

**Bolton Board of Selectmen**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**7:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 4, 2018**  
**Bolton Town Hall, 222 Bolton Center Road**  
**Minutes**

The Board of Selectmen held its regular meeting on September 4, 2018, at the Town Hall with First Selectman Sandra Pierog presiding. Also in attendance were Deputy Selectman Robert Morra, Selectmen Mike Eremita, Kim Miller (phone), Nicole Sullivan (phone), Administrative Officer Joyce Stille and 5 members of the public.

**1. Call to Order**

S. Pierog called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Public Comment**

Peter Van Dine, 81 Vernon Road, Bolton:

Mr. Van Dine has lived on Bolton Lake for 49 years and has been a member of The Friends of Bolton Lakes for 5 years. He has discussed problems with the lake with lake scientists and has an understanding of the science of the lake and he raised three concerns.

1. He is opposed to stocking channel catfish in the lake. Channel catfish stocking has been suspended by CTDEEP but it may be resumed next spring. He stated fish have been undersized. CTDEEP has caught several although they could not determine their age, they were able to determine that they were not younger than the previous stocking. There is no indication that they are breeding in the lake. He believes either the lake had been overstocked or they did not have enough to eat. They are generally voracious eaters of their own fry or other fish.
2. There is a plan to enhance the viability of the upper Bolton Lake dam. One culvert is blocked and the other is partially blocked. They should be opened. Construction is planned for mid to late October after the draw down. If Lower Bolton Lake is not drawn down at the same time as Middle Bolton Lake there is a potential for problems with nutrients.
3. There is an increase in visible algae in the water column. He believes it is not toxic bacteria but is green algae due to cold nights. He is opposed to copper sulfate treatment at this time as recreation is reduced in the fall, there is an expense and he doesn't want the Town to use chemical controls.

Lauren Lalancette, 1 Lakeside Circle, Bolton:

Ms. Lalancette is a member of The Friends of Bolton Lake. She is opposed to having catfish stocked in the lake.

Jerry Lalancette, 1 Lakeside Circle, Bolton:

Mr. Lalancette is a recreational fisherman and he enjoys the lake and fishing. He is also opposed to having catfish stocked in the lake. He noted that bass, pickerel and crappie were prevalent in past years but are not now. Small catfish have been caught recently but they are under the size limit. They are not the size that they used to be.

S. Pierog stated that there will be a meeting with CTDEEP on October 4, 2018, at Town Hall regarding this matter. The BOS is not in favor of stocking channel catfish. R. Morra noted that historically they were stocked to enhance sport fishing in the area not to modify the food chain.

P. Van Dine added that the fisheries biologist said that the catfish would eat the small fish that eat algae.

Kim Welch, 51 Vernon Road, Bolton:

Ms. Welch is the Lake Commissioner for Bolton. She noted the curly pond weed is in multiple locations. Remediation should take place in the fall before it reproduces. We are in the heat of an algae bloom right now. Northeast Aquatics Research has been contacted. People should use common sense when using the lake. Upcoming events include a meeting on October 4<sup>th</sup> as noted by S. Pierog. There will be a Friends of Bolton Lake forum on October 12<sup>th</sup> at Town Hall. The guest speaker will be Greg Bugbee, the leader of the CT aquatic plant program.

Barbara Amodio, 50 Volpe Road, Bolton:

Ms. Amodio thanked the many people that have helped to maintain the Hop River Trail. She urges the town to put out a statement to ease the minds of people that are posting “No More Bike Path” signs. The Nathan Hale Trail will not be a bike path. She distributed the following list of 8 questions:

1. We have requested that the committee that is drafting a grant proposal for the DEEP recreational grant include a frequent trail user(s), who is not employed by the town or on a town committee and may bring a unique perspective to the process. Is there a chance that you can do that?
2. Are there any plans for remediation of the dangerous trap rock section of the trail by Freja Park?
3. Will the trail’s committee apply for permission to install a port-o-pot in commuter lot? We have volunteered to find a sponsor for one.
4. Will the proposed give back of land impair access to the Hop River trail to/from Notch Rd ext?
5. We have requested trail improvements such as rock removal and bush trimming on the access trail from Notch Rd Ext to the trail. We have volunteers willing to help. Will the Town of Bolton be doing this and would you like volunteer assistance?
6. We notice that many of our roads along the sewer line have been repainted and that DOT 11’ guidelines were not followed. Can we expect future painting to follow the guidelines? It is known to reduce traffic speed and provide pedestrian/biking spaces.
7. Is there a chance that recent painting resulting from paving done after gas line installation can be remediated to accommodate the 11’ recommendation?
8. Please help to get access to the Charter Oak Greenway asap. We are getting many requests through Facebook and trail surveys about access. We would like access to the trail as soon as the final inspection is complete. When do you expect that to happen?

