

**BOLTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 PM, TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024
BOLTON TOWN HALL, 222 BOLTON CENTER ROAD
In-Person and Virtual (Hybrid Format)**

MOTIONS

Board of Selectmen Members Present In-Person: First Selectman Rodney Fournier, Deputy First Selectman Robert Morra, Mather Clarke, Gwen Marrion, Pamela Sawyer, Tim Sadler, Amanda Gordon

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), Jim Loersch, and one other

Others Present In-Person: Frances Rokicki, Jay Brudz, Aya Hoffmann

1. **Call to Order:** R. Fournier called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

P. Sawyer MOVED to open the agenda under New Business and add item 7.a.1: Discussion and Possible Action regarding the supplemental packet received today on the solar farm. R. Morra SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 7:0:0.

2. **Public Comment**
3. **Correspondence: Planning and Zoning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals Training Completion Letters**
4. **Appointments**

5. **Approval of Minutes:**

P. Sawyer MOVED the Board of Selectmen approve the February 6, 2024 regular meeting minutes, February 8, 2024 special meeting and budget workshop minutes, February 13, 2024 special A/P minutes, February 20, 2024 special meeting and budget workshop minutes, and February 29, 2024 special A/P meeting minutes as presented. R. Morra SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 7:0:0.

P. Sawyer MOVED to rescind the vote on the previous motion.

P. Sawyer MOVED to approve the February 6, 2024 regular meeting minutes, February 8, 2024 special meeting and budget workshop minutes, February 13, 2024 special A/P minutes, and February 20, 2024 special meeting and budget workshop minutes as presented. R. Morra SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 7:0:0.

P. Sawyer MOVED to approve the February 29, 2024 special A/P meeting minutes as presented. R. Morra SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 4:0:3 with A. Gordon, R. Morra, and G. Marrion abstaining.

A. Gordon MOVED to approve the February 21, 2024 special meeting minutes. R. Morra SECONDED. MOTION to approve the minutes as amended CARRIED 6.0.1 with P. Sawyer abstaining.

6. Ongoing Business

7. New Business:

7.a.1 Discussion and Possible Action regarding the Supplemental Packet received Today on the Solar Farm.

A. Gordon MOVED that the Board of Selectmen draft an email to send to Melanie Bachman at the CT Siting Council specifying that the Board of Selectmen would like to request that Petition NO. 1609 go to a public hearing to be held by the CT Siting Council on behalf of the Board of Selectmen and other residents that may be impacted by proximity to the proposed solar farm. R. Morra SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 7:0:0.

P. Sawyer MOVED the Board of Selectmen reach out to Melanie Bachman at the CT Siting Council and ask for standing for the Town of Bolton on this particular issue (Petition NO. 1609). R. Morra SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 7:0:0.

**7.a Consider and Act on Herrick Park and Indian Notch Pricing:
Herrick Park Fees:**

P. Sawyer MOVED the Board of Selectman increase the rate to rent Herrick Park for a 5-hour event for residents of the Town of Bolton with a \$200 deposit for use of the facility for a \$300 rental fee. The \$200 deposit to be refunded if conditions are met. For non-residents the rate to rent Herrick Park for a 5-hour event would increase to a \$300 deposit and a \$450 rental fee.

P. Sawyer amended her motion.

P. Sawyer MOVED the Board of Selectman increase the rate to rent Herrick Park for a 5-hour event for residents of the Town of Bolton to \$300 with the with the current \$200 deposit for use of the facility to remain the same. The \$200 deposit to be refunded if conditions are met. For non-residents, the rental fee for Herrick Park for a 5-hour event would increase to \$450 with the current \$400 deposit for use of the facility to remain the same.

A. Gordon SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 7:0:0.

P. Sawyer MOVED that the effective date be July 1, 2024, concurrent with the new fiscal year and those people who have already contracted to rent with deposit paid be grandfathered in under the old rate. A. Gordon SECONDED. MOTON CARRIED 7:0:0.

Indian Notch:

P. Sawyer MOVED to table discussion and action on Indian Notch pricing. A. Gordon SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 7:0:0.

7.b Finalize FY2024-2025 Town Budget

7.b.1 Assessor's Request for Cloud-Based Services

7.b.2 Part-time Help Request for Finance Department

P. Sawyer MOVED to open the agenda under New Business and add item 7.b.3: Other Additions or Deletions to Finalize the Budget to Put before the Finance Committee by March 15, 2024. A. Gordon SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 7:0:0.

7.b.3 Other Additions or Deletions to Finalize the Budget to put before the Finance Committee by March 15, 2024:

R. Morra MOVED the Board of Selectmen approve a total budget of \$9,254,066 and allow the staff to do any modifications as more data comes in, not to exceed the proposed number. P. Sawyer SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 7:0:0.

7.c Discussion on Congressionally Directed Spending Grants:

A. Gordon MOVED that the Board of Selectmen authorize the Town Administrator to draw up a grant application for the Congressionally Directed Spending process for the Herrick Park roof and the library roof at about \$93,000 and potentially add on an awning for the library not to exceed \$20,000, grant not to exceed \$113,000. G. Marrison SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 7:0:0.

8. Reports and Updates:

8.a Properties and Facilities Administrator Report

8.b FY 24 Budget Report

8.c Budget Transfers

9. First Selectman's Report

10. Administrative Officer's Report

10.a Monthly Report

10.b Other:

The consensus of the board was to schedule the next A/P meeting for Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

11. Adjournment: R. Morra MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m. A. Gordon SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 7:0:0.

Respectfully submitted by Linda H. McDonald

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