

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024 - 7:00 P.M.  
IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL – TOWN HALL  
MINUTES**

The Board of Selectmen held a meeting on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, with First Selectman Rodney Fournier presiding. Also, in attendance were selectmen Robert Morra, Pam Sawyer, Gwen Marrion, Mather Clarke, Amanda Gordon, Tim Sadler and Town Administrator Jim Rupert.

Members of the public in attendance were: Fayanna Risley, Cal Seallion, Janine Gelineau, Jim Loersch, John Cooper, Alex DiMauro, Lori Vernier and Lisa Brooks.

**1. Call to Order.**

R. Fournier called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**2. Public Comment:**

**Jim Loersch, Brookfield Road** – very concerned about town buildings and state of repair -not being taking care of. Would like to see a new Town Hall built and does not agree with renting a trailer at Notch Road Municipal Center. This is a waste of town money.

**Lisa Brooks, 21 Beechwood Road, Vernon** – Treasurer of Bolton Lakes Shore Association.

*See attachment A* - 1<sup>st</sup> shows black line which is the 192 ft of Cubles Road that is deeded to the Lake Shore Association which is the only part of Cubles Road which is on the Bolton/Vernon town line.

*See attachment B* – gold line shows the sewer line that goes through this area. 1951 this was a dirt road with just a few houses that were deeded to the association. Currently, buses, garbage trucks and over 100 vehicles travel this road daily as it is an access road to Tolland Road, Plymouth Road, Vernon and Route 84. The association cannot maintain the paved part of the road or control who uses it.

**Jeanine Gelineau, 28 Anchorage Road, Vernon - *See attachment C*** – Cubles Road is a vital connector between Bolton and Vernon. We have been told that is a private road, but we cannot control who uses this road. It is used as a public pass-through road through Bolton.

Is it right just because we owned the road in the 50's that we should have to maintain it? The Town of Bolton should take over this road. Cubles Road is a connector road and the fastest way to Bolton through Vernon. Please take this over and maintain it. We will quit claim this road to the Town of Bolton asap. Yes, the Lake Shores Association has a full board including a president and treasurer.

A.Gordon stated that while out canvassing last year she saw a large pot hole in this area and was made aware that who owns it and is responsible for it is uncertain according to the residents.

**3. Correspondence:** None.

**4. Executive Session: Discussion on Driveway Extension at the End of Enrico Road.**

P. Sawyer made a motion to go into executive session at 7: 13 p.m.

1<sup>st</sup>: P. Sawyer

2<sup>nd</sup>: R. Morra

A.Gordon made a motion to push executive session to the last item on the agenda for the sake of the public that was currently in attendance, so they would not have to leave. P. Sawyer moved to keep executive session at this time as Town Attorney Barger was in attendance and we pay for his time by the hour.

G. Marrion recused herself from this discussion as her husband and the attorney for the people involved are law partners and I'm also a personal friend of Attorney Hollister's.

P. Sawyer again made a motion to go into executive session at 7: 15 p.m. and to include Attorney Barger, and Town Administrator J. Rupert.

1<sup>st</sup>: P. Sawyer 2<sup>nd</sup>: R. Morra

Discussion: A. Gordon asked for the public's knowledge if there was public litigation in this executive session? Attorney Barger replied that there is pending claim/litigation of the freedom of information act and should be handled in executive session. The pending claim is set forth in the statute as written notice to an agency that sets demand for relief. We have a demand for legal relief from Mr. Paggioli. Atty. Barger was citing the Freedom of Information Statute, section 1-200, subsections 6 (executive sessions), 8(definition of pending claim) and 9 (pending litigation) and he feels this particular matter satisfies that.

Vote:

Yes: T. Sadler, A. Gordon, P. Sawyer, R. Morra, M. Clarke and R. Fournier

No: None

Abstain: None

Recused: G. Marrion

Executive session ended at 8:04 p.m. (Attorney Barger exited the meeting at this time).

