

Board of Selectmen
December 12, 2019

Robert Czekanski
Jonathan Keep
Don Lowe, Town Administrator
Jenny Jacobsen, Town Secretary

Mr. Czekanski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS

Appointment of Amy Clark and Jonathan Schwartz to the Mosquito Response Committee.

A. Clark and J. Schwartz introduced themselves to the Board. Mr. Schwartz is an attorney who brings a health and safety perspective to the Board. He's worked with all levels of government on public safety with respect to storm water treatment and pond draining.

Ms. Clark is an equine veterinarian. Interested in being on the committee since it was a big year with EEE. She brings knowledge of diseases and vectors.

J. Keep made a motion to nominate Jonathan Schwartz and Jonathan. Mr. Czekanski seconded. Motion passed 2/0.

Don informed new members that the Committee will be kicking off in the new year.

Appointment of John Petrin to the Community Choice Aggregation Committee.

Don Lowe spoke on behalf of John Petrin. He is a former town manager from Burlington. Prior to that he worked in Ashland. He has done community aggregation projects in both communities that he has worked in and he is a resident of Bolton. Don reported that John felt a three-person subcommittee will be sufficient.

Mr. Keep made a motion to nominate to the Community Aggregation Subcommittee. Mr. Czekanski seconded. Motion passed 2/0.

Mr. Czekanski noted that he would be chairing the meeting in Stan Wysocki's absence.

BOLTON ACCESS TELEVISION

Nicky McGachey of Bolton Access Television appeared before the Board and gave a brief update.

Mr. Czekanski mentioned the notice from Comcast that their fees will be changing.

Ms. Jacobsen will send the notice to Ms. McGachey.

Ms. McGachey requested for release of \$26,674.85 to Bolton Access Television.

On a motion made by Keep and seconded by Czekanski the Board voted to release \$26,674.85 to Bolton Access Television. Motion passed 2/0.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

- Update on MassWorks Project.
 - By the end of the day tomorrow we will be shut down for the winter. The last task will be placing the masks for where the lights will go.
 - There are some areas that are asphalt rather than concrete. In the spring the asphalt will be removed and the concrete poured. It will be done by June of 2020.
- Mr. Lowe announced the MIAA Grant Award in the amount of \$8,638 for Work Zone Safety Trailer, 30 Cones and signage.
- Coffee with Town Administrator announced for December 13th at 8:30 at the Bolton Bean.

Additional Items

- Finance Team meeting is scheduled January 7th at 11am. Usually one Selectmen attends. Mr. Czekanski voiced interest.
- Chief Legendre has been contacted by the FY20 Massachusetts Firefighter Turnout Gear Grant. Bolton has been awarded \$1,260 in grant funding for firefighter protective equipment. To date Chief Legendre has brought in \$45,405 in grant money to the Town.

Martha Remington requested the attention of the Board. Ms. Remington, representing the Historical Commission voiced concern over the health of the sweet gum trees located at 713-715 Main Street. One half of the root system of each tree was cut off during construction related to the Mass Works project and the sidewalk was right up against them. Mr. Lynch, DPW Director and Ms. Remington were upset. If the trees do not survive, she requested that the Town replace the trees.

Mr. Keep commented that with proper fencing the trees could have been protected. He recommended that the root systems be mulched.

SELECTMENT BUSINESS

Public Service Announcement(s)

Mr. Czekanski reported on the school district's recent statement of interest to Mass School Building Authority and they have been accepted into the next round of activity.

Mr. Keep inquired about the favorability of regional school districts. Mr. Czekanski commented that there are many regional school districts in the portfolio which have built new schools in recent years.

Set Meeting Dates for 2020.

Mr. Keep made a motion to approve the following meeting dates for 2020:

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| ▪ January 9 th | ▪ March 12 th |
| ▪ January 23 rd | ▪ March 26 th |
| ▪ February 13 th | ▪ April 16 th |
| ▪ February 27 th | |

Mr. Czekanski seconded. Motion passed 2/0.

Local Initiative Program Application for affordable units at Keyes Farm

Board reviewed the document. Mr. Czekanski found a typo to be corrected prior to submitting.

J. Keep made a motion to approve authorize Stan Wysocki to sign the Local Initiative Program Application for affordable units with Keyes Farm. Mr. Czekanski seconded. Motion passed 2/0.

Agreement Between the Town of Bolton and AFSCME Council 93, AFL-CIO.

J. Keep made a motion to execute the agreement between the Town of Bolton and AFSCME Council 93 AFL-CIO. Mr. Czekanski seconded and the motion passed 2/0.

Liquor, Common Victualer and Class II Licenses

Mr. Czekanski read the list of licenses to be approved:

Common Victualer Licenses: Bolton Orchard, Classic Pizza III, Colonial Candies, Dunkin Donuts, Fotini's, Great Brook Farms, International Golf Course, Nashoba Valley Spirits, Subway, Twin Springs.

Class II Licenses: Beetle Bug III

Liquor Licenses: Bolton Bean, Country Cupboard, Fotini's, International Golf Course, Daigneault's, Nashoba Valley Spirits, Slater's and Twin Springs

On a motion made by Mr. Keep and seconded by Mr. Czekanski the Board voted 2/0 to approve the common victualer, class II and liquor licenses for 2020 as listed.

Warrant

On a motion made by Mr. Keep and seconded by Mr. Czekanski the Board voted 2/0 to approve the bills and payroll warrants: W20-12 & W20-12A.

Minutes

On a motion made by Mr. Keep and seconded by Mr. Czekanski the Board voted 2/0 to approve the minutes of October 10th regular session, October 24th regular session and October 24th executive sessions 1 and 2. Motion passed 2/0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Keep the Board voted by roll call to enter into executive session at 7:37 pm pursuant to MGL c. 30A, §21(a)3 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation (grievance filed by AFSCME, Council #93, DPW Unit), if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the Board of Selectmen and the chair so declares. (Czekanski-yes, Keep-yes)

The Board will not reconvene to open session.

Respectfully submitted by Jenny Jacobsen