

**TOWN OF BOLTON  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2024, 7:00 P.M.  
In-Person and Virtual (Hybrid Format)**

**Board of Selectmen Members Present In-Person:** First Selectmen Rodney Fournier, Deputy First Selectmen Robert Morra, Jim Rupert, Town Administrator; Amanda Gordon, Pam Sawyer, Gwen Marrion, Timothy Sadler

**In Person Guest Presenter:** Matt Hart of CRCOG

**Others In Present In Person:** Two Members of the Public

**Staff Present Via Zoom:** Recording Secretary Patricia Hicks

**Others Present Via Zoom:** James Loersch, Community Voice Channel

**1. Call to Order:**

R. Fournier called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M; Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**2. Public Comment**

No Public Comment

**3. CRCOG Presentation**

Matt Hart, Executive Director. Mr. Hart gave a slide presentation on the Resolution to repeal and adopt amended bylaws and enabling ordinance of the central Connecticut solid waste authority (CCSWA).

P. Sawyer we used CRCOG in 2010 to help us straighten out an issue we had on Lake St., they were helpful in moving the project along and solving Bolton problem that was causing a safety issue.

The presentation of slides will be emailed to the Board after the meeting.

M. Hart – We hope you will entertain that amendment in the near future and be willing to adopt it. We will be happy to answer any questions you may have for the proposed amended ordinance as well as CCSWA.

**4. Discussion on CCSWA Ordinance Initiatives**

R. Fournier-Do you do a funnel of federal funds that move through.

M. Hart – Yes. Federal Economic Development Administration. This is a newer role for us.

R. Fournier – If we were looking to do an Infrastructure Improvement that would fall into that category.

M. Hart – Yes, it has to be a strong tie to job creation. Water and Sewer Infrastructure are popular under that program as well. This is new for us, and we are looking to bring in federal money so expect to hear more about it.

J. Rupert – How much are your average projects.

M. Hart – They range between Two and Five Million typically, but the cost is increasing with inflation.

P. Sawyer – Is there more of a balance when grants come out when it comes to “little sister and big municipalities” to be able to get a piece of the pie.

M. Hart – We are very conscious of that and from my perspective I want to make sure we got something for everyone. We have suburbs and rural communities like Bolton and want to make sure we are meeting your needs also.

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R. Fournier – Your agency has been very helpful to us when you did certain programs In the past we have been recipient of several program enhancements, items that we probably never could have afforded unless we were a part, that has worked for us in the past and would like to see it happen again.

R. Morra – The key to that is our involvement with CRCOG.

A. Gordon – What are the benefits of CCSWA.

R. Fournier – CCSWA had gone stagnant for a while but with Matt coming on board as Executive Director, he has rekindled the fire of CCSWA, they just were not active at the time we negotiated our current waste contract.

M. Hart – is goal and objective is to bid for commercial and residential hauling contracts on behalf of our members to negotiate the best price.

A. Gordon – CRCOG staff CCSWA is it also the fiduciary?

M. Hart – Yes and it is included under our audit.

P. Sawyer – Is it a cost to the town or not?

M. Hart – Yes, about \$730.00 a year it is to CCSWA, and we have a contract with CCSWA for our services.

G. Marrion – The membership changed based on core of percentage of population in the area to the actual number. Why was that change made.

M. Hart – The present system of the way they voted was too complicated with five tiers based on the percentage of the population, so we looked at other models and the way regional waste authorities are set up around the Northeast and that is how we came up with the three-tier system based on population. We reduced it from five tier to three tier.

J. Rupert - In regard to picking up trash and all that where does it go and how does it get there is that component part of what you do here?

M. Hart – From recycling standpoint we are receiving a state grant a regional waste authority grant to beef up our recycling education program. What do we do for waste disposal facilities, we are trucking into other parts of the country at increasing expense and that expense is only going to grow so at some point we are going to need some new waste processing facilities.

J. Rupert – The federal government has put in billions of dollars for alternative energy sources, is that a program that can be funded through the feds as a different approach to energy.

M. Hart – We will look to leverage that; how do we do that in the state-of-the-art fashion with lowest emissions possible.

T. Sadler – Economics will drive the majority of the decisions, trucking it out of state and the cost of trucking it out of state.

No further questions were asked.

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A. Gordon made a motion to approve the Resolution to repeal and adopt amended bylaws and enabling ordinance of the central Connecticut solid waste authority.

P. Sawyer would like to ask to hold to the next meeting so we can go over it further. We have to hold a public meeting to change the ordinance.

5. Minutes:

(a) September 10, 2024-Special Meeting.

G. Marrison make a motion to accept the Minutes. Seconded by R. Fournier

R. Fournier - any discussion

P. Sawyer 4 (b) Correction: Take out first sentence where it says, P. Sawyer recused herself. And under the No vote place P. Sawyer name.

Vote:

Yes: 6

Abstain: 1 (T. Sadler)

6. Old Business:

(a) Cubles Road

J. Rupert – advise of Town Attorney is to take over the maintenance of that road.

P. Sawyer made motion to agree to take over the maintenance of the very small strip of Cubles Road in Bolton for obvious repair or paving that is needed and any other further requirements it comes back to the board. Seconded by A. Gordon.

Vote:

Yes: 7

No: 0

Motion Passed

(b) Received letter from Town Attorney from the Tax Committee

J. Rupert - made motion to approve. Seconded by A. Gordon

Vote:

Yes: 7

No: 0

Motion Passed

(c) P. Sawyer made motion to update tax issue letter. A. Gordon Seconded.

Vote:

Yes: 7

No: 0

Motion Passed

P. Sawyer – would like to change the last sentence of tax letter. Final sentence will be revised.

7. Adjourn. P. Sawyer made motion to Adjourn. A. Gordon Seconded. 8:02pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Patricia Hicks

*Patricia Hicks*

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