P. Sawyer made a motion for the Selectmen to instruct the Town Administrator to draft a letter to the parties involved stating the we as a board continue to look at legal options.

1<sup>st</sup>: P. Sawyer 2<sup>nd</sup>: R. Morra

Vote:

Yes: T. Sadler, A. Gordon, P. Sawyer, R. Morra, M. Clarke and R. Fournier

No: None

Abstain: None

Recused: G. Marrion

## 5. Approval of Minutes.

### a. March 5, 2024 – Regular Meeting.

P. Sawyer made a motion to approve the March 5, 2024, minutes with the change that A. Gordon stated that on page 4 (7. b. 2) the following was added: it is the consensus of the BOS to add \$20,000 into the finance department budget for an intern for one (1) year.

1<sup>st</sup>: P. Sawyer 2<sup>nd</sup>: A. Gordon

Vote:

Yes: T. Sadler, A. Gordon, R. Morra, P. Sawyer, R. Morra, M. Clarke, G. Marrion and R. Fournier.

No: None

Abstain: None

### b. March 14, 2024 – Special Meeting.

M. Clarke made a motion to approve the March 14, 2024, minutes as presented.

1<sup>st</sup>: M. Clarke 2<sup>nd</sup>: A. Gordon

Vote:

Yes: M. Clarke, A. Gordon, T. Sadler, and R. Fournier.

No: None

Abstain: P. Sawyer, R. Morra, G. Marrion

### c. March 26, 2024 -Special Meeting.

R. Morra made a motion to approve the March 26, 2024, minutes as presented.

1<sup>st</sup>: R. Morra                      2<sup>nd</sup>: P. Sawyer

Vote:

Yes: M. Clarke, A. Gordon, T. Sadler, R. Morra, P. Sawyer, G. Marrion and R. Fournier.

No: None

Abstain: None

**6. Ongoing Business:**

**a. Consider and Act on Indian Notch Pricing. (Pick Effective Start Date for New Pricing)**

P. Sawyer made a motion to accept the Indian Notch Park fees as presented as of May 1, 2024, with those who have already booked being grandfathered in on current pricing, and leaving the time limit (number of hours for an event) to be decided on by the administration and applied to all events moving forward except those that have already been booked and are now grandfathered in.

1<sup>st</sup>: P. Sawyer                      2<sup>nd</sup>: T. Sadler

Vote:

Yes: M. Clarke, A. Gordon, T. Sadler, R. Morra, P. Sawyer, G. Marrion and R. Fournier.

No: None

Abstain: None

Discussion: A. Gordon asked about the \$250 fee and what it covers. J. Rupert stated that the fee lets us just break even, as we have to have a staff member come in to lock and unlock and they are automatically paid for 3 hours according to the union contract.

P. Sawyer made a second motion leaving the time limit (number of hours for an event) to be decided on by the administration and applied to all events moving forward that have not been grandfathered in already.

1<sup>st</sup>: P. Sawyer                      2<sup>nd</sup>: A. Gordon

Vote:

Yes: M. Clarke, A. Gordon, T. Sadler, R. Morra, P. Sawyer, G. Marrion and R. Fournier.

No: None

Abstain: None

**b. Consider and Act on Town Administrator's Ability to Make Transfers.**

P. Sawyer made a motion that the Board of Selectmen authorize the Town Administrator to approve budget transfers from one line item to another for up to \$1,000 additionally the Town Administrator is authorized to make transfers not to exceed \$5,000 through the end of June 30, 2024, and all transfers will be reported to the Board of Selectmen.

1<sup>st</sup>: P. Sawyer                      2<sup>nd</sup>: M. Clarke

Vote:

Yes: T. Sadler, A. Gordon, R. Morra, P. Sawyer, R. Morra, M. Clarke, G. Marrion and R. Fournier.

