

The Board of Selectmen held its regular meeting on October 4, 2016, at the Town Hall with the First Selectman Robert Morra presiding. In attendance were: Selectmen Michael Eremita, Sandra Pierog, and Gwen Marrion. Administrative Officer Joyce Stille was also present.

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Public Comment:** Jim Aldrich of the Fire Department thanked the BOS for what it has done for the Fire Department. He announced that the Fire Department has put together a calendar celebrating its history. Calendars are \$10 each. October is Fire Prevention Month and the theme is checking smoke detectors, which should be replaced if over 10 years old. Fire Prevention Week begins on October 9. Chief Dixon will be giving a talk on the Fire Department's history at 3 pm, October 9.

Sylvia Ounpuu, 48 Stonehedge Lane, gave a Kike Walk update. They are partnering with the Women's Club to hold Bolton's first bike rodeo as part of the Halloween event at Herrick Park, 1-3:30 pm, Sunday October 16. It is open to kids ages 5-12. Kids must bring bikes and helmets to participate. There will be safety instruction and a drawing for a bike as well. The entry fee includes the full event and bike rodeo.

3. **Approval of Minutes:**

A. September 6, 2016– Motion by R. Neil. M. Eremita seconded. G. Marrion asked to clarify 7A by changing "The cost of the bike trail is now projected at 14 million." to "The cost of the multiuse trail between the Manchester town line and Hop River Trail is now projected at 14 million, state funded." Also in 7A, she asked to change "BSC Group work is delayed due to a needed clarification from the DOT on ROW." to "BSC Group work on survey on proposed section between Quarry Road and Indian Notch Park/Coventry line is delayed due to a need clarification..." R. Neil and M. Eremita agreed. Vote 5:0:0.

4. **Correspondence:** None

5. **Unfinished Business:** None.

6. **New Business:**

A. Charter Oak Greenway Shared Use Path and Path Extension: DOT will hold an informational meeting at 7 PM, on November 16, at the Senior Center. It will be on the trail from Manchester to the commuter lot to discuss the connector between Quarry Road and the Rails to Trails area. They would like to meet with the trails committee prior to the informational meeting.

B. Lower Bolton Lake Status Report: Lake Commissioner Kim Welch said the color is still green, but clarity is getting better. There is lots of algae but just the typical kind rather than the toxic one. Drawdown will be coming up soon, typically in November. There will be a Friends of Bolton Lake Forum at 7 PM, October 27, at Town Hall. The forum will focus on the watershed.

C. FY17 Budget Report: The town is 24.9% expensed, compared to 23.57% at this point last year. Tax levy is at 99.15% of the budgeted amount, compared to 96.40% last year.

D. FY18 Budget Report: Letters will be going out to Department Heads, Boards and Commissions, on bringing forward realistic budgets reflecting actual needs. Recent budgets have been fairly flat because the staff has been aware of the financial situation. R. Morra would like to ask that budgets fully reflect what is needed, leaving cuts to the BOS for a final decision. The BOS agreed.

E. Discussion on Streetlights: Eversource is now offering to upgrade all streetlights to LED. If the town agrees instead of buying out streetlights this year, buying the lights is still an option in the future. The lights could be upgraded possibly by the end of this year, by next year at the latest. The BOS agreed to pursue the LED upgrade. M. Eremita made a motion to contact Eversource and move forward with changing light to LED. S. Pierog seconded. Vote 5:0:0.

F. Consider and Act on Budget Transfer and/or Appropriation Requests: None.

7. Ongoing Business:

A. Subcommittee Reports: Nothing new to report.

B. Properties and Facilities: Heritage Farm Barn – Doors were hung September 16. They are still waiting for an estimate from the contractor on the additional work approved by the BOS. Discussion continues on painting the milk shed and cow barn. S. Pierog will reach out to the state Historic Commission to see about painting or sealing the silo as protection against weathering. S. Pierog emphasized that Heritage Farm is open to the public for public recreational use, sunrise to sunset, all year round.

C. Revenue Sources: Nothing new to report.

8. First Selectman's Report:

A. Board of Education Capital Projects: R. Morra provided an updated list of project estimates, final costs, and shortfalls.

B. Economic Development: M. Eremita, S. Pierog, Patrice Carson, Arlene Fiano, Cathy and Adam Teller, J. Stille, and Milton Hathaway attended an event in Coventry on non-residential and commercial tax base. The majority of Bolton's tax base is residential (85%). M. Eremita and S. Pierog reported on approaches such as reaching out to business' on a consistent basis, keeping families in their residences after their children have been through the schools, and programs to keep seniors in their houses, all of which would contribute to maintaining tax base. Ms. Stille added the possibility of working with Coventry on development.

C. Fracking Ordinance: The BOS reviewed Attorney Barger's comments on fracking ordinances. G. Marrion spoke with Jen Siska and clarified that fracking itself does not occur in Connecticut as the geography prohibits it. It is the solid and liquid waste that is a concern, as they each have multiple secondary uses such as jersey barriers and road treatments. J. Siska sent G. Marrion language that would include a penalty provision and a reference to an appeal process which was shared with the BOS. The subcommittee will continue work on the ordinance.

D. 3 Board Meeting: We are working to set a date, either November 2nd or October 16th for the meeting based on availability.

9. Administrative Officer's Report:

A. CRCOG: CRCOG did not meet last week. It will meet tomorrow.

1. MS-4: An upcoming meeting will address cooperative efforts in meeting the new regulation.

2. Electronic Document Management: We are looking at what the pilot towns are seeking and renegotiating with the company.

3. Crumbling Foundations: A meeting will be held by a private group on Saturday in Ellington. J. Stille continues to meet with other Towns to discuss a regional approach.

10. Appointments: S. Pierog moved to appoint Carrie Concatelli as Municipal Agent for the Elderly. M. Eremita seconded. Vote 5:0:0. The BOS discussed and agreed to prioritize filling the Ethics Board.

11. Executive Session: M. Eremita made a motion to move into executive session to discuss land acquisition and personnel union negotiations and to include J. Stille in the discussion. R. Neil seconded. Meeting moved into executive session at 8:14 pm.

A. Land Acquisition:

B. Personnel Union Negotiations:

Executive session ended at 8:56 pm.

12. Adjournment: A motion was made by S. Peirog, seconded by G. Marrion, to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 pm. Motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Benitez, Recording Secretary

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