

**TOWN OF BOLTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
FACILITIES AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, February 23, 2022 – 10 A.M.
MINUTES**

The Board of Selectmen held a Facilities and Public Safety Committee meeting on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 with First Selectman Pam Sawyer presiding. Also, in attendance were Selectmen Bob Morra, Adam Teller, Public Works Supervisor Lance Dimock, Town Building Operations Supervisor John Butrymovich, Engineer Joe Dillon, Director of Community Development Patrice Carson, Bolton Heritage Farm Commission Chair Arlene Fiano, Bolton Heritage Farm Commission Secretary Beth Harney, Interim Administrative Officer Jim Rupert and Kathy McCavanagh.

1. Call to Order.

P. Sawyer called the meeting to order at 10:04 am.

2. Discuss Possible Projects For State and Federal Funding.

We have possible LoCiP Grant and Infrastructure money that we may be able to qualify for. There are two state roads that may qualify for money for road renovations and then money for trails as well.

- Hebron Road culvert replacement may qualify. CRCOG is not sure if or how much money we may get for this but encouraged us to apply anyway.
 - L. Dimock stated the study for Hebron Road was already done and paid for and he has the maps.
 - P. Sawyer would like to see both sides of Hebron Road fixed at the same time.
 - P. Sawyer also brought up the culvert/drainage issue on South Road; but it was expressed that this is too small a project.

- The trail from Notch Road to the center of town to Bolton Heritage Farm and then to Bolton High School may be a great option for this money.
 - Parking spaces would be made accessible at Town Hall for this trail
 - The Town would like to see a boardwalk built from the Town Hall property line to the Bolton Heritage Farm. This boardwalk would have to be ADA compliant and then additional parking spaces that are ADA compliant would be made at the farm as well.
 - This project has the greatest option for funding.
 - Town Engineer J. Dillon stated that a survey from Toomey Road through Bolton Heritage Farm has already been done. The only hurdle would be wetlands which he believes are minimal.

- This would be an ADA compliant raised boardwalk and is not expected to encroach on the current hay fields we lease out.
- P. Sawyer would like the current tenants who lease from us to come in and view the maps beforehand so there are no surprises.
- Placards could be placed along the board walk for education on the surrounding foliage and wildlife.
- A. Fiano requested that the environmental architects we have used review the plans before we do anything as well to give input.
- Having the boardwalk go down near the Trooper's office is a safer option than going around the church. (Church has been asked to provide and easement on the corner and they are not favorable to this).
- Money left over from the Connectivity Grant could possibly be used for the trail between the farm and Bolton High School.

Motion: I move the BOS Facilities and Public Safety Committee move forward with the boardwalk trail project.

By: B. Morra Seconded: A. Teller

Voting:

For: Morra, Teller, Sawyer

Against: None

Abstain: None

A list of projects for additional funding will be prioritized at the April BOS meeting. We expect this money will become available in the coming months and want to have all our info done and ready so we can apply right away. This money can be used for roads, trails, waterlines, sewers, bridges connectivity with the internet.

One project would be water/sewer coming up 44 from Manchester. (This will be available under the infrastructure grant instead of ARPA. We can however use the ARPA funds for the 20% match that the town must provide.

Can LoCiP be used for septic on Bolton Heritage Farm? (Septic at the farm would also benefit the church, Town Hall and the Library). We will look into this and get an answer. Projects must be at least \$300,000 and not more than \$1.2 million.

3. Cemetery Update.

- J. Dillon has looked at the drainage at Bolton Center Cemetery and would like to set up a field walk to discuss what might be done.
- B. Morra and B. Harney will work on getting us approval to use the church parking lot so we can go in and remove the large dirt pile.
- Cemetery signs - we are waiting on proofs and pricing.

- Flagpole –we already have pricing for but the Grant through the Hartford Foundation Community Fund will not open until the end of May for us to apply for this money.

4. Adjourn.

Next meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 9th at 9:30 am.

P. Sawyer adjourned the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

Respectfully,

Kathy McCavanagh

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