

The Board of Selectmen held a special meeting on March 8, 2016, at the Town Hall with the First Selectman Robert Morra presiding. In attendance were: Selectmen Michael Eremita, Robert Neil, Gwen Marrion, and Sandra Pierog; and Administrative Officer Joyce Stille.

### **1. Call to Order**

Mr. Morra called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

### **2. Consider and Act on FY17 Budgets**

The group reviewed a cost of \$107,428 general government reductions. As the result of the previous week's ConnectiCare health insurance quote, health insurance costs are reduced from the original submission. However, changes for four (4) personnel from waiving or from single to family coverage results in a \$57,193 increase. If insurance is delayed for six months for one position, this is reduced by \$4,425. The Resident State Trooper program shifting to 100% Town funding equals a projected \$61,039 increase. A motion was made by Mr. Neil, seconded by Mr. Eremita, to approve a general government budget of \$5,654,920. Motion unanimously passed.

The Selectmen reviewed the capital reserve budget, \$509,000 and capital improvement budget, \$22,500. The CAPA Committee had recommended the capital reserve budget. A motion was made by Mr. Eremita, seconded by Mr. Neil, to approve the capital budget of \$531,500. Motion unanimously passed.

The Selectmen discussed the debt budget. Current year, there is a deficit in Columbia tuition funding of debt service due to fewer Columbia students. For next year, there is an additional reduction in Columbia students resulting in an increase in debt. School projects 45 students and 44 students were used for the FY17 debt budget. A motion was made by Mr. Neil, seconded by Mr. Eremita, to approve the debt budget of \$1,135,989. Motion unanimously passed.

### **3. Consider and Act on Appropriation Request and Resolution**

A motion was made by Mr. Eremita, seconded by Mr. Neil, to approve an appropriation request of \$340,000 for Bolton Center School capital projects and the following resolution:

#### **2016/17 Board of Education Facilities Improvements Program**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen recommends to the Board of Finance and the Town Meeting that the Town of Bolton appropriate \$340,000, and that the Town issue bonds or notes and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$340,000 to finance the appropriation, for costs related to the Fiscal Year 2016/17 Board of Education Facilities Improvements Program at Bolton Center School, consisting of:

(a) carpet removal, floor tile asbestos abatement and carpet and/or tile replacement for the K-3 building section, first floor section and second floor sections including related work and improvements (estimated cost of \$260,000);

(b) lavatories and locker rooms renovations and replacements in the grades 5 through 8 section of the school including related work and improvements (estimated cost of \$50,000); and

(c) building oil burner and circulating pumps replacement including related work and improvements (estimated cost of \$30,000).

The appropriation may be spent for design, acquisition, installation and construction costs, related work and improvements, equipment, materials, architectural/engineering services, consulting fees, testing costs, survey costs, legal and administrative costs related to the projects, costs related to any application for and acceptance of available grants, legal fees, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the projects. The Board of Selectmen shall be authorized to determine the scope and particulars of the projects and may reduce or modify the scope of the projects, and the entire appropriation may be spent on the projects as so reduced or modified; and shall be further authorized to delegate to the Temporary Public Building Commission all or any portion of such authority with respect to all or any portion of the project.

Motion unanimously passed. (Ms. Stille left the meeting.)

#### **4. Chief Financial Officer**

A motion was made to confirm the hiring of Jill Collins as the Town's Chief Financial Officer. Motion unanimously passed.

#### **5. Communications**

Discussion was held on the Selectmen having Town email addresses. No action was taken.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce M. Stille  
Administrative Officer

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