

The Board of Selectmen held a special meeting with members of the Board of Finance and Board of Education on January 31, 2018 at Bolton High School with First Selectman Sandra Pierog presiding. Also in attendance were: Selectmen Robert Morra and Michael Eremita; Administrative Officer Joyce Stille; Board of Education Chair Elizabeth Krueger; Superintendent Kristin Heckt; Recreation Director Kyleen Welchman; Dan Callahan; Columbia Little League President Scott Kenney; and Tanya LaPlante, Bolton Little League (7:40 p.m.),

1. Call to Order.

S. Pierog called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

2. Discussion on Outreach Efforts.

The group listened and shared thoughts/ideas about shared youth programs between Bolton and Columbia with Columbia Little League President S. Kenney. For Little League, Columbia desires to increase numbers and potential volunteers. S. Kenney will be meeting with Bolton's baseball/softball group on February 1st. One difference between the two towns' programs is Cal Ripkin (Bolton) versus Little League (Columbia). This is the one Columbia youth program that there is potential to share. Other sports are shared with towns already. While the conversation was very positive, a possible concern may be where games/practices are held and travel time. Everybody agreed that these items could be minimized.

K. Welchman shared that she continues to reach out to the Columbia Recreation Director. There is a shared bus trip to Boston in March. S. Pierog stated that the Columbia First Selectman and Board of Education Chair will meet with L. Krueger and herself on February 15th.

3. Discussion on Shared Services.

The group discussed shared services. Town staff will help finish work on the high school baseball field. K. Heckt also said help may be needed in June to move furniture at Bolton Center School for the asbestos abatement project. Discussions included staffing, cross training and benefits. The Board of Selectmen will develop potential job sharing reasoning, efficiencies and savings.

4. Discussion on Budget.

S. Pierog shared that towns have been told not to expect their second Town Aid Road payment from the state, which for Bolton is just over \$100,000. This may impact capital reserve funding for road resurfacing.

J. Stille shared that COST (Council of Small Towns) is reviewing the need to have a bus seat for every school child which could lower school transportation costs if it is not necessary to provide all the seats.

5. Discussion on Future Meetings.

Due to budget meetings, the next 3 board meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. April 23rd, at the BOE conference room. A June date will also be determined.

6. Adjournment

The meeting ended at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce M. Stille

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