

The Board of Selectmen Finance and Administration Subcommittee held a meeting on July 30, 2019 at the Town Hall. Present were First Selectman Sandra Pierog; Selectmen Robert Morra, Michael Eremita and Kim Miller; Administrative Officer Joyce Stille; and Joshua Kelly.

1. Call to Order

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

2. Blight Ordinance

The group discussed and reviewed the Blight Ordinance based on Attorney Barger's comments. Revisions were made to the ordinance. By consensus, the Board of Selectmen (BOS) will set a September Public Hearing on the proposed ordinance.

J. Stille will review the ordinance with Attorney Barger one last time.

3. Sustainable CT

S. Pierog reviewed the process for Bolton to achieve recognition under Sustainable CT. A proposed resolution to move forward with the process was discussed. P. Carson will be the lead staff person with the Finance and Administration Subcommittee acting as the committee. Representation from other staff, commissions and public will work with the group as needed. Currently there is not any grant funds associated with the program but could be in the future.

4. Cemeteries

J. Stille reviewed with the group concerns about monument bases sinking and shifting in the cemeteries due to the continued spells of extremely wet weather. The cost is estimated to be \$1,000 to \$1,500 per monument to repair. J. Stille will explore options including any discount for doing multiple bases.

5. Hartford Foundation for Public Giving

The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving is giving communities \$50,000 now and an annuity for another \$50,000 whose interest can be used in the future. Each community is to propose names for a committee (5 to 15 members) to be established. Members for this committee should be individuals who currently are not active in Town groups, boards, commissions or elected positions. The funds are to be used for some type of improvement in Town or support of a local effort (can be Town or non-profits etc). The committee will review applications for funding submitted to them from various groups. Portions of the \$50,000 can be used for smaller grants or larger ones. The BOS will need to provide names to the Hartford Foundation for Giving for consideration on the committee.

6. 300th Anniversary

J. Stille reviewed the planning to date and ongoing work. The logo was reviewed. Fundraising items and activities are still being developed. Activities are being planned on a monthly basis. Some utilizing current annual events but adding the 300th. Still to be determined is an open house for Town Facilities. The Town Administrative Officer's Facebook page will be used as the 300th Facebook page. The Bolton Heritage Farm Commission has been guaranteed \$5,000 towards the encampment.

7. CEDAS Economic Development and Land Use Planning Certification

P. Carson will be submitting Bolton's application for certification. The program sets standards for best practices in economic development and land use among CT communities, recognizes communities that document the use of established best practices and drives communities to pursue excellence in land use and economic development practices. Part of our goal through this certification process is to demonstrate Bolton's business friendly framework.

8. Adjournment

The meeting ended at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce M. Stille
Administrative Officer

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