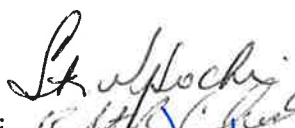
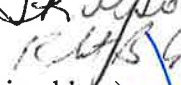



Board of Selectmen
February 13th, 2020

Stanley Wysocki 
Robert Czekanski 
Jonathan Keep (arrived late) 
Don Lowe, Town Administrator
Jenny Jacobsen, Town Secretary

Mr. Wysocki called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Member J. Keep was not in attendance at the onset of the meeting.

BARE HILL TRIATHLON

Sue Reedich appeared before the Board to represent the Lion's Club. Ms. Reedich reviewed the map and location of the Marshalls. The Chief of Police has approved the event. Ms. Reedich noted that the insurance waiver is to arrive tomorrow.

On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Wysocki the Board voted to approve the Bare Hill Triathlon on Sunday, June 28th, 2020. Motion passed 2/0.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Mary McCarthy, school committee representative appeared at the request of the Board to deliver an update from the school committee. She addressed three items of interest to the Board.

FY21 Budget Update- Ms. McCarthy explained the "difficult but necessary" process done in collaboration to move students' learning and achievements forward. There was a budget workshop on January 25th to kick off the budget work. Ms. McCarthy noted how extraordinary it was to have brought everyone to the table on a Saturday. They ended over the 3%. Initial cuts were made by department heads at the request of the Superintendent. They still need \$884,699 to hit the 3%. Ms. McCarthy listed the drivers of the budget and areas to make potential cuts. School committee heard loud and clear that it needs to get down to 3% and Ms. McCarthy assured the Board they would get there.

Mr. Lowe noted appreciation for the effort that has been made by the School Committee and the administration.

Mr. Czekanski distributed a spreadsheet for review to highlight the cause for the Board's stance on the budget. The data shows that NRSD Assessments are growing faster than Bolton's Tax Revenues. In FY20, for every \$1.00 we get we pay \$1.30 to the district. If we continue this way, a 2% override will be required which is a place nobody wants to go. Mr. Czekanski offered to go through the data with the School Committee Representatives at their request. Mr. Wysocki invited Ms. McCarthy back to discuss these things after the budget season is behind us.

Third School Representative-

Ms. McCarthy distributed material from the school committee meeting.

The result is tied to the 14th Amendment and equal rights. In the 1960s it was brought from federal to the state level. One person one vote means that each of us should be representing an equal number of people. According to the data that number is 2,407. The data showed that we are not currently in compliance with the one person one vote number. The material reviewed different scenarios.

Mr. Keep arrived at 7:42 pm.

The School Committee approved the increase to 11 members which was the prescriptive solution resulting in acceptable deviation. Each of the towns in this scenario will get an additional representative. Ms. McCarthy noted that Mr. Lowe has been great in attending School Committee meetings. She explained

that she and the chair of the School Committee met with the three Town Administrators prior to the meeting.

At caucus residents would attend and vie for the positions. When the ballot is created the position will be on the ballot and following the election it would be effective immediately.

Mr. Czekanski suggested that changing the agreement with the School Committee would require a vote. DESE informed Ms. McCarthy that this change would constitute is an addendum to the current agreement rather than an amendment to the current agreement. As an addendum it does not require a town vote. Between this year and next year there will be a review of the entire agreement to clean up other areas as well and the towns would be voting on the amended agreement. Ms. McCarthy added that the process of doing an amendment would involve the towns. Mr. Wysocki requested to have that declaration in writing from DESE. Ms. McCarthy assured the Board that she will supply it in writing.

MSBA Process

Ms. McCarthy explained that the district resubmitted the same application they submitted the year before and were invited to go to the next round which involves conducting a feasibility study. The study will determine the need to remodel, rebuild or make no change at all if that is the decision of the towns. We are not necessarily talking about a new building.

The School Committee understands that there is a cost to Special Town Meetings and they don't always bring out a quorum. The eligibility period doesn't begin until June 1st. Dr. Jake Foster was brought in as a consultant who has experience in teacher education, curriculum design, STEM initiatives at the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. His current work is coaching schools on school design. He has been active in the school since January.

Ms. McCarthy sighted many known deficiencies with the current building. Ms. McCarthy directed people to a great article on the MSBA process written by student Grace Fiore, editor of *The Cheifan*.