No: None

Abstain: None

**c. Tour Date for Temporary Building Tour.**

Tour date for temporary building tour(s) will be Tuesday, May 14, 2024, from 2 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

**7. New Business.**

**a. Review of Bolton Heritage Farm Manure Pit Proposals.**

Discussion: Per J. Rupert the money set aside in the capital budget is for code upgrades only – what they are looking to do is not code upgrades. This project was not formally put out to bid and there were not bid specs given. Bolton Heritage Farm commission solicited these proposals. That and the proposals received had discrepancies in them as to what each was offering and charging for. M. Clarke brought up that at least one of the proposals included burying chunks of the old concrete, not removing them. This is not something we want done and there are zoning regulations prohibiting this. A. Gordon suggested adding this money into the CDS (Congressionally Directed Spending) grant.

A. Gordon made a motion to increase the CDS grant from \$113,000 to \$133,000 to include filling in the manure pit at Bolton Heritage Farm, with the disposal of concrete slab and the concrete pit to get the site ready for a pavilion.

1<sup>st</sup>: A. Gordon                      2<sup>nd</sup>: G. Marrion

Vote:

Yes: T. Sadler, A. Gordon, R. Morra, P. Sawyer, R. Morra, M. Clarke, G. Marrion and R. Fournier.

No: None

Abstain: None

**b. Consider and Act on Approving the Date of March 9, 2025, for the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Bolton Road Race.**

P. Sawyer made a motion to approve the date of March 9, 2025, for the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Bolton Road Race.

1<sup>st</sup>: P. Sawyer                      2<sup>nd</sup>: A. Gordon

Vote:

Yes: T. Sadler, A. Gordon, R. Morra, P. Sawyer, R. Morra, M. Clarke, G. Marrion and R. Fournier.

No: None

Abstain: None

**8. Reports and Updates:**

**a. FY 24 Budget Report.**

J. Rupert stated that the waste collection line is still the only line in the budget we are concerned about.

**b. Budget Transfers.**

P. Sawyer made a motion to approve the budget transfer from the Town Building Operations budget as follows: \$5,000 from the Overtime line to Repairs and Maintenance Services.

1<sup>st</sup>: P. Sawyer                      2<sup>nd</sup>: A. Gordon

Vote:

Yes: T. Sadler, A. Gordon, R. Morra, P. Sawyer, R. Morra, M. Clarke, G. Marrion and R. Fournier.

No: None

Abstain: None

P. Sawyer made a motion to approve the budget transfer from the Highway budget as follows: \$13, 000 from the Sand and Salt line to the Equipment New line.

1<sup>st</sup>: P. Sawyer                      2<sup>nd</sup>: R. Morra

Vote:

Yes: T. Sadler, A. Gordon, R. Morra, P. Sawyer, R. Morra, M. Clarke, G. Marrion and R. Fournier.

No: None

Abstain: None

**9. First Selectman's Report.**

**a. Retreat Info and Time. (Saturday, April 13, 2024)**

It was the consensus of the BOS that the retreat will be held Saturday, April 13, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Bolton Senior Center. Retreat topics will be an item on the April 9, 2024, agenda for discussion.

**10. Administrative Officer's Report.**

**a. Monthly Report.**

*See attachment D.*

**b. Other.**

G. Marrion brought up the South Road parking area for the trail. R. Morra stated that there were line of sight issues the engineer brought up where the pond is and the area behind England's Hardware is very nasty terrain and not an option. G. Marrion also stated the amount of fill needed is significant. It was decided that the subcommittee (G. Marrion, R. Morra, and B. Meyerson) would meet to discuss the options and then bring their recommendations to the BOS. R. Fournier asked that they also consider looking at the bottom of Stony Road as a possibility. P. Sawyer then asked that whatever the decision is that it go before the state traffic authority for approval first.

A. Gordon stated that she had heard from the ROV that they are not happy with not having direct access to NOVUS. They also feel the new building is not big enough for them to hold voting and it's difficult to access some of their stuff and they have space concerns in the new building. A. Gordon also asked that time be set aside to meet with the ROV to discuss these issues.

