

The Board of Selectmen held its regular meeting on July 5, 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. Administrative Officer Joyce Stille and Lake Commissioner Kim Welch were also present, as well as several residents present for public comment.

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Public Comment:** Raymond Hardy, 3 Brandy St., spoke in opposition to bringing in a natural gas line. He cited environmental and health concerns, especially fracking waste. He distributed materials by the Sierra Club. He hoped the town would explore other energy sources, such as geothermal or solar, instead. G. Marrion said a handful of CT towns have begun adding ordinances to prevent fracking waste and suggested the BOS consider passing an ordinance.

Sylvia Ounpuu, 48 Stonehedge Lane, reported on Bike Walk Bolton activity. The Family Fun Day booth was well-received. They and the Bolton Women's Club will send a group to an upcoming bike/walk rally. Barbara Amodio, 50 Volpi Road, said the June 3rd Bike Walk Summit was educational and its content might be beneficial to town groups such as the PZC. S. Ounpuu and the BOS discussed the possibility of putting up bicycle safety signage funded by donations. J. Adams added his experience being struck by a vehicle while biking in support of the difference that awareness could make.

Richard Treat, 8 Lyman Road, expressed his high regard for the capability of town boards and staff. He hoped they would find ways to expand and improve communication with each other and the town, which he believed would allow everyone to operate at their best. He referred to a Colorado town newsletter which incorporated avenues for organized feedback as an example.

3. **Approval of Minutes:**

A. June 7, 2016 Regular Meeting– Motion by R. Neil. M. Eremita seconded. A vote of 5:0:0 was added to item #7b Properties and Facilities. G. Marrion asked to edit "S. Pierog moved, seconded by G. Marrion to request our State legislators and DOT to do a traffic study and send copies out to the three towns affected" in item #8c Natural Gas to read "S. Pierog moved, seconded by G. Marrion to request our State legislators and DOT to do a traffic study and send copies out to the three towns affected in addition to the legislators." With these amendments, the minutes were approved 5:0:0.

B. June 14, 2016 Special Meeting – Motion by R. Neil. M. Eremita seconded. "Mr. Pierog" amended to "Ms. Pierog" in #5. Vote 5:0:0.

4. **Correspondence:** None.

By consensus the BOS agreed to move appointments up on the agenda. Jim Adams submitted a form expressing interest in a seat on the Energy Committee. M. Eremita moved to appoint J. Adams to the Energy Committee for a term ending 7/1/19. R. Neil seconded. Vote 5:0:0.

5. **Unfinished Business:** None.

6. New Business:

A. Charter Oak Greenway Shared Use Path and Path Extension: J. Stille said the BSC survey is 90% done.

B. Lower Bolton Lake Status Report: Kim Welch, Lake Commissioner, reported good clarity. The invasive curly weed is turning brown and fading, indicating the treatment was successful. The Everbridge notification system will be used to communicate treatment warnings in the future. K. Welch and J. Stille will be at the Lake Association meeting Thursday. J. Stille said the consultant's report was distributed to the BOS and is on the Town's website.

C. FY16 Budget Report: There will be a finalized FY 2015-16 budget report, perhaps in August. The draft currently shows the town expensed at 92.74%, with some outstanding items and invoices still coming in.

D. FY17 Budget Report: The finalized FY 2016-17 budget is now on file with the town clerk and copies were distributed.

E. Consider and Act on Banking Resolution: R. Neil moved to approve the following resolution:

“RESOLVED: Those Pursuant to Sec. 7-402 of the Connecticut General Statutes the following depositories are designated for use by the Town of Bolton:

Bank of America

Webster Bank

First Niagara Bank

Connecticut State Treasurer's Short Term Investment Fund

Citizens Bank

United Bank

M B I A

TDBank

Farmington Bank

Sovereign Bank

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that Webster Bank, be and hereby is designated as the primary depository of this town and that the officials of this town be and hereby are and each of them is, authorized to deposit any of the funds of this town in said Webster Bank.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that, until further order of this Board of Selectmen, any funds of this town deposited in said Webster bank, be subject to withdrawal or change at any time and from time to time upon checks, notes, drafts, bills of exchange, acceptances, or other instruments for the payment of money or upon directions for the wire transfer of money when made, signed, drawn accepted, endorsed or orally directed on behalf of this town, by any two of the following:

