

The Board of Selectmen (BOS) held a meeting on March 29, 2016 at the Town Hall with First Selectman Robert Morra presiding. Also in attendance were: Selectmen Michael Eremita, Robert Neil, Gwen Marrion and Sandra Pierog; Administrative Officer Joyce Stille3; and ten members of the public.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Morra called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Rod Parlee, Conservation Commission, discussed the need for new members to be appointed to the Open Space Committee. They have not had a quorum for a meeting for quite some time. The committee was created by ordinance and is an advisory committee on open space issues. Ms. Marrion (past chair of Open Space Committee) added that one of the committees primary functions is to provide an advisory opinion to the Planning and Zoning Commission when a subdivision was submitted as to the acceptance of open space versus the fee in lieu required by the applicant.

The next five speakers spoke about the formation of a new organization called Bike Walk Bolton.

Sylvia Ounpuu, 44 Stonehedge Lane, shared that the Bike Walk Bolton is a volunteer organization made up of Bolton residents whose mission is to advocate for the expansion of safe, practical and accessible means for moving about the community for pedestrians, cyclists and the handicapped. Details on the goals and objectives were shared.

Jim Adams, 44 Stonehedge Lane, shared a letter from Mansfield supporting the creation of a trail along Route 44.

Barbara Amodio, 50 Volpi Road, reviewed informational outreach efforts by the group including a facebook page.

Arlene Fiano, 6 Bayberry Road, discussed activities of the group which will include participation in the Memorial Day parade.

Kim Welch, 51 Vernon Road, talked about the importance of keeping the rural nature of Bolton for walkers and cyclists.

Richard Treat, 8 Lyman Road, discussed Bolton Heritage Farm barn work and requested that repair work extend beyond the fire damage.

Ms. Pierog and Ms. Stille shared information on meeting held at barn with architect and contractor. We will be obtaining quotes on additional painting, siding repair, concrete work and other items. The goal is to complete as many items as funding will permit.

Greg Zalewski, 1020 Boston Turnpike, shared his continued concerns about any type of trail along Route 44 due to recent accidents and overall safety.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. February 16, 2016 Budget Workshop

A motion was made by Mr. Neil, seconded by Mr. Eremita, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion unanimously passed.

B. February 23, 2016 Budget Workshop

A motion was made by Mr. Neil, seconded by Mr. Eremita, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion unanimously passed.

C. March 1, 2016 Special Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Neil, seconded by Mr. Eremita, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion unanimously passed.

D. March 8, 2016 Special Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Neil, seconded by Mr. Eremita, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion unanimously passed.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence from the Town of Mansfield regarding support of a trail expansion and also from the Bike Walk Bolton group were previously discussed.

Also received was a request from Dani Kennedy regarding the 39th Annual Road Race. A motion was made by Mr. Eremita, seconded by Mr. Neil, to approve the 39th Annual Road Race for Sunday, March 12, 2017 with the usual conditions including notification of residents in the area. Motion unanimously passed.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Charter Oak Greenway Shared Use Path and Path Extension

Mr. Morra reported that the BCS Group Final Report has been delivered. A copy is available at the library and at the Town Clerk's office.

Ms. Still added that the BSC Group's survey has started.

B. Lower Bolton Lake Status Report

Informational meeting will be March 30, 2016, 7P.M. at Town Hall. Lake Commissioner Kim Welch reported that the lake has refilled and is flowing over the spillway but water is greener than same time last year. Friends of Bolton Lakes do not support the state stocking fish in the lake.

C. FY16 BUDGET REPORT

Ms. Stille shared report through March 29th showing 62.04 % expensed.

D. FY17 Budget

E. Consider and Act on Budget Transfer and or Appropriation Requests

Fewer Columbia students than projected by Board of Education results in insufficient funding of debt within the School Capital Fund. A motion was made by Mr. Eremita, seconded by Mr. Neil, to approve within the debt budget a transfer of \$19,000 from Bond and Note Expense to Redemption of Bonds, Long Term Debt-BHS Bond II. Motion unanimously passed.

In addition, a motion was made by Mr. Eremita, seconded by Mr. Neil, to approve an appropriation request of \$25,000 to the Debt, Redemption of Bonds, Long Term Debt-BHS Bond II.

Motion unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Eremita, seconded by Mr. Neil, to transfer \$12,000 in the Finance budget from the regular payroll line item to the other contracts line item for the interim finance director. Motion unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Eremita, seconded by Ms. Pierog, to transfer in the Fire Commission budget \$4,000 from the repairs and maintenance line item to the new equipment line item and \$3,000 from the repairs and maintenance line item to the uniforms and supplies line item. Motion unanimously passed.

7. ONGOING BUSINESS

A. Subcommittee Reports

Mr. Morra stated that the Human Resources Subcommittee and Finance and Administration Subcommittee will need to meet over the next month.

B. Properties and Facilities

Bolton Heritage Farm barn work was previously discussed.

For the Bolton High School LEED certification, the engineering firm BVH is collecting the necessary information for the architect.

C. Revenue Sources

None.

8. First Selectman's Report

A. Board of Education Capital Projects

The Board of Education is now discussing changing some of the sidewalks and changing the turn at the end of the main driveway towards the parking lot for the main school entrance at Bolton Center School. If either of these changes proceed, more funding would be required as well as an 8-24 referral. For the carpeting/tile replacement project at Bolton Center School, the funding requested by the Board of Education did not include prevailing wage which will add cost to the project. The Board of Education also just discovered that grant funds are available for the asbestos abatement portion. There is a separate application project.

B. Economic Development

Mr. Morra reported that Simoniz is close to having a CO for its expansion and hopes to have the new addition assembly line operational this summer.

At the drive in property site, soil testing has been completed.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

A. Expressway Properties

No update.

B. Personnel

New custodian Justin Sanborn has started work this week.

C. NextGenCT Pathways to UCONN: Eastern Gateways Study

First Technical Advisory meeting was held. Public meetings will occur between April and July. Name of study has been changed to Eastern Gateway Study with

names of towns underneath. We will be posting items and information on the Town's website.

10. APPOINTMENTS

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Neil, seconded by Mr. Eremita, to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 P.M. Motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce M. Stille
Administrative Officer

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