

The Board of Selectmen held its regular meeting on November 1, 2016, at the Town Hall with the First Selectman Robert Morra presiding. In attendance were: Selectmen Michael Eremita, Robert Neil, Sandra Pierog, and Gwen Marrion.

1. **Call to Order:** First Selectman Morra brought the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Public Comment:** Sylvia Ounpuu, 48 Stonehedge Lane, gave a Bike Walk update. Stewardship of the multiuse trail by volunteer groups has had a positive visual impact on the trail. The children's bicycle rodeo held in conjunction with the Women's Club Halloween event was well-received. Volunteer safety instructors came from New Haven to teach children about riding and equipment safety, and volunteers from Andover and Bolton participated as well. Manchester is preparing a Complete Streets plan. Complete Streets is a philosophy of designing streets to be bicycle and pedestrian friendly, which improves quality of life.

Sylvia asked whether "No Parking" signs will be posted in front of the gate at the Notch Pond parking area. The parking area is full on weekends and the gate is being blocked. R. Morra said two signs were posted and both were stolen, but they will keep putting them up. Jim Adams suggested placing lettering directly on the gates by paint or stickers. S. Ounpuu asked about the status of addressing the parking area potholes. R. Morra said DEEP has been contacted (the parking lot belongs to DEEP). Sylvia also asked when and where the maps of the trail segment between the Manchester town line and Bolton Notch Pond will be available. This section is the subject of the Nov. 16 public information session. R. Morra said they will be posted on the website after the Bolton Trail Committee has met to review them. S. Pierog said that, according to the public notice, plans will be made available at the Town Hall two weeks in advance.

S. Ounpuu asked about the status of bicycle safety road signs. R. Morra said they had looked into placement of 4 signs, 2 on state highway and 2 on town roads. The response from state highway was that the road has to be marked for bike lanes, at the town's cost, in order to place those signs. The other two on town roads will move forward placement. R. Morra will look into who sent the state highway response.

3. **Approval of Minutes:**

A. October 4, 2016 Meeting— Motion by G. Marrion, second by M. Eremita, to approve with the following amendments: in item #1, paragraph 2, corrected spelling of "Sylvia" and "Bike Walk." In item #8c, paragraph 2, fourth line, corrected spelling of "Siska." In item #12, corrected spelling of "Pierog." In attendance, R. Neil listed as present. In #6e, second line, "and option" corrected to "an option." Vote 5:0:0.

4. **Correspondence:** Two Letters of Resignation were received: one from Neal Kerr as a member of the Economic Development Commission, and one from Sarah Davies from the Conservation Commission. M. Eremita moved to accept the resignations with regret, seconded by R. Neil. Vote 5:0:0. The BOS briefly discussed looking at the Conservation Commission concerns expressed by S. Davies.

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, November 16 at the Senior Center. It will be on the trail to discuss a possible connector plan between the Notch Pond area to Quarry Road and, provide an update on the portion from Manchester to the commuter lot and Rails to Trails areas. Trail work continues in Manchester. The Town of Coventry approached the Town of Bolton about a joint trail application for a planning grant for the former Route 6 expressway properties now owned by the towns. They would be the lead agency but would like to include Bolton as a joint application. Staff from the two towns will prepare the application. M. Eremita made a motion to move forward with the Town of Coventry on the grant application. R. Neil seconded. Vote 5:0:0.

B. Lower Bolton Lake Status Report: DEEP gave notice that they will be drawing the lake down by 18 inches. G. Marrion and R. Morra attended Thursday's meeting (Oct. 27) of the Friends of Bolton Lakes. R. Morra commented that the meeting was well-organized, well-run, and well-attended. A Northeast Aquatics representative spoke on invasive species and, an engineer from DEEP spoke about looking at the piping between Middle and Lower Bolton Lake.

C. FY17 Budget Report: Tax collection is at 98.85%. The town is 29.69% expensed, compared to 47.51% at this point last year. R. Morra stated that unemployment funding is a concern due to the number of recent claims for the town and BOE.

D. Consider and Act on 2017 Meeting Dates: R. Morra moved to adopt the schedule as follows, seconded by R. Neil. Vote 5:0:0.