Catherine H. Peterson, Treasurer

Jill F. Collins, Chief Financial Officer/Deputy Treasurer
Robert R. Morra, First Selectman

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that, until further order of this Board of Selectmen, Kristin Heckt, Superintendent of Schools, shall be an authorized signature on the checking accounts of the Board of Education in addition to those individuals authorized above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that Webster Bank is hereby authorized to pay any such instrument or make any such charge and also to received the same from the payee or any other holder without inquiry as the circumstances or issue or the disposition of the proceeds even if drawn to the individual order of any signing person, or payable to said Webster Bank or others for this account, or tendered in payment of his individual obligation, and whether drawn against an account in the name of this town or in the name of any official of this town as such.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk or Assistant Town Clerk of this town be and hereby are authorized to certify to said Webster Bank, that these resolutions have been duly adopted and that they are in conformity with the Connecticut General Statutes and the Charter and Ordinances of the Town of Bolton.”

M. Eremita seconded. Resolution passed 5:0:0.

F. Discussion on Natural Gas Line: A letter was received from the Energy Committee with comments on the potential project. There will be a public informational discussion meeting on a potential natural gas line, including financial aspects, at 7:00 PM, Thursday, July 21st. The BOS agreed to hold a meeting to discuss it at 7:30 PM, Tuesday, July 26th.

G. Consider and Act on Budget Transfer and/or Appropriation Requests:

None.

7. Ongoing Business:

A. Subcommittee Reports: The BOS will meet at 7:00 PM, August 8 at the Notch Road Municipal Center for a personnel review meeting, which will be held in executive session.

B. Properties and Facilities: S. Pierog reported that the east side of the Heritage Farm barn is 80% complete.

For the Bolton High School project, the LEED certification was received. There will need to be a final meeting of the Temporary Public Commission to close out the project. The Board of Education will also need to meet. Financial submissions will follow.

C. Revenue Sources: No update.

8. First Selectman’s Report:

A. Board of Education Capital Projects: R. Morra said BCS sidewalk replacement is going well. Damaged posts were replaced at the tennis courts. Staff is working on estimates for tennis court repairs long and short term. Carpet/tile replacement project is to begin this week.

B. Economic Development: None.

C. Building Foundation Issue: The BOS agreed by consensus to send a drafted letter to Governor Malloy detailing ways the State could offer support. The last Town Administrator's Report show on Community Voice Channel was on the foundation issue.

9. Administrative Officer's Report:

A. Expressway Properties: The deed from the state to the Town was recorded for the properties between Notch Road and Notch Road Extension. No update on the other properties.

B. Personnel: J. Stille said Angela Carrier has retired as of July 1st after 26 years of service. Kathleen McCavanagh has started in the secretary position. Background checks are in progress for a part-time clerk position.

10. Appointments: Motion by M. Eremita, R. Neil seconded to re-appoint John Roback and Cheryl Udin to Board of Fire Commissioners, term 7/1/21. Vote 5:0:0.

Motion by M. Eremita, R. Neil seconded to re-appoint Ann Maulucci and Sandra Pierog to Bolton Heritage Farm Commission, term 7/1/19. Vote 5:0:0.

Motion by M. Eremita, R. Neil seconded to re-appoint Holly MacDonald s an alternate on the Inland Wetlands Commission, term 7/1/20. Vote 5:0:0.

Motion by S. Pierog, G. Marrion seconded to re-appoint Craig Segur as Animal Control Officer and Jerold Casidac as Assistant Animal Control Officer, term 7/1/16. Vote 5:0:0.

Motion by M. Eremita, R. Neil seconded to appoint Jennifer Ochoa as Municipal Agent, term 7/1/18. Vote 5:0:0.

11. Adjournment: R. Neil moved to adjourn. M. Eremita seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Benitez, Recording Secretary

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