J. Rupert explained that the ROV did have direct access to NOVUS, as they were given Cameron's cell phone number by Cameron himself. J. Rupert also stated he had not heard from ROV at all regarding any of these issues or concerns. If there is a problem, they should contact him to discuss things, as this has always been the protocol. P. Sawyer stated that yes, protocol has always been to bring any questions, problems and/or issues to the Town Administrator and not to the Board of Selectmen. If the Town Administrator cannot handle things or needs additional guidance, then he will reach out to the Board of Selectmen for their help.

**11. Adjournment.**

R. Morra made a motion to adjourn at 9:01 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> by A. Gordon. All in favor and approved.

**Next A/P meeting to be scheduled for:**

**Tuesday, April 9, 2024 – 6:00 p.m. – R. Morra to chair the meeting as R. Fournier will be out of town.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McCavanagh

*Please see the minutes of subsequent meetings for the approval of these minutes and any corrections hereto.*

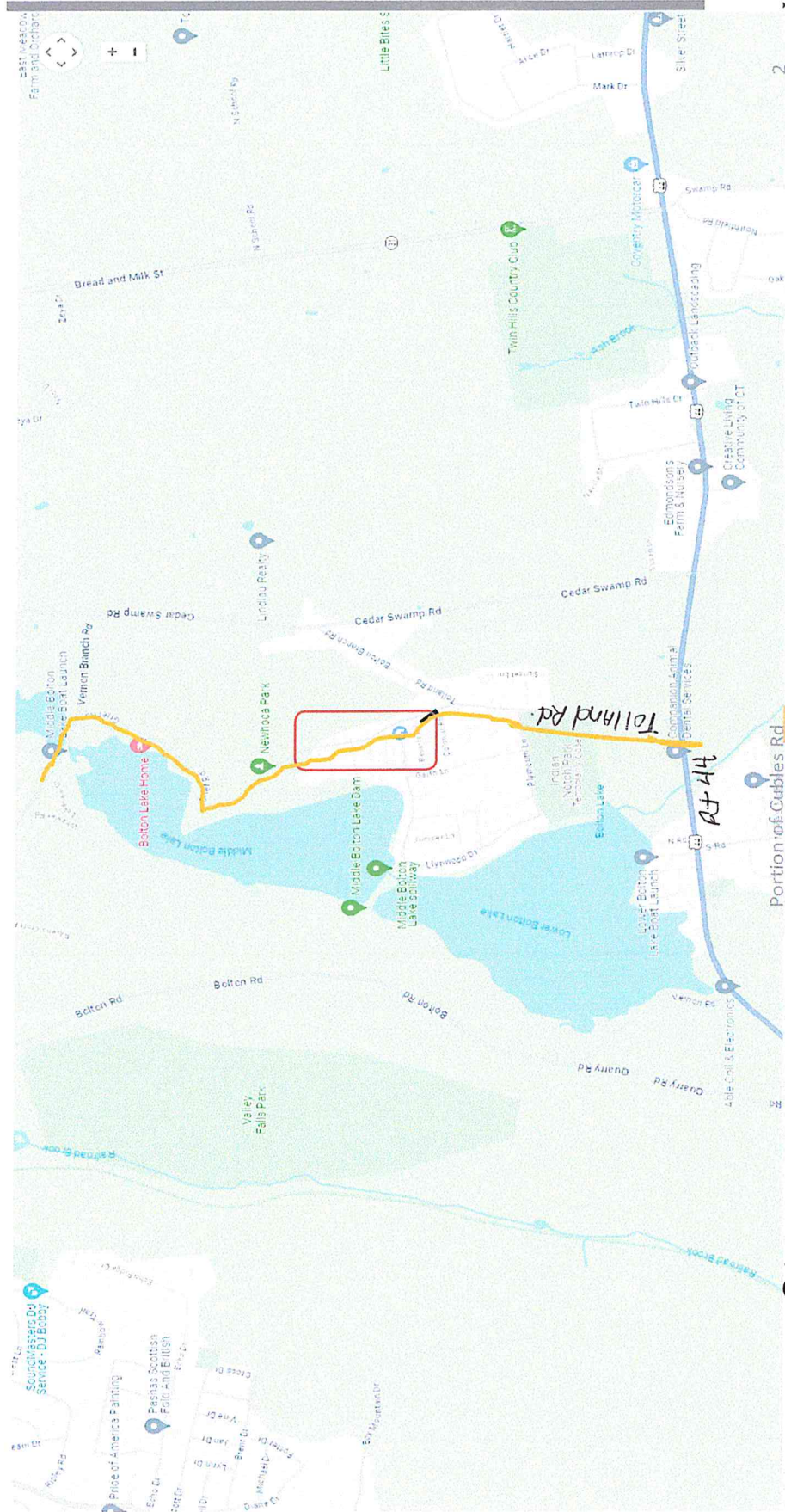
Black line shows 192' of Cubles Rd dedeed to Bolton Lake Shores Association. You can see it is only a portion of Cubles Rd in Bolton.

