

The Board of Selectman held its regular meeting on August 8, 2017, at the Bolton Town Hall, with the First Selectman Robert Morra presiding. In attendance were: Selectmen Michael Eremita, Gwen Marrion, and Sandra Pierog; Administrative Officer Joyce Stille; Board of Education Chair Elizabeth Krueger; and Energy Committee candidate Brian Blass.

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.
2. **Public Comment:** Resident Brian Blass discussed his interest in serving on the Energy Committee. He also had questions on the bike path discussed under New Business.
3. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - a. **July 11, 2017 Meeting:** G. Marrion moved to approve. M. Eremita seconded. Vote 4:0:0.
 - b. **July 12, 2017 Retreat:** M. Eremita moved to approve. R. Morra seconded. Vote 4:0:0.
 - c. **July 17, 2017 Special Meeting:** R. Morra had not completed the minutes.
4. **Correspondence:** None
5. **Unfinished Business:** None
6. **New Business:**
 - a. **Charter Oak Greenway Shared Use Path and Path Extension:** The BOS discussed the plan for finishing the path. R. Morra is going to inquire regarding which portions of the path are going to be paved or remain gravel. G. Marrion asked about the status of the DOT report for area of the path between the Notch Pond and the post office. The report has not been finished because the scope of the project has been broadened. In order to have the best chance of getting funding, consideration is being given to a slight realigning of the highway to address safety issues.
 - b. **Lower Bolton Lake Status Report:** J. Stille reported that the potential algae issue at the lake had dissipated. Middle Bolton Lake was treated for milfoil but also has fanwort. Lower Bolton Lake is being watched carefully.
 - c. **FY17 Budget Report:** J. Stille reported that the Town is still receiving bills from last fiscal year, but at this point the bills are fairly remote and nothing big is expected. Since the July 11, 2017 meeting there have been three transfers. The tax collector summary demonstrates that overall the Town did exceptionally well collecting taxes.
 - d. **FY18 Budget:** The FY18 Budget is 11.53% expended through July 31, 2018.

- e. **Consider and Act on Community Voice Channel Contract:** The contract reflected the changes previously discussed. The agreement has been signed by Community Voice Channel and requires authorization from the BOS. M. Eremita moved to authorize the contract. S. Pierog seconded. Vote 4:0:0.
- f. **Consider and Act on Budget Transfers and/or Appropriation Requests:** None

7. Ongoing Business:

- a. **Subcommittee Reports:** The BOS discussed the location of the cistern at Bolton Center School and the timing of operations should the cistern need to be used during school hours. Potential drawbacks include buses transporting children and parents picking up students. With traffic being directed by Fire Department personnel, any impact on the school would be minor. Trees would need to be removed for installation of a cistern. Advantages of the cistern include fire protection for the Town buildings and residences in the area. It is also unlikely that the cistern would be an interruption to school operations.

M. Eremita moved that the initial site for the cistern along Notch Road by the entrance to Bolton Center School be the official location. R. Morra seconded. S. Pierog requested input from the Chairwoman of the Board of Education prior to the vote. The Chairwoman reported that the Board of Education was initially concerned about timing, getting children home promptly, and communicating with parents. However, with a better understanding of the minimal disruption that the cistern would have on the school day, the Board of Education is in favor of putting the cistern in the location that is best for the Town. R. Morra called for vote. Vote 3:1:0, with G. Marrion opposing, motioned carried.

- b. **Properties and Facilities:** J. Stille reported on the status of the conversion to natural gas in Town buildings. The removal of the library underground fuel tank was delayed due to title issues and is tentatively scheduled for next week.

The last strip of the gas line is being worked on currently. The lines to Notch Road buildings should be charged by next week. G. Marrion asked about CNG's obligation to fix the highway. R. Morra stated that the gas line will be left accessible for the next two years for tie in purposes. G. Marrion expressed concern about the safety and usability of the road for pedestrians and cyclists with the road's current conditions.

The Bolton High School Audit will begin October 31st.

- c. **Revenue Sources:** There are no sources of revenue coming in from the state. The state will not be distributing the municipal revenue sharing account. In addition the governor has requested information about assigned and unassigned fund balances. Bolton has put its reserves towards next year's budget. Due to the uncertainty of Town Aid Road funds, further road paving will be delayed until spring.

In response to an inquiry, R. Morra asked for a motion to move to the “Appointments” portion of the evening, before returning to the scheduled order of agenda items. G. Marrion moved. M. Eremita seconded. Vote 4:0:0.

8. Appointments

R. Morra called for a motion to appoint Brian Blast to the Energy Committee. S. Pierog moved. M. Eremita seconded. Vote 4:0:0.

A. Fiano recently requested to be reappointed to Bolton Heritage Farm Commission. S. Pierog moved to reappoint A. Fiano. R. Morra seconded. Vote 4:0:0.

J. Stille requested that the BOS confirm the reappoint of the current acting deputy fire marshals. Laurie Volkert and James Rupert as approved by the Fire Commissioner. M. Eremita moved to reappoint. R. Morra seconded. Vote 4:0:0.

9. First Selectman’s Report:

- a. Land Adjacent to Bolton High School:** R. Morra recommended creating a subcommittee of the BOS under the Facilities and Public Safety Committee to develop a recommendation for the Planning and Zoning Committee regarding the land adjacent to the Bolton High School. R. Morra would like that subcommittee to include representatives from the Board of Education and Bolton Land Trust. The BOS discussed the appropriateness of such a committee and referenced the lack of a functioning Open Space Committee. As a strip of land adjacent to the Bolton High School may be beneficial to the Town, the BOS feels that it has an obligation to consider making a recommendation to Planning and Zoning.

The BOS discussed the size of the piece of property adjacent to the Bolton High School, its wetlands, and the current plan of development. There is no current subdivision plan on file.

- b. Natural Gas Line:** No additional comments.
- c. Ron Hainsey Day:** R. Hainsey, a native of Bolton, won the Stanley Cup with his hockey team. The Stanley Cup will be available for viewing on August 21st. The viewing location has not yet been determined. The Ice Palace and the Bolton High School are both being considered, with a location to be determined soon. R. Morra called for a motion to make August 21st Ron Hainsey Day. S. Pierog so moved. M. Eremita seconded. Vote 4:0:0.
- d. Formation of 300th Anniversary Committee:** Local boards, commissions, Historical Society, Student Council, Schools, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Lion’s Club, Land Trust, churches, Women’s Club and members of the public will be invited to join a committee. The committee will be in charge of developing subcommittees to organize the anniversary celebration.

10. Administrative Officer's Report:

- a. **CRCOG:** There was a recent meeting with staff regarding Electronic Document Management. J. Stille will be participating in a testimonial taping on CRCOG services.
 - b. **Joint Work on High School Fields:** The baseball field was laid out and cut to regulatory dimensions. In the spring, the mound and home plate areas will be worked on. There is new growth on the soccer fields. A concern has been expressed by the union regarding work being done by the Town at the school. No grievance has been filed. There will be a meeting with the union representative to address concerns.
 - c. **Nathan Hale Greenway:** The contract is currently under review. The BSC Group has started the information search.
- 11. Executive Session:** R. Morra asked for a motion to go in to executive session. M. Eremita so moved and to include J. Stille in the discussion on the Administrator's review. S. Pierog seconded. Vote 4:0:0. Executive session began at 8:37 p.m.

Executive session ended at 8:38 p.m.

12. Adjournment

A motion was made by S. Pierog, seconded by M. Eremita to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m. Vote 4:0:0

Respectfully submitted,

Rebekah Rupert, Recording Secretary

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