January 3 rd		April 4 th
11 th	Budget Workshop	May 2 nd
17 th	Budget Workshop	June 6 th
24 th	Budget Workshop	July 11 th
31 st	Budget Workshop	August 1 st
February 7 th		September 5 th
15 th	Budget Workshop	October 3 rd
21 st	Budget Workshop	November 14 th
28 th	Budget Workshop	December 5 th
March 7 th		

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

7. **Ongoing Business:**

A. Subcommittee Reports: The Finance and Administration Subcommittee met to review next year's wage proposal for non-union personnel. The proposal is for budgeting purposes only. The BOS

reviewed and discussed the proposal. G. Marrion and S. Pierog did not think the BOS should give themselves a raise. M. Eremita understood their position, but said the raise was in practicality only a gesture, as it would work out to about \$2/month. G. Marrion and S. Pierog thought that if it was only a gesture, then it would be just as well to do without it. G. Marrion asked to clarify that the figures were for budgetary purposes only and no action was being taken on them at this point. M. Eremita affirmed no action was to be taken at this point. He said the subcommittee did recommend these numbers for budgetary purposes and for next year's salary and wage use, but their use will be voted on when the BOS finalizes the budget. R. Morra noted that they based the increases on the general increases agreed on for union workers. M. Eremita moved, seconded by R. Neil, to move forward for using the wage proposal for budgetary purposes only, including the \$18 per hour for the registrars and \$13 per hour for the deputy registrars. Vote 5:0:0.

B. Properties and Facilities: S. Pierog reported that we are waiting to hear from the contractor about additional work at Heritage Farm Barn.

C. Revenue Sources: Bolton applied for and received a \$5,000 public safety grant which will support policing for seatbelts.

8. First Selectman's Report:

A. Board of Education Capital Projects: R. Morra said a point to discuss for the upcoming 3 Board Meeting is the carpet replacement. The BOE was asked to get final quotes for asbestos abatement and carpet replacement for bonding. BOE asked about doing a separate bond for just the carpet which is not feasible. R. Morra stated that he thought the BOS should go with an estimated amount and take the remainder from the capital budget if necessary.

B. Economic Development: Dunkin' Donuts is still looking at two possible locations in town. A larger residential parcel just went up for sale on Brandy Street.

C. Fracking Ordinance: Attorney Barger sent some more comments on language for a fracking ordinance. S. Pierog said that Andover recently passed their fracking ordinance and recommended that the BOS take a look at the language. M. Eremita agreed.

D. 3 Board Meeting: Meeting November 2.

9. Administrative Officer's Report: J. Stille provided a written report as she was absent.

A. CRCOG:

1. MS-4: They reviewed 14 responses to RFI and met with UConn to discuss the work they intend to do on the project. Progress will continue after COST event, when they will find out what work is being done by whom.

2. Electronic Document Management: Conference call was held last week to agree on an approach for vendor negotiations.

3. Crumbling Foundations: Map provided showing reported incidents, FEMA funds requested by Governor, working with Congressman Courtney, Department of Housing and OPM on issue, most assessors have agreed to a uniformed approach, Building Officials working to have common approach, RFP for testing and engineering services due back this week (to CRCOG).

B. COST: J. Stille attended MS-4 session which was helpful. She will continue to work on the many things to be addressed by next April, and work with CRCOG, COST, and staff to develop a compliance plan.

C. Eastern Highlands Health District: An annual report was handed out and information on opioids in our district. An opioid education event is being planned for February. Also as FYI, state DPH is proposing that there only be a handful of health districts essentially run by the state with all towns contributing 1 ½% of their total operating budget (for Bolton well over a 200% increase)-we are fighting this proposal at all levels.

D. Contracts: J. Stille seeking approval to negotiate a possible contract extension with All American Waste. By consensus, the BOS agreed to consider an extension based on negotiations. Final terms would need to be approved by BOS.

10. Appointments: M. Eremita moved to appoint Alex Ansaldi, alternate member of the Economic Development Commission, Republican, to fill out the full member term (7/1/17) vacated by Neal Kerr, subject to resigning his alternate position. R. Neil seconded. Vote 5:0:0.

11. Executive Session: R. Neil made a motion to move into executive session to discuss land acquisition at 8:17p.m. M. Eremita seconded. Vote 5:0:0.

Executive session ended at 8:25p.m.

12. Adjournment: M. Eremita moved to adjourn. R. Neil seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m. Vote 5:0:0.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Benitez, Recording Secretary

Please see minutes of subsequent meetings for corrections to these minutes and any corrections hereto.