

The Board of Selectmen held its regular meeting on June 6, 2017, at the Notch Road Municipal Center, with the First Selectman Robert Morra presiding. In attendance were Selectmen Michael Eremita, Robert Neil, Gwen Marrion, and Sandra Pierog. Administrative Officer Joyce Stille was also present. A few members of the public attended.

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:28 p.m.
2. **Public Comment:**

Barbara Amodio, 50 Volpi Road, gave a Bike Walk Bolton update. The trail ride was very successful. The trail infrared counter results are being calibrated and then will be finalized.
3. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - a. **March 28, 2017 Meeting:** Michael Eremita moved to approve. R. Neil seconded. Vote 5:0:0.
 - b. **April 11, 2017 Special Meeting:** M. Eremita moved to approve. R. Neil seconded. Vote 5:0:0 with the following amendments: "fridge" corrected "fringe" in the fourth paragraph of item #2, and "Statute 12-1076" corrected to "Statute 12-07b" in item #4A.
 - c. **May 11, 2017 Special Meeting:** R. Neil moved to approve. M. Eremita seconded. With the deletion of the typo "has" in the first sentence of item #7b, vote 5:0:0.
 - d. **May 15, 2017 Special Meeting:** R. Neil moved to approve. M. Eremita seconded. Vote 4:0:1, G. Marrion abstaining due to absence at that meeting.
 - e. **May 23, 2017 Special Meeting:** M. Eremita moved to approve. R. Neil seconded. Vote 5:0:0.
4. **Correspondence:** None.
5. **Unfinished Business:** None.
6. **New Business:**
 - a. **Charter Oak Greenway Shared Use Path and Path Extension:** Work continues. R. Morra will look into the reported tree removal.
 - b. **Lower Bolton Lake Status Report:** Consultant George Knoecklein will be giving his annual report presentation at 7:00 PM, June 20, at the Town Hall. G. Knoecklein is also still looking at a curly pondweed treatment for a portion of the lake. R. Morra reported that the meeting with fisheries went well. All parties agreed on a three year plan. Depending on lake analysis results, moderate stocking may occur in out years. The annual request for a drawdown has been sent to the state by both Bolton and Vernon. K. Welch reported some fertilizer runoff issues which the town will look into with Vernon.

- c. **FY 17 Budget Report:** The town is expensed at 80.75%. Tax collection is at 100.59% of the budgeted amount. .
- d. **FY 18 Budget:** The state budget has yet to pass. In the event that the Town Budget passes today, June 6, there will be a Special Meeting on June 12, at 8:15 pm, Town Hall, to work on reductions.
- e. **Consider and Act on Adoption of Storage, Disposal, and Use of Hydraulic Fracturing Waste Ordinance:** R. Neil moved to adopt the ordinance as presented at the public hearing. G. Marrion seconded. Vote 4:0:1, R. Morra abstaining as he felt it would be better to allow more time to see how the state would treat the issue and consider public input from the hearing.
- f. **Consider and Act on Budget Transfer Requests:** The following transfers were made: In the Administration budget, \$275.00 from Regular Payroll to Other Payroll. In the Town Building Operations budget, \$3,400.00 from Equipment to Maintenance & Supplies, and \$1,400.00 from Professional & Business Training to Maintenance & Supplies. In the Bentley Memorial Library budget, \$165.00 from Library Materials to Office Operating Equipment.

7. Ongoing Business:

- a. **Subcommittee Reports:** No updates.
- b. **Properties and Facilities:** The bridge over I-384 has to be redecked. The Notch Road Municipal Center tank was pulled with no contamination found. The Herrick Park tank will be pulled soon. Maple Valley is being paved this week. In addition, natural gas line route plan has been approved. BCS bid out the laboratories/locker room work. There was \$50,000 budgeted; the total is projected at \$65,000. The BOE will pick up the remainder within the current year budget. Floor replacement will continue after the school year ends.

All high school project documentation will be submitted according to the agreed deadline. In the case of pursuing legislative approval, R. Morra reported that state representatives advised targeting next year's session as the state is overwhelmed with such requests this year. This will also allow for the audit to be completed as it must be before the state can act on an approval request.

- c. **Revenue Sources:** Nothing new to report.

8. First Selectman's Report:

- a. **Shared Services:** The meeting was very informative. G. Marrion would be interested in the memorandum Mansfield has as the basis of their working agreement. The BOS discussed approaches to structuring shared staff.

- b. **Retreat:** The retreat is being slated for July.

R. Morra also reported that the town has completed the purchase of 53.5 acres of land abutting the high school to the north, using funds currently available in the open space acquisition fund. The purchase will be on the Planning and Zoning Commission's agenda for June 14, 2017.

9. Administrative Officer's Report:

- a. **CRCOG:** A letter advocating for suggested strategies that would benefit the towns in CRCOG has been sent to the state.
- b. **Bond Issuance:** Bolton has maintained its bond rating. At least \$30,000 in savings are expected next year as a result of refinancing. We were able to slightly decrease our borrowing amount by applying the premium to the projects.
- c. **Connectivity Grant:** The second phase has started. Towns do not have to have participated in the first phase to do so in the second. Bolton did participate in the first. G. Marrion suggested Bike Walk Bolton be included in grant discussions.
- d. **Nathan Hale Greenway:** With Coventry, interviews for a consultant will be done in the next couple of weeks.

J. Stille also reported that 7 staff joined her at the CTCMA (Manager's Association) for its annual conference for professional development. For health insurance, our claims were back up last month so additional savings may not be possible.

10. Appointments: None.

- 11. Executive Session: Administrative Officer's Goals:** A motion was made by M. Eremita, seconded by R. Neil, to enter into executive session at 8:42 p.m. and to include J. Stille in the discussion to discuss the Administrative Officer's goals. Vote 5:0:0.
Executive session ended at 8:48 p.m. A motion was made by M. Eremita, seconded by R. Neil, to approve the Administrative Officer's goals. Vote 5:0:0.

12. Consider and Act on 3rd Referendum Date (if necessary): No action taken.

- 13. Adjournment:** A motion was made by R. Neil, seconded by S. Pierog, to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m. Vote 5:0:0.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Benitez, Recording Secretary

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

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