

**TOWN OF BOLTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 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	1	X	

1. Call to Order

By: Sandra Pierog

Time: 7:02 p.m.

Place: Town Hall

2. Public Comment:

3. Approval of Minutes:

A. February 5, 2019 Regular Meeting

Motion: Move to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2019, meeting.

By: Morra

Seconded: Sullivan

Voting:

For: Pierog, Eremita, Morra, Sullivan, Miller

Against: None

Abstain: None

B. February 26, 2019 Budget Workshop

Motion: Move to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2019, workshop. With the following correction:

- Second bullet – change “du” to “due”.

By: Sullivan

Seconded: Eremita

Voting:

For: Pierog, Eremita, Morra, Sullivan

Against: None

Abstain: Miller

4. Correspondence:

None

5. Unfinished Business:

None

6. New Business:

A. Charter Oak Greenway Shared Use Path and Path Extension

Pierog stated that she has seen some people snowshoeing on the Charter Oak Greenway. No date has been set for the opening ceremony.

B. Lower Bolton Lake Status Report

Kim Welch, 53 Vernon Road stated that the consultant will present the report on March 25 at 7:00 p.m. in Town Hall. The edge of the lake is not fully frozen. House bill HB6637 is being proposed to collect \$5 for each boat registration to combat aquatic invasives. The lakes representatives from Vernon are looking at placing screens over the spillway to stop their invasives from populating our lake.

C. FY19 Budget

Stille reported that 56.13% has been expensed as of February 28, 2019 which is consistent with past years. The largest hit is for Police and that does not come until the end of June. The Tax Collector's report shows 100.20% collected of the 98% that is budgeted for. Interest and Fees are considerably ahead. The Revenue Statement does not have anything of concern or issue. Interest & Fees are doing much better than expected. This is the first year that the motor vehicle category has been separated out so we do not know if the current collection reflects historic collections.

D. Review of School Capital Fund Ordinance

Pierog reported that this should be reviewed every five years. This was raised as part of the audit on closing out the school project. Attorney Barger's opinion is that the funds should remain in the account until the ordinance is terminated and then direct the funds elsewhere. This fund allows money to be set aside outside of the budget for paying off the high school debt and related costs or improvements. Columbia's payment splits 80% to this debt service and 20% to the general fund.

Motion: Move that the Board of Selectmen has reviewed the School Capital Fund Ordinance; this should remain in effect.

By: Morra

Seconded: Eremita

Voting:

For: Pierog, Eremita, Morra, Sullivan, Miller

Against: None

Abstain: None

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

This is for a Personal Property Audit of CT Natural Gas as requested by the Assessor. The reported value is lower than expected.

Motion: Move to approve the \$720 budget transfer request in the Professional and Technical Budget from Professional Technical Services from Legal Services to Office/Admin Services.

By: Eremita

Seconded: Morra

Voting:

For: Pierog, Eremita, Morra, Sullivan, Miller

Against: None

Abstain: None

This is for Fire Prevention Supplies.

Motion: Move to approve the \$500 budget transfer request of the Fire Marshal from Equipment New to Professional Business and Training.

By: Eremita

Seconded: Sullivan

Voting:

For: Pierog, Eremita, Morra, Sullivan, Miller

Against: None

Abstain: None

7. Ongoing Business:

A. Subcommittee Reports

Pierog reported that there are three sets of HR subcommittee meeting minutes in the packet for the Members. There will be a meeting next Tuesday evening to discuss Shared Services. Also a meeting will be held on Thursday to discuss budget and personnel.

B. Properties and Facilities

The addition on the Town Garage is getting ready to begin. Inspection people are being selected so the project can move forward.

C. Revenue Sources

None

8. First Selectman's Report:

A. Shared Services

Pierog mentioned there have been two productive meetings with the Board of Education. The meeting on March 12, 2019 should be productive as well.

B. Girl Scout Proclamation

In recognition and support of the Girl Scouts, the Board of Selectmen issued a proclamation declaring Tuesday, March 12th, 2019 as Girl Scout Day in the Town of Bolton.

C. Other

None

9. Administrative Officer's Report:

A. Personnel

The position of Town Administrative Officer has been posted in the Hartford Courant as well as other locations.

Interviews for the opening in the Finance Department will be held this week.

B. CRGOG

Applications have been received by the Captive Insurance Company and repair work has started. The CRCOG testing program has had 1,031 properties submit for testing. Bolton has not seen additional people come forward.

C. CT-CHIP

The final agreement and the creation of the by-laws were discussed at the last meeting. The final rates have been received. While the Town is self-insured for dental right now, the insurer made an offer to provide dental insurance as well. This may be able to be added and produce a money savings.

D. Other

FY20 budget date calendar for the Board of Finance is now confirmed and distributed.

The draft Eastern Gateway Study has been distributed to the selectmen. At the April meeting, the Selectmen will be asked to adopt the report. Any comments or concerns should be sent to Stille. Pierog commented that in a quick review, several details for Bolton were incorrect.

Morra is concerned about the State moving ahead with the proposed tolls. One is proposed on I-384. He feels this will have a negative impact on municipal roads as people try to avoid paying tolls and that these impacts have not been thought out. Morra requested that this matter be part of the next meeting agenda to determine if Bolton should take a stand. Pierog feels the matter is worth discussing even though it may be way too early in the process. Eremita has mixed feelings about the tolls. Everyone gets a free ride through the state whereas every other state from Maine to Florida imposes tolls.

10. APPOINTMENTS:

The Tree Warden's term expires in March.

Motion: Move to appoint Lance Dimock as Tree Warden and John Butrymovich as Deputy Tree Warden.

By: Morra

Seconded: Eremita

Voting:

For: Pierog, Eremita, Morra, Sullivan, Miller

Against: None

Abstain: None

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: Move to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

By: Eremita

Seconded: Morra

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.