Re question #1: S. Pierog noted that two people that are not town employees are on the committee.

Re question #2: J. Stille noted that the CTDEEP and CTDOT are working on this but progress is slow.

We are willing to help but it is not our land.

Re question #3: No response at this time.

Re question #4: This does not impair access to the Hop River Trail

Re question #5: This is DEEP land. The grade is too steep to improve conditions.

Re questions #6 and #7: Only half of the road was paved. It will be considered for future line painting.

Re question #8: S. Pierog noted that access will be granted as soon as the final inspection is complete and the trail has been turned over to the state. Both sections Manchester and Bolton must be done. The Bolton portion is scheduled to be completed on schedule in November. There is no firm date on the Manchester portion.

Discussion ensued regarding the “No More Bike Path” signs. The general consensus was that spending on the new trails was excessive and that with the current state of the economy, funds could be better spent elsewhere.

### **3. Approval of Minutes**

#### **a. August 7, 2018 Meeting**

Under correspondence, add “An Email was received from Bike Walk Bolton”. R. Morra moved to approve the minutes as amended. M. Eremita seconded. K. Miller abstained. Motion passed.

### **4. Correspondence**

Email received from Bike Walk Bolton with info on activities for the month.

## **5. Unfinished Business**

None

## **6. New Business**

### **a. Charter Oak Greenway Shared Use Path and Path Extension**

There is a Trails meeting on September 5, 2018. The DEEP grant application is on the agenda.

### **b. Lower Bolton Lake Status Report**

K. Welch spoke on this under Public Comment.

### **c. FY18 Budget Report**

Unemployment was a big expense-\$34,000 spent versus the \$8,000 in the initial budget. A revised FY18 unexpended report was distributed. These are funds left in this line item since the state's billing is behind 2 months. These last 2 months we did not have anybody collecting unemployment.

### **d. FY19 Budget**

Expenditures through the end of August close to FY18 expenditures: 18.67% vs. 18.86% for 2018.

### **e. Consider and Act on Budget Transfers and/or Appropriation Requests**

None

## **7. Ongoing Business**

### **a. Subcommittee Reports**

S. Pierog noted that J. Stille did a great job on the minutes of the Finance and Admin meeting. There will be a Human Resources subcommittee meeting on September 11, 2018, after the town meeting.

### **b. Properties and Facilities**

The Town Hall is being painted. The cistern at Notch Road is close to completion. Indian Notch Park was full on Labor Day. The Fire Department training area was approved by the Inland Wetlands Commission. It will now go to the Planning and Zoning Commission for an 8-24 referral.

### **c. Revenue Sources**

Looking at grants for the trails and a dry hydrant for the fire department.

## **8. First Selectman's Report**

### **a. September 11<sup>th</sup> Ceremony**

Cosponsored with the Fire Dept on September 11, 2018 at 6:30, preceded at 6:15 by a musical interlude by the school system.

### **b. Special Town Meeting**

To be held on September 11, 2018, after the ceremony with the Fire Department for the discontinuance of the proposed state road and to return the former state owned land back to the residents (land between Notch Road and Notch Road Extension).

### **c. Other**

None

## **9. Administrative Officer's Report**

### **a. CRCOG: Crumbling Foundations**

There will be a meeting on September 15, 2018 from 3:00 to 5:00 at the South Windsor Town Hall. A presentation will be given for educational purposes.

Other CRCOG items, Bolton is participating in two other items – cyber security project and attendance/time tracking project.

**b. Eastern Gateways Study**

The project continues. Looking at November for a report to be out for final comments. Covers the Notch in Bolton to UCONN in Storrs. Looks at traffic flows now and in the future. Will reference trail studies. Will also highlight the 384 interchange.

**c. School Safety and Preparedness Forum**

October 10, 2018 at 6:30 at Bolton High School.

**d. Health Insurance Consortium**

Work continues with Eastconn to see what smaller towns can do together. Losses would be based on a larger group of employees. RFP to be put out to the marketplace in the fall.

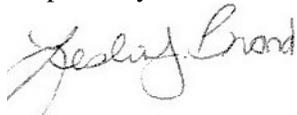
**10. Appointments**

None

**11. Adjournment**

M. Eremita moved to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. R. Morra seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Leslie Brand, Board Clerk

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