The study requires an article on the warrant which will need to be passed by all three towns to authorize the spending of \$2,000,000.00. If the project goes forward the amount will be reduced by whatever our reimbursement rate from MSBA will be. The district does not have a number as to what the reimbursement would be.

SIGN AT PERSONS PARK

Ed Sterling representing the Parks and Recreation Commission appeared before the Board to request the placement of a sign at the entrance to Persons Park. The idea would be to have two signs on a single pole. The sign would be an 18" X 18" metal sign in black and white. Mr. Sterling had a photo of the proposed location. Mr. Sterling mentioned that the gift of Persons Park was given in 1996. The structure was 80 years old at the time of the gift. A septic system was installed at some point but it was not ever used. Parks and Recreation did meet there for a time, but it has not seen much regular use. It has been victim to some vandalism. Right now, it is covered in plywood. Cottage aside, the park is very nice with a 36"X34"sign as you enter the driveway.

On a motion made by Mr. Czekanski and seconded by Keep, the Board voted unanimously to permit Parks and Recreation to place a 18" X18" sign announcing the location of Persons Park. Motion passed 3/0.

Mr. Sterling requested that the Town pay for the signs. The quote was \$36.62. Mr. Lowe agreed.

Mr. Sterling requested that the DPW provide the pole. Mr. Lynch agreed to do so.

REDUCTION OF SPEED LIMIT ON MAIN STREET

Joseph Lynch, DPW Director appeared before the Board. At Town Meeting in 2018 the community adopted provisions to adopt safety and speed zones. There is a disagreement in opinion between the Town and the DOT. Town Council agrees that the Select Board has the authority to change the speed limit. The area begins at 601 Main Street and extends to Manor and Harvard and it meets the definition of thickly settled as such the Board of Selectmen has the authority to reduce it. DOT could contest it.

On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Keep, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Town Administrator to sign the Thickly Settled Special Speed Regulation for Main Street from 601 Main Street to Manor Road and Harvard Road.

On a motion made by Wysocki and seconded by Czekanski, the Board voted unanimously to adopt a Town of Bolton speed regulation in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30 Section 17 (C) for a Special Speed regulation of 25MPH along a thickly settled segment of Main Street beginning at #601 Main Street (which is 1,422 feet west of the center of the intersection of Main Street and Sugar Road) and continuing westerly (approximately 4,036 feet) to the intersection of Main Street, Manor Road and Harvard Road, and 25 Miles per Hour beginning at the intersection of Main Street, Manor Road and Harvard Road and continuing easterly (approximately 4,036 feet) to #601 Main Street (which is 1, 422 feet west of the center of the intersection of Main Street and Sugar Road) and to authorize the Town Administrator to sign the letter to the Department of Transportation.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Minuteman Update

Mr. Lowe reported that our assessment is flat. Minuteman has boosted enrollment and expect to enroll students only from in-district towns. They have received state approval to institute a capital fee for non district towns which will result in \$900,000 additional revenue for FY21. Governor Baker signed house bill that will allow partnering with third parties for athletic fields since MSBA does not pay for athletic fields. Mr. Lowe reviewed the increase in in-district applications. Out of district students will decline from 16% to 0% by FY23. For class of 2019, 63% of students entered college, 33% entered their trade and 3% advanced technical training. 49% of students are on IEPs.

Mr. Sterling inquired if the facilities would be rented out to outside groups. Mr. Lowe believes that they will continue this practice.

MVP grant

Mr. Lowe reported that he and Rebecca Longvall went to new Bedford to an event hosted by the mayor of new Bedford to receive a 15K award to begin planning for future activities we could receive grants for. Next round of funding is in June. The consultant is committed to getting the planning work done by then. Ms. Longvall did a really good job.

R. Czekanski moved to appoint Town Administrator as the representative to the MVP Grant. Seconded by Keep. Motion passed unanimously.

Truck Exclusion

Nothing new to report.

Sexual Harassment Training

The last training is scheduled at the library on March 9th at 1pm. At some point we should look at getting some members of Boards and Committees training. Mr. Lowe invited the Selectmen to attend.

Integrated Health Products

After going through the process, Integrated Health Products withdrew and decided not to exercise their right to purchase the property. They are going to be shutting down the business as a result of the vaping ban.

The good news is that there is another outfit that is interested in the building. Mr. Lowe did a walkthrough with the outfit. They signed an agreement to purchase the property. The company is Main Street Medicinals.

