

The Board of Selectmen held its regular meeting on August 2, 2016, at the Town Hall with the First Selectman Robert Morra presiding. In attendance were: Selectmen Michael Eremita, Sandra Pierog, and Gwen Marrion. Selectman Robert Neil was absent. Administrative Officer Joyce Stille was also present.

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.
2. **Public Comment:** Bruce Dixon, Fire Chief, thanked the BOS for supporting the Fire Department's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. He also presented \$100 from sale of a surplus toolbox and asked that it be added to the Anniversary fund as in the case of previously sold surplus items.

Sylvia Ounpuu, 48 Stonehedge Lane, gave a Bike Walk Bolton update. She reported a car has been parked in front of the yellow gate at the Notch Hop River Trail entrance. Bike Walk Bolton will be meeting with Andover to discuss complete streets.

3. **Approval of Minutes:**

**A. July 5, 2016 Regular Meeting**– Motion by M. Eremita. G. Marrion seconded. With the amendment that the meeting in 7a is on August 4, not 8, the minutes were approved 4:0:0.

**B. July 26, 2016 Special Meeting** – No action taken.

4. **Correspondence:** A letter was received from DOT in response to residents' concerns, passed on by the BOS, about the risk for Route 6 safety issues due to the natural gas tankers for the Andover proposed natural gas infusion station. The BOS found the following issues with the letter: recent fatal accidents on Route 6 are not mentioned; it only addresses the eastbound side; and is limited to the distance in the terminus area of I384 and Notch Road. The BOS agreed to clarify to the DOT that they wanted to look at the impact of traffic and accident history from the Manchester Town line on I384 along Route 6 to the site in Andover through Bolton/ Coventry/ Andover.

5. **Unfinished Business:** None.

6. **New Business:**

**A. Charter Oak Greenway Shared Use Path and Path Extension:** No new information. A meeting will be set up when new information is ready.

**B. Lower Bolton Lake Status Report:** The Lake is doing well, but is being monitored due to recent heat and heavy rain. J. Stille reported her meeting with the Friends of Bolton Lake and Kim Welch was productive and included discussion of communication ideas.

**C. FY17 Budget Report:** The town is 14.16% expensed. An annual comment report was received from Moody's Investors Service. Bolton is considered to be in good standing.

**D. Discussion on Natural Gas Line:** The line was approved at the last meeting. The BOS is waiting to hear from Attorney Barger to comment on the contract review.

**E. Building Foundation Issue:** The State Attorney General wrote a legal analysis of the situation. CRCOG continues to work to unify towns on an approach and will have an actionable recommendation at the September meeting. Meanwhile, a request for a building permit fee waiver was received from a resident who wants to address their foundation. The general feeling of the BOS was favorable to such a waiver. Assessors will be meeting to develop a unified policy to approach re-evaluations consistently across towns.

**F. CT Fastrack Expansion Study:** J. Stille had distributed a summary of the last CT Fastrack Expansion Study. G. Marrion had attended the meeting about Fastrack as Route 44 had been raised as an option, but the plan is currently to use I-84. Willimantic is looking for a transit line to Hartford which might include a Bolton corridor.

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

## 7. Ongoing Business:

**A. Subcommittee Reports:** Meeting dates will be set and sent to the Selectmen.

**B. Properties and Facilities:** S. Pierog announced that Bolton Farmers' Market will be held August 28, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Heritage Farm. Heritage Weekend will be October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. She reported the barn painting and siding repairs are complete. The doors are finished but not in place yet. Bead board in the interior is in progress. They hope to be done by the end of August. She also requested the BOS allow the Heritage Farm Committee to take advantage of an offer to study the financial feasibility of the barn. Maura Cochran is offering a discounted rate of \$100/hr (from \$500). S. Pierog requested up to \$2000 for a study that could be used to either support the barn as a revenue generator or conclude it was not viable. The BOS asked for more info on the scope of the study.

R. Morra reported that the BCS sidewalks are done.

**C. Revenue Sources:** A CIRMA Members Equity Distribution check for \$8389 was received. S. Pierog moved to include the \$100 from the Fire Department toolbox sale for the Fire Department's 75<sup>th</sup> in the Anniversary Fund. Motion seconded by M. Eremita. Vote 4:0:0.

G. Marrion announced the Land Trust's 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be held Thursday, August 18, on Jon Treat's Farm. It will be outdoors, with hot dogs, hamburgers, dessert, and live music. Tickets are \$25/adult. There will also be Sunset Yoga at the Lucks' farm on Monday, August 8.

## 8. First Selectman's Report:

**A. Board of Education Capital Projects:** R. Morra said they are still looking for possibly another quote for the repair/renovation estimates for the BHS tennis courts. Carpeting project is progressing.

**B. Economic Development:** R. Morra asked if the BOS would be in favor of him getting into contact with businesses along the line to discuss the natural gas line. The BOS agreed.

**C. Community Road Safety Audit:** J. Stille, R. Morra, Lance Dimock, Patrice Carson, Resident State Trooper Dave Piela, and Joe Maselli (school representative and safety officer) and citizen at large Matt Wraight took part in the program. They discussed crosswalks, stop lines, calming methods such as narrower lanes and lower speed limits. The draft report will be done in 3-4 weeks, to be reviewed by the group.

**D. CRCOG Inter-Town Cooperation Award:** Bolton received this award for significant cooperation in a recreation program along with Coventry, Andover, Mansfield, and Ashford.

**9. Administrative Officer's Report:**

**A. Expressway Properties:** Nothing new to report. Coventry recently received deeds from DOT.

**B. CRCOG:**

**1. MS-4:** New regulations go into effect this year. Cooperative efforts to save money continue.

**2. Electronic Document Management:** J. Stille said they will be interviewing a series of firms for their views. It is another opportunity for joint effort across towns.

**10. Appointments:** None. After July appointments were made, a full list of vacancies was sent to chairs of committees. Openings are listed online.

**11. Adjournment:** Motion by M. Eremita. S. Pierog seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Benitez, Recording Secretary

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