

The Board of Selectmen held a special meeting on July 26, 2016 at the Notch Road Municipal Center with First Selectman Robert Morra presiding. Also in attendance were: Selectmen Michael Eremita, Gwen Marrion and Sandra Pierog; and Administrative Officer Joyce Stille; and six (6) members of the public.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Morra called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Richard Tuthill spoke in favor of the natural gas line extension into Bolton citing various reasons including providing choices for homeowners of a cleaner fuel than oil and cash flow positive for Town but expressed concern about fracking waste.

Mr. Richard Treat also supported the extension of natural gas for the same reasons and encouraged the BOS to consider a fracking waste ordinance.

Mr. Morra shared that the state currently has a moratorium on fracking waste.

Mr. Brent Mayerson added his support for the natural gas line since it provides residents a choice and is positive for the Town.

Mr. Ray Hardy expressed his concerns about environmental impacts of processing and possible leakage.

A motion was made by Mr. Eremita, seconded by Ms. Pierog, to approve the natural gas extension in Bolton as proposed. Ms. Marrion supported the extension based on comments received, Mr. Eremita's statement that any Town facility renovation or expansion should include examining all energy options and opportunities for businesses on Route 44 but wanted the Selectmen to consider a fracking waste ordinance and professional help in review of contract documents.

Ms. Pierog supported the extension and development of a Town fracking waste ordinance. She stated the Town should be a proactive leader in addressing fracking waste.

Mr. Eremita supported the expansion and agreed with the need for a fracking waste ordinance. He cited the potential economic boost for businesses by the availability of natural gas while for Town facilities it provides an opportunity for cost savings. He stated natural gas makes sense now since other sources of energy are not fully viable yet. Mr. Morra supported the expansion since it provides options for citizens and businesses, provides opportunities for economic growth and the Town's contribution towards the infrastructure will be recouped by taxes and the Town's energy savings.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Based on comments from the Selectmen, Mr. Morra agreed to creating a fracking waste ordinance. The contract documents will be sent to Attorney Barger for review.

3. FARMERS' MARKET

Ms. Pierog shared information about the Bolton Heritage Farm Commission's Farmers' Market and Antique Tractor/Vehicle show on August 28th from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. This year, the commission is expanding the event to include local businesses as well.

A motion was made by Ms. Pierog, seconded by Ms. Marrion, to close Old Bolton Road in front of the library to traffic for the expansion onto the library lawn for the Farmers' Market and Antique Tractor/Vehicle Show on August 28, 2016. Motion unanimously passed.

4. DISCUSSION ON SOLARIZE CT MOU

Mr. Jay Stewart from the Energy Committee explained that the program is to select an installer that would provide discounts for the residents to use for a solar installation. Residents would still be able to choose any installer. The Selectmen asked Mr. Stewart to obtain more information and see if a list of approved installers could be used. Once the information is obtained, the Finance and Administration Subcommittee will review.

5. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Eremita, seconded by Ms. Marrion, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 P.M. Motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Joyce M. Stille
Administrative Officer

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