

**TOWN OF BOLTON  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2019**

		<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	
Members of the Public	1	X	

**1. Call to Order**

By: Sandra Pierog

Time: 7:12 p.m.

Place: Town Hall

All stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Public Comment:**

Kim Welch – Asked if the second presentation by Consultant George Knocklein regarding the lake has been scheduled so she can share the information. Stille will check to see when George is ready for this second informational session.

Welch reported that the lake is full but it is hard to determine the water quality at this time.

**3. Approval of Minutes:**

**A. April 2, 2019 Regular Meeting**

**Motion:** Move to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2019, meeting.

By: Eremita

Seconded: Morra

Voting:

For: Pierog, Eremita, Morra, Sullivan, Miller

Against: None

Abstain: None

**4. Correspondence:**

A letter was received from Sharon Preuss regarding the Memorial Day parade. The First Selectman gives a few words of welcome and the BOS march in the parade. Ms. Preuss is requesting that the resident trooper lead the parade and provide traffic duty.

**Motion:** Move to approve the request for the parade and resident trooper for participation in the Memorial Day parade.

By: Sullivan

Seconded: Morra

Voting:

For: Pierog, Eremita, Morra, Sullivan, Miller

Against: None

Abstain: None

**5. Unfinished Business:**

None

**6. New Business:**

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

A meeting was held last week concerning the Nathan Hale Greenway with the consultants presenting their final report. This greenway starts near Munson’s and heads into Coventry. Maps will be available by the end of the month.

There is no date scheduled for the official opening of the greenway/shared use/bike path. Approval of installing the informational kiosk remains in a pending state.

**B. Lower Bolton Lake Status Report**

See Public Comment Section.

**C. FY19 Budget**

As of April 30, 2019 the budget is 71.28% expensed, which is right on target. The largest bill for State Police will be received in June. As of March 31, 2019 the tax collector has had 99.89% in collections based on revised revenue estimates. The ECS Grant funds remain outstanding. The Board of Education had a \$50,192 increase in the CHOICE Grant this year.

**D. FY20 Budget**

Stille reported the referendum is scheduled for May 21, 2019 from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The BOS are scheduled to meet at 8:05 p.m. to set another referendum date, if necessary. The Town’s budget is based on the Governor’s budget with no change in the mil rate.

**E. Consider and Act on Adoption of Resolution for the Capitol Region Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, 2019-2024 CROG**

Staff has been working for the past couple of years on this plan. There are some items that are specific to Bolton. This plan has moved through the Federal and State levels. The participating towns must adopt the plan in order for it to move forward.

**Motion:** Move that the Board of Selectmen adopt the Capitol Region Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. (See enclosure 1)

By: Eremita

Seconded: Morra

Voting:

For: Pierog, Eremita, Morra, Sullivan, Miller

Against: None

Abstain: None

#### **F. Discussion on Tolls**

Morra commented that this discussion has become quite vocal state-wide. No true proposal is yet available to support or oppose. Some options include having tolls collected only at the borders on the interstates or having gantries all over the place. The issue with borders only is that the program would not pay. Federal dollars will be lost if the state institutes tolls. Connecticut received these federal dollars when tolls were eliminated previously. Seven hundred million dollars is a lot of money to lose.

Pierog attended a presentation by the Commissioner of the DOT. His presentation indicated the latest proposal has tolls on I-91, I-95, and I-84 with five levels of tolls – heavy trucks, light duty trucks, passenger cars with gantries capturing the license plate data, a CT equivalent of EZPass. The last category would have the cheapest rates for residents of the state, although one would have to make five trips per month on a toll road to receive the cheapest rate. Toll gantries would be situated every 5-6 miles. The toll money collected has to be spent on the roads that the tolls are collected on. The DOT has 8-10 projects on each of these roads that could be attacked fairly easily. Most are designed to alleviate pinch points. There is also a new proposal to rework the approach to the Charter Oak Bridge from I-91 by employing a left exit.

One of the presentation slides looked at tolls in MA, NH, ME, and NJ compared to CT. The rate of tolls proposed is 4% which is close to what MA collects. The Mass Pike from NY to Boston has 13 toll gantries, with the most being in the Boston area, with 27 exits. I-95 runs 57 miles through CT with 47 exits.

It is estimated that it will take a full fiscal year to implement tolls.

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

Stille approved a transfer of \$4,500 from the Town Building Operations Maintenance & Supplies account to Town Building Operations Other Contracts account for foul ball nets at Herrick Park.

**Motion:** Move to approve the following budget transfer requests from the Conservation Commission - \$37.95 from Office Expense to Payroll and \$72.05 from Other Payroll Public Building to Other Payroll, Conservation.