Red box shows properties that are part of BLSA.



Gold line shows sewer line which goes from Rt 44, down Tolland Rd to Cubles Dr and between Middle and Upper Bolton Lake to service homes on Lakeview Dr.

Black line shows 192' of Cubles Rd deeded to Bolton Lake Shores Association. Red box shows properties that are part of BLSA.



Meeting April 2, 2024

Janine Gelineau, 28 Anchorage Rd., Vernon. (Corner of Cubles/ Anchorage)

Bolton Lake Shores Association (BLSA)

### **Cubles Road is a vital connector between Bolton and Vernon**

We are being told this little section of Cubles it is OUR PRIVATE road and yet BLSA has NO CONTROL over who uses the road. NO CONTROL over all the changes that have taken place, such as paving, sewers, etc. Also, how can only 192 feet be our private road, when it's right in the middle of a public thru road. How does any of this make it our road or our responsibility? All of Cubles has been used as a **PUBLIC thru road** for years.

Sure we believe at this point it should be owned by Bolton similar to what Vernon already did several years ago with the rest of Cubles. Unfortunately we seem to keep get bogged down on who owned the road in the 50's but how is that even relevant anymore? It's time to look at this from today's perspective and have the town officially take over the care and responsibility of this road even if ownership is not possible.

I hesitate to bring this up, but it is so important for you to understand on just how critical this little section of road truly is.

With the recent tragedy we had on Bolton lake, Cubles is actually the road the emergency vehicles used. I must've seen over 30 vehicles go by my house. Why, because Cubles is the connector or the fastest way into Bolton and as we all know, a few seconds saved, can literally mean life or death.

So we ask that you preserve and care for this public thru road **properly** for the safety & convenience for all, now and into the future.



Met with Novus to discuss CyberSecurity project status  
Attended CCSWA Meeting  
Delivered File Truck to Eastern CT Film School  
On site Meeting w/ Shaddy mill to discuss Violations  
participated in public Sector workable meeting  
participated in CCLC's Policy Bd Meeting  
held walkThrogh for NEMC Demos -  
Renewal Bids for NEMC Demos  
Conducted interviews for Intern Candidates for next yr  
Cleaned out Storage Lanes NEMC  
Open enrollment for Health Insurance open till April 30<sup>th</sup>  
~~Attending~~  
Hired new Board Clerk  
Sent out Re hire letters for Summer Staff B.G.  
Posted for Recreation Summer Help.

# Town of Bolton

## Sign In Sheet

Meeting: Board of Selectmen

Date: April 2, 2024

	Print Name	Print Address
1.	Fayanna Riskey	29 Anchorage Rd - VERNON
2.	Cal Soallion	28 Anchorage Rd. Vernon
3.	Janine Gelineau	28 Anchorage RD VERNON
4.	Jim Loensch	Brookfield Rd
5.	JOHN COOPER	8 BEECHWOOD
6.	Alex DiMauro	60 Cubes Dr.
7.	LORI VERNIER	50 LYNNWOOD DR BOLTON
8.	LISA BROOKS 860-965-5391	21 Beechwood Rd Vernon
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