explained that there is someone in the department that was doing training, but can no longer. EMT classes are the most expensive component of training and the majority of calls are medical ones. Also, some supplies need to be replaced.

Motion: Move to approve the budget transfer request for the Fire Department of \$2,000

from Purchased Services to Medical for increased training costs for EMS.

By: Morra

Seconded: Sullivan

Voting:

For: Pierog, Eremita, Morra, Sullivan, Miller

Against: None

Abstain: None

7. Ongoing Business:

A. Subcommittee Reports

Pierog reported on a meeting held with Buildings and Grounds Supervisor and the Board of Education representatives to talk about the recreational facilities. The soccer field was not very unusable this last season due to the lack of drainage, including the loss of the crown combined with all the rain. New cracks are appearing in the tennis courts. Discussion included moving the tennis courts over to the parking area near the commons. This area is much drier. The current location of the courts could be made into a parking area.

Additional work is needed to finalize the Blight Ordinance.

BVH Integrated Services inspected the Notch Road Municipal Center. A memo is included in the packet. The recommendation is to demolish the building within four years.

B. Properties and Facilities

Stille reported that the fire department is getting the generator installed so as to convert to natural gas. Work on the Town Garage should begin in March. Holding boxes will need to be rented to hold materials/equipment that must be cleared out during the work. The drain pipes have been installed in the new training area for the Fire Department.

C. Revenue Sources

None

8. First Selectman's Report:

A. Other

Pierog stated that the BOS has seen the letter of retirement from Stille.

Motion: Move to accept the retirement letter from Stille and to thank her for her services over the years to the Bolton community and the BOS.

By: Morra

Seconded: Sullivan

Morra added a personal thank you to Stille for the support she provided when he was the First Selectman.

Voting:

For: Pierog, Eremita, Morra, Sullivan, Miller

Against: None

Abstain: None

Pierog was the First Selectman when Stille was hired thirty-one years ago. A press release regarding Stille's retirement will go out tomorrow. Pierog wished her well.

Ray Boyd's retirement, effective May 31, 2019, was accepted by the BOE at their last meeting. They wish to have someone in place two weeks prior to Boyd's last date. The BOE requested that the BOS revive the Charter Revision and Town Hall project.

Dates are needed for the subcommittees' meetings and a BOS retreat. Some retreat topics will be hiring for the Administrative Officer and the Charter Replacement project.

Pierog reported on discussions she attended at the CT Council of Municipalities. These included the School Funding Project and Shared Services Committee. The governor has appointed John Harris as Undersecretary for CCIP. This position is in OPM that has relationships between the state and towns.

9. Administrative Officer's Report:

A. Other

Stille has listed the budget workshop dates and locations. The state OSHA department made a surprise visit in December. The resultant report has not been received. Nothing major was found and the visit was not the result of a complaint.

There is a vacancy in the Finance office as of last Friday.

Captive Insurance went live last week for crumbling foundations. The Captive provides funding for homeowners.

Stille commented that it has been an honor and privilege to work for the Town of Bolton.

10. APPOINTMENTS:

Motion: Move to make the following appointments to the Board of Ethics:

Reappoint -	Appoint -
Trace Maulucci (U)	Robert Neil (R)
Term: 1/30/2023	Term: 1/30/2023

By: Morra

Seconded: Eremita

Voting:

For: Pierog, Eremita, Morra, Sullivan, Miller

Against: None

Abstain: None

12. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: Move to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

By: Morra

Seconded: Eremita

Voting:

For: Pierog, Eremita, Morra, Sullivan, Miller

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.