By: Eremita

Seconded: Miller

Voting:

For: Pierog, Eremita, Morra, Sullivan, Miller

Against: None

Abstain: None

**Motion:** Move to approve the following budget transfer request of \$5,000 from Finance, Regular Payroll to Administration, Other Payroll for extra hours for the intern helping while there is a vacancy in the office.

By: Sullivan

Seconded: Eremita

Voting:

For: Pierog, Eremita, Morra, Sullivan, Miller

Against: None

Abstain: None

## **7. Ongoing Business:**

### **A. Subcommittee Reports**

Finance and Administration has set a tentative meeting for the last week in May.

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

Stille reported that they are waiting for details on moving the underground utilities for the Town garage addition. This will be difficult and costly. The new building is waiting to be placed. Alternatives have been discussed although none were advantageous.

### **C. Revenue Sources**

None

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

### **A. Shared Services**

There is a signed agreement regarding the position of Shared Services Director.

### **B. Other**

Stille and Pierog have met with a candidate for Administrative Officer position. Additional information on this matter will follow.

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

### **A. Personnel**

Jenna Matos is the new person in Finance. The Selectmen's office has hired Deirdre McAvoy to fill a vacant position.

### **B. CT-CHIP**

There have been open enrollment meetings with CIGNA for staff during April. This has been a positive experience. CT-CHIP is functioning well and other entities want to join.

### **C. Other**

Bolton is one of two pilot towns for a new time tracking systems. Implementation meetings are being held now. The initial installation will be under \$3,000 due to being a pilot town.

## **10. APPOINTMENTS:**

None

## **11. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

### **A. Union Negotiations: AFSCME Local 1303-331 and Local 1303-126**

### **B. Personnel: Administrative Officer Contract**

**Motion:** Move to enter Executive Session at 7:54, including Joyce Stille, for the purpose of discussing Union Negotiations: AFSCME Local 1303-331 and Local 1303-126 and Personnel: Administrative Officer Contract.

By: Morra

Seconded: Sullivan

Voting:

For: Pierog, Eremita, Morra, Sullivan, Miller

Against: None

Abstain: None

Executive session adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

**Motion:** Move to approve the negotiated contracts with AFSCME Local 1303-331 and Local 1303-1266 as discussed pending union certification.

By: Sullivan

Seconded: Miller

Voting:

For: Pierog, Eremita, Morra, Sullivan, Miller

Against: None

Abstain: None

**Motion:** Move to authorize the First Selectman to negotiate the agreement with the new Administrative Officer.

By: Sullivan

Seconded: Miller

Voting:

For: Pierog, Eremita, Morra, Sullivan, Miller

Against: None

Abstain: None

## **11. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion:** Move to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

By: Eremita

Seconded: Sullivan

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.



# Town of Bolton

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN OFFICIAL ADOPTION RESOLUTION

### A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CAPITOL REGION NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE, 2019-2024

WHEREAS, the Town of Bolton has historically experienced severe damage from natural hazards and it continues to be vulnerable to the effects of those natural hazards profiled in the plan (e.g. *flooding, high wind, thunderstorms, winter storms, earthquakes, droughts, dam failure, and wildfires*), resulting in loss of property and life, economic hardship, and threats to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the Bolton Board of Selectmen approved the previous version of the Plan in 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bolton and Capitol Region Council of Governments developed and received conditional approval from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, 2019-2024 under the requirements of 44 CFR 201.6; and

WHEREAS, public and committee meetings were held and public input was sought in 2017 and 2018 regarding the development and review of the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, 2019-2024; and

WHEREAS, the Plan specifically addresses hazard mitigation strategies and Plan maintenance procedure for the Town of Bolton; and

WHEREAS, the Plan recommends several hazard mitigation actions/projects that will provide mitigation for specific natural hazards that impact the Town of Bolton, with the effect of protecting people and property from loss associated with those hazards; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this Plan will make the Town of Bolton eligible for funding to alleviate the impacts of future hazards; now therefore be it

RESOLVED by the Board of Selectmen:

1. The Plan is hereby adopted as an official plan of the Town of Bolton;
2. The respective officials identified in the mitigation strategy of the Plan are hereby directed to pursue implementation of the recommended actions assigned to them;
3. Future revisions and Plan maintenance required by 44 CFR 201.6 and FEMA are hereby adopted as a part of this resolution for a period of five (5) years from the date of this resolution.
4. An annual report on the progress of the implementation elements of the Plan shall be presented to the Board of Selectmen.

Adopted this 7th day of May, 2019 by the Board of Selectmen of Bolton, Connecticut.