

**BOLTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 PM, TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023
BOLTON TOWN HALL, 222 BOLTON CENTER ROAD
In-Person and Virtual (Hybrid Format)**

MOTIONS

Board of Selectmen Members Present In-Person: First Selectman Pamela Sawyer, Deputy First Selectman Robert Morra, Adam Teller

Board of Selectmen Members Present Via Zoom: Michael Eremita (7:16 p.m.), Robert DePietro

Staff Present In-Person: Town Administrator James Rupert

Staff Present Via Zoom: Recording Secretary Linda H. McDonald

Others Present Via Zoom: Nick Lavigne (Community Voice Channel), Rodney Fournier, Amanda Gordon

Others Present In-Person: Jim Loersch, Mike Sheehan, Betsey Sheehan, William Rady, Jake Mott, William Freeman, Dorothy Hall

1. **Call to Order:** P. Sawyer called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Public Comment**
3. **Approval of Minutes:**
- 3.a **April 4, 2023 –Regular Meeting:**
R. Morra MOVED to approve the April 4, 2023 regular meeting minutes as amended. A. Teller SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5:0:0.
- 3.b **April 18, 2023 – Special A/P Meeting:**
R. Morra MOVED to approve the April 18, 2023 special meeting minutes as presented. A Teller SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5:0:0.
4. **Appointments:**
R. Morra MOVED to add: 4.d - Resignation of Mark Altermatt as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) and Town Moderator. M. Eremita SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5:0:0.
- 4.a **Cheryl Udin – BLRWPCA:**
R. Morra MOVED appoint Cheryl Udin to the BLRWPCA. A. Teller SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5:0:0.
- 4.b **Diane DeNunzio – Inland Wetlands Commission (Alternate):**
R. Morra MOVED to appoint Diane DeNunzio to fill an Alternate vacancy on the Inland Wetlands Commission. M. Eremita SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5:0:0.
- 4.c **Robert Morra and James Rupert -Eastern Highland Health District (re-appointments):**
R. DePietro MOVED to re-appoint Robert Morra as Alternate and James Rupert as representative to the Eastern Highland Health District Board of Directors. M. Eremita SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5:0:0.
- 4.d **Resignation of Mark Altermatt as member of ZBA and Town Moderator:**

A. Teller MOVED to accept the resignation of Mark Altermatt with regret as town meeting moderator and ZBA member. M. Eremita SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5:0:0.

5. New Business

5.a Consider and Act on Request for \$\$ from Temporary Building Commission:

A. Teller MOVED that the Board of Selectmen communicate with the Public Building Commission that the BOS believes this project needs to be put on hold until the strategic plan is developed for the fire department. R. Morra SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 4:1:0 with M. Eremita opposed.

5.b Consider and Act on Amending the Capital Budget on Behalf of the BOE at the May 16, 2023 Annual Town Meeting:

M. Eremita MOVED the Board of Selectmen approve amending the call and resolutions for the May 16, 2023 Annual Town Meeting as follows:

4. To authorize the approval of the remaining funds from the 2017 borrowing allocation for the Board of Education projects at the Bolton Center School, according to Section (a)(iv) of the approved resolution of the town meeting on January 25, 2017, for the purposes of the replacement of the fireproof stage curtain, cafeteria kitchen stove, energy management system and lockers, to the extent of the remaining available funds continue to be available for those approved purposes through July 1, 2024.

Item #4

RESOLVED: That the remaining funds from the 2017 borrowing allocation for the Board of Education projects at the Bolton Center School, according to Section (a)(iv) of the approved resolution of the town meeting on January 25, 2017, for the purposes of the replacement of the fireproof stage curtain, cafeteria kitchen stove, energy management system and lockers, to the extent of the remaining available funds continue to be available for those approved purposes through July 1, 2024.

A. Teller SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5:0:0.

5.c Consider and Act on the Call and Resolutions for the Annual Town Meeting on May 16, 2023:

A. Teller MOVED the Board of Selectmen approve the call of the annual town meeting and the accompanying resolutions for May 16, 2023. R. Morra SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5:0:0.

5.d Consider and Act on Giveback of Unused Funding from FY2022-2023:

R. Morra MOVED the Board of Selectmen notify the Board of Finance that the BOS will be returning an unexpended amount of \$100,000.

R. DePietro amended the motion as follows: "and give the Town Administrator the leeway to find the extra \$15,000". R. Morra accepted the amendment. R. DePietro SECONDED the amended motion. MOTION CARRIED 5:0:0.

5.e Consider and Act on Approving taking \$350 from the Founders Day Fund for the Veterans Commission to Pay for Sgt. Clark's Memorial Plaque:

R. Morra MOVED the Board of Selectmen approve taking \$350 from the Founders Day Fund for the Veterans Commission to pay for Sgt. Clark's Memorial Plaque. A. Teller SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5:0:0.

5.f Consider and Act on the Use of Town Vehicles using Notch Road at Route 384:

A. Teller MOVED the Board of Selectmen authorize the Town Administrator to issue a dialogue to all town employees instructing them not to use the entrance to 384, Route 6 and 44 from Notch Road unless there is no other reasonable alternative or there is an emergency situation. M. Eremita SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5:0:0.

5.g Consider and Act on Request from the Heritage Farm Commission for Analdi Construction to fill in the Manure Pit at Heritage Farm:

6. Ongoing Business

7. Reports and Updates:

7.a Properties and Facilities Report

7.b FY 22 Budget Report

7.c Budget Transfers and Tax Collector's Report:

R. Morra MOVED that the Board of Selectmen approve the Highway Department transfer requests of \$19,000 from Payroll category, \$15,000 from Overtime-Payroll category, \$20,000 from Tree Trimming category and \$20,000 from Sand & Salt category to Road Repair category to cover additional road repairs. M. Eremita SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 4:0:1 with A. Teller abstaining.

7.d A/P Report: R. DePietro MOVED to approve the A/P Report as presented. R. Morra SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5:0:0.

8. First Selectman's Report

8.a Dedication of Sargent Clark Bench (private and public):

9. Administrative Officer's Report

9.a Monthly Report

9.b Tolland Micro Transit Grant Update

9.c Other

10. Adjournment: R. Morra MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. A. Teller SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5:0:0.

Respectfully submitted by Linda H. McDonald

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