They are broader than the previous group. They would like to have a grow facility. The Community Host Agreement would need to be sorted out. It is significant money if it came to fruition.

Annual Initial Boundary Validation Form

This was not on the agenda. It is a pro forma form that came in for signing today.

Mr. Keep made a motion to sign the Annual Initial Boundary Validation Form. Motion seconded by Czekanski. Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN BUSINESS

Public service announcements

Mr. Lowe announced his Coffee with the Town Administrator on February 14th at 8:30 am at the Bolton Bean.

Organized this week that the mosquito subcommittee will be having a public meeting and presentation at 7pm on March 5 in the Florence Sawyer School auditorium.

Caucus and Presidential Primary

Czekanski moved to Call the Caucus for March 2, 2020 at 7:30 pm at the Bolton Public Library. Keep seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Czekanski moved to execute the warrant for the Presidential Primary on March 2, 2020. Keep seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Acceptance of Gifts

On a motion by Czekanski and seconded by Keep the Board voted unanimously to accept the list of gifts as follows:

FY20 GIFT ACCEPTANCE LIST

Date	Name	Amount	Purpose
10/16/2019	Gerald Pryor	200.00	Hometown Heroes
10/16/2019	Bolton Capital group	2,000.00	Hometown Heroes
10/23/2019	John & Irene Foster	50.00	Hometown Heroes
10/28/2019	Michael & Clara Murphy	250.00	Hometown Heroes
11/6/2019	Ochsner Charitable Foundation	100.00	Senior Fuel Assistance
11/12/2019	Lynda & Robert King	25.00	Senior Fuel Assistance
11/25/2019	Bolton Lions Club	1,000.00	Senior Fuel Assistance
11/25/2019	Bolton Senior Citizens Assoc.	1,220.00	Senior Fuel Assistance
11/25/2019	Various	1,100.00	Hometown Heroes
11/30/2019	Various	870.00	Wreath Donation
12/4/2019	626 Main	30.00	Wreath Donation
12/4/2019	Bolton Bean	30.00	Wreath Donation
12/4/2019	Various	215.00	Hometown Heroes
12/8/2019	John Krawetz	100.00	Senior Fuel Assistance
12/9/2019	Rosemary Goyette	100.00	Senior Fuel Assistance
12/12/2019	Pam Powell	100.00	Senior Fuel Assistance
12/16/2019	Bursaw Oil	200.00	Senior Fuel Assistance
12/30/2019	Various	500.00	Hometown Heroes

TOTALS:	
Conservation Gift Fund	-
Hometown Heroes	4,315.00
Library Memorial Fund	-
Parks and Rec Gift Fund	-
Senior Fuel Assistance	2,845.00
Wreath Donation Fund	930.00
	8,090.00

Annual Report

Board reviewed the first draft of the Board of Selectmen Annual Report drafted by Mr. Wysocki. Mr. Lowe had a few minor revisions. Mr. Czekanski recommended adding the new hires for the year. Ms. Jacobsen to obtain a list for the Chair.

ATM Warrant

Board reviewed the Warrant articles. There are 22 articles including 3 Planning Board articles and 4 place holders awaiting language from the department sponsors. Place holders are for the Mosquito Response Committee, Community Choice Aggregation, NRSD Feasibility Study

Mr. Lowe announced that Town Counsel and Town Moderator will be at the March 12, 2020 Board of Selectmen meeting.

Bills and Payroll Warrant

On a motion made by Keep and seconded by Czekanski the Board voted unanimously to approve Warrant W20-16 and 20-16A. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes

On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Keep the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of December 12th, 2019 regular session and executive session, January 9th, 2020 regular and executive session and January 23rd, 2020 executive session.

Board reviewed revisions made by Czekanski and Wysocki to the regular session minutes of January 23rd, 2020.

On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Keep the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to accept the revised minutes of January 23rd, 2020 regular session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Keep, the Board voted by roll call at 8:42pm in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, §21 (a), Purpose 6, to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, 5 Spectacle Hill Road, if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Board and the chair so declares; and Purpose 7, to comply with or act under the authority of the Public Records Law (M. G.L. c. 66) and the holding in Suffolk Construction Co., Inc. v. Division of Capital Asset Management, to review a confidential attorney-client communication and immediately following enter into executive session Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)3 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation 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. The Board will not reconvene to open session. (Czekanski-yes, Keep-yes, Wysocki-yes)

Respectfully submitted by Jenny Jacobsen