

**Bolton Board of Selectmen**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**7:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 3, 2019**  
**Bolton Town Hall, 222 Bolton Center Road**  
**Minutes**

The Board of Selectmen held its regular meeting on September 3, 2019, at the Town Hall with First Selectman Sandra Pierog presiding. Also in attendance were Deputy Selectman Robert Morra, Selectmen Mike Eremita, incoming Administrative Officer Joshua Kelly, Nicole Sullivan, Administrative Officer Joyce Stille and 5 members of the public

**1. Call to Order**

S. Pierog called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

All stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Public Comment**

Edward Steele, 21 Williams Road –Presented his proposed Eagle Scout project to create a garden between the two entrance driveways leading into Heritage Farm. Completion of the project is scheduled for April 2020. He will be working with the Heritage Farm Commission throughout the project. Native plants are preferred and he is hoping to work with local nurseries and gardeners for donations.

M. Eremita made a motion to approve the project as submitted. R. Morra seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Robert DePietro, 32 Bayberry Road-He thanked J. Stille for her service to the town and her help throughout her tenure.

Barbara Amodio representing Bike Walk Bolton also thanked Joyce for her service. She presented Josh Kelly with a package of biking trails and information.

Kim Welch, 51 Vernon Road-She thanked Joyce for her help with the lake issues and to her as Lake Commissioner. Also, Ms. Welch volunteered for the RiMaConn relay and said how well run the event was and that is was a great event to celebrate the trails system.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

**A. August 6, 2019 Regular Meeting**

R. Morra made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. M. Eremita seconded. Motion passed 4:0:1. N. Sullivan abstained.

**B. August 20, 2019 Retreat**

R. Morra made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. M. Eremita seconded. Motion passed 4:0:1. N. Sullivan abstained.

**5. Correspondence**

A thank you letter was received from the organizers of RiMaConn thanking Bolton for their participation and support.

**6. Unfinished Business**

None

## 7. New Business

### A. Charter Oak Greenway Shared Use Path and Path Extension

S. Pierog noted that the grand opening will be held on October 12, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Commuter Parking Lot

### B. Lower Bolton Lake Status Report

Kim Welch noted that the lake is in good shape. The clarity is good although the natural color of the lake is brown. The curly pond weed was harvested in early August.

### C. FY19 Budget

Unaudited FY19 balances were presented. There was no significant change from the prior month.

### D. FY20 Budget

The tax collector summary was presented. 92.22% of the property tax has been collected. 74.44% of Motor vehicle tax has been collected. There are no significant concerns. For FY20, 19.75% of the budget has been expensed through August 30, 2019 compared to 18.86% last year.

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

None

## 8. Ongoing Business

### A. Subcommittee Reports

None

### B. Properties and Facilities

S. Pierog noted that the roof on Heritage Farm has been completed. The Historical Society funded half of the cost with the other half being funded from the Heritage Farm Fund.

### C. Revenue Sources

No new revenue sources.

## 9. First Selectman's Report

### A. Public Hearing on Blight Ordinance

To be held on September 18, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

### B. Other

Concerns were discussed with the Town Auditor. He agreed to take a different approach in the coming year.

## 10. Administrative Officer's Report

### A. Personnel

J. Stille reached an agreement with Ashford to share building official services. Pam Parsons will be starting hours for the Fire Department. J. Kelly and J. Stille have worked well together with the transition of Administrative Officer duties.

### B. 300<sup>th</sup> Celebration

J. Kelly submitted a proposed calendar of events. \$818.00 was raised with the sale of tote bags and mugs at the Farmers Market. \$32.00 was received in donations.

**C. Other**

The Administrative Officer Facebook page will change to a generic Town of Bolton page. Twitter and Instagram accounts have been set up.

**11. Appointments**

Patrice Carson to the Eastern Regional Tourist Board. M. Eremita made a motion to accept the appointment. R. Morra seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Josh Kelly to the Eastern Highland Health District (term 12/31/2020) and the Water Pollution Control Authority as an alternate (term 12/31/2021) and as the Administrative Local Traffic Authority. R. Morra made a motion to appoint J. Kelly to the three positions above. M. Eremita seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**12. Executive Session: Personnel.****Administrative Officer's Separation Agreement**

R. Morra made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:37 p.m. and to include Administrative Officer Joyce Stille. M. Eremita seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Executive session ended at 7:41 p.m. A motion was made by M. Eremita, seconded by R. Morra, to approve the Administrative Officer's Separation Agreement as presented. Motion unanimously passed. The Board of Selectmen thanked J. Stille for her service.

**13. Adjournment**

A motion was made by M. Eremita, seconded by R. Morra, to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. Motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,

*Leslie J. Brand*

Leslie Brand, Board Clerk

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