

Board of Selectmen

May 23, 2019

Stanley Wysocki

Robert Czekanski

Don Lowe, Town Administrator

Linda L. Day, Town Secretary

#### REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

Ms. Day called the Board of Selectmen's meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked for nominations for Chairman.

On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Wysocki, Mr. Wysocki was nominated and appointed Chairman for the Board of Selectmen. (Wysocki – yes, Czekanski – yes)

On a motion made by Wysocki and seconded Czekanski, Mr. Czekanski was nominated and appointed Clerk for the Board of Selectmen. (Wysocki – yes, Czekanski – yes)

#### NASHOBA OVER THE HILL SOCCER LEAGUE

Ms. Laura Roberts and Ms. Lauren Cilley discussed the request from the Nashoba Over The Hill Soccer League (OTHSL) to start their games at 8:30 a.m. instead of 9:00 a.m. on five Sundays in the Spring and five Sundays in the Fall.

In 2015, a decision was rendered to allow the OTHS to start their games no earlier than 9:00 a.m. At a March 12, 2019 meeting, the Parks and Recreation Commission voted to approve the earlier start time pending the Board of Selectmen's approval.

The Board of Selectmen at their meeting on April 25, 2019 suggested that the Parks and Recreation Commission talk to the residents on Forbush Mill Road regarding the request. Ms. Roberts spoke with Ms. Foster regarding the request, but not necessarily the other residents. Since then, the Board of Selectmen reached out to the neighbors and all responses uniformly objected to the earlier start time for the soccer games.

Mr. Lowe stated that he spoke with Mr. Keep and he would like to see Parks and Recreation responsible for the fields whenever possible but understands in this case Parks and Recreation did approve contingent on the Board of Selectmen's approval.

Mr. Wysocki was willing to meet with the OTHSL to discuss their request and how they can mitigate the noise and profanity as the Forbush Mill Road field complex is a public facility open from dawn to dusk.

Mr. Czekanski made the observation that Bolton doesn't have a noise or profanity ordinance and suggested that Parks and Recreation consider a policy regarding behavior and noise to be included as part of the written agreement when reserving town property for events.

On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Wysocki, the Board of Selectmen voted to maintain the 9:00 a.m. start time for the OTHSL on Sundays. (Wysocki – yes, Czekanski – yes)

#### BOLTON 5K – SCHATNER'S FARM, October 12, 2019

Ms. Lisa Shepple and Ms. Mary Jo White requested permission to hold the Bolton 5K at Schartner Farm on Saturday, October 12, 2019 as in previous years. On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Wysocki, the Board of Selectmen voted to approve the event pending approval from Police Chief Nelson. (Wysocki – yes, Czekanski – yes)

#### CONSERVATION RESTRICT – 127 BAREHILL ROAD

Ms. Betsy Taylor-Kennedy requested approval from the Board of Selectmen for a Conservation Restriction covering 11 acres at 127 Bare Hill Road. On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Wysocki, the Board of Selectmen voted to approve the Conservation Restriction for 11 acres at 127 Bare Hill Road. (Wysocki – yes, Czekanski – yes)

## TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

**Update on Minuteman:** None

**Update on Portico Project:** Project is on schedule for completion in June, 2019.

**Revise and Approve FY20 Goals:** Deferred to next Board of Selectmen's meeting when all three members are present.

**Update on Camp Virginia:** Camp Virginia has been purchased by a resident of Bolton for their Equine Health business.

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN BUSINESS

**Public Service Announcements:** None

**Appointments:** On a motion made Czekanski and seconded by Wysocki, the Board of Selectmen voted to appoint Rona Balco as Town Representative and Rebecca Longvall as Alternate for the Nashua, Squannacook, and Nissitissit Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Council. (Wysocki – yes, Czekanski – yes)

**Accept Gift from the Bolton Conservation Trust:** On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Wysocki, the Board of Selectmen voted to allow the Conservation Trust to prepare the grounds on the Town Common for the nature play area. Said approval doesn't include any footings or permanent structures until approved by the Board of Selectmen. (Wysocki – yes, Czekanski – yes) The preparation is in conjunction with the preparation for the building of the pavilion.

**Vote on Transfer Station Stickers for Seniors for FY20:** On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Wysocki, the Board of Selectmen voted to approve the granting of free transfer station stickers to Bolton Seniors for FY20. (Wysocki – yes, Czekanski – yes)

In response to Ms. Nan Schnitzler's question about the costs of the transfer station and consideration of how to help cover the costs, the Board of Selectmen agreed that a discussion should be had in the near future with DPW Director Mr. Joseph Lynch.

**Board of Selectmen's Meeting Schedule:** On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Wysocki, the Board of Selectmen voted to set their meeting schedule as follows: June 6 & 20, July 11, August 22, September 12 & 26, October 10 & 24, November 7 & 21 and December 12, 2019. (Wysocki – yes, Czekanski – yes)

**Bills and Payroll Warrants:** On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Wysocki, the Board of Selectmen voted to approve the bills/payroll warrants W19-24 & W19-24A. (Wysocki – yes, Czekanski – yes)

**Minutes:** On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Wysocki, the Board of Selectmen voted to approve the minutes of February 28 and March 7, 2019. (Wysocki – yes, Czekanski – yes)

## BANS

The Board of Selectmen signed BANS for a short term borrowing that will save the Town \$130,000 over the life of the BANS.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Wysocki, the Board of Selectmen voted 2-0 by roll call (Wysocki – yes, Czekanski - yes) to enter into executive session at 7:40 p.m. pursuant to MGL c. 30A, §21(a) 3 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining for the Fire Union, as the Chair finds that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the Board's bargaining position. The Board announced it will not reconvene to open session. (Wysocki – yes, Czekanski – yes)

Respectfully submitted by Linda L. Day