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On 2/25/2021

By RC JK SW

Board of Selectmen
January 28, 2021
Via Zoom*

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

Mr. Czekanski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and provided an overview of the rules of conduct in the remote meeting environment.

VEGETATIVE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Board reviewed latest draft of the Vegetative Management Plan updated by Director of Public Works Randy Heglin. On the bottom of page 4 and the top of page 5, Mr. Czekanski requested the removal of the requirement for Selectmen approval for the sake of consistency and to avoid impeding work schedules. Mr. Wysocki agreed. Mr. Keep commented that the main thrust of the document is careful use of chemicals but voiced serious concern with broadcast spaying from a vehicle.

On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Wysocki the Board voted by roll call 2-1 to strike the words without the prior approval of the Select Board and “prior approval of the Select Board” be removed from the Vegetative Management Plan on page 4-5. (Czekanski-yes, Keep-no, Wysocki-yes)

Mr. Keep asked that the record keeping be increased from three to five years on page five of the document. Mr. Heglin has no objection to the change.

On a motion made by Wysocki and seconded by Czekanski the Board voted by roll call 3-0 to approve the Vegetative Management Plan for the Town of Bolton as presented and discussed. (Czekanski-yes, Keep-yes, Wysocki-yes)

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Legendre appeared before the Board to request approval for the department’s Fire/EMS Policy for billing. Chief Legendre reviewed the rates with the Board. BLS rate is \$1,385, ALS1 rate is \$1,792, ALS2 rate is \$3,070, ALS intercept rate is \$325 and mileage is 30 cents/mile. Bolton has signed agreements with Berlin, Lancaster, Harvard and Stow to provide ALS paramedic service. Mr. Czekanski commented that item number five was a bit confusing and can be cleaned up the next time the policy is brought before the Board.

On a motion made by Wysocki and seconded by Keep the Board voted by roll call 3-0 to approve the Fire/EMS Policy for billings and collections as presented. (Czekanski-yes, Keep-yes, Wysocki-yes)

LIVE BARN

Jeff Tackle of Bolton Youth Baseball appeared before the Board to request approval for contracting with LiveBarn for recording and livestreaming of baseball games at Memorial field. There would be no cost to the Town. A motion activated camera would be installed on the backstop of the field and signage would be installed to notify the public of recording. LiveBarn owns and maintains the equipment. A portion of the subscriptions would come back to the Town. Parks and Recreation approved the technology. The Board shared related to privacy and took issue with the cameras recording a public field whenever there is motion. Mr. Keep and Don Lowe additionally had concerns about the marketing portion of the contract. The Town of Bolton will do any marketing for LiveBarn on the website. Town Counsel will review contract prior to Parks and Recreation signing. Resident, B.J. Herbison commented that broadcasting games would prevent foster children from playing in recorded games. Mr. Tackle will research and come back to the Board with more information at a later date.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Covid-19 Update

Bolton has returned to the green category with a decline in positivity rate. While Bolton is trending in a positive direction , many of the neighboring towns remain red.

EMT Cadet Update

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The team is working on the waiver for the state.

Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station

Mr. Lowe informed the Board of a plan to bring two EV Charging stations to Bolton for little or no cost to the Town. The locations being considered are the DPW and Public Safety Buildings. The DPW might be a quick charge station. The Town could charge a fee for the service to cover expenses.

Article to Change the Name of the Board of Selectmen to Select Board

Board reviewed the draft article. Mr. Wysocki supports the idea but voiced strong opposition to the article at a time of budgetary constraint. Mr. Czekanski questioned the clarity of wording of the article. Mr. Czekanski will come back with some recommendations.

Mr. Lowe reported that Perkins School conducted a panel discussion on race and racism in America. The discussion was attended by over 200 people. School principal of Luther Burbank School Laura Friend was very impressive on the panel.

SELECTMEN BUSINESS

Conservation Restriction (CR)

Board reviewed CR for 183 Harvard Road. The Conservation Trust will maintain the CR.

On a motion made by Wysocki and seconded by Keep the Board voted by roll call 3-0 to approve the Conservation Restriction for 183 Harvard Road from Thomas C Welsh to the Bolton Conservation Trust pursuant to M.G.L. 184 Section 32. (Czekanski-yes, Keep-yes, Wysocki-yes)

Nashoba Regional School District Audit Committee

Mr. Yessue was not in attendance. Mr. Lowe reported that Mr. Yessue confirmed his interest in serving in the position.

On a motion made by Wysocki and seconded by Keep the Board voted by roll call 3-0 to appoint David Yessue to the Nashoba Regional School District Audit Committee. (Czekanski-yes, Keep-yes, Wysocki-yes)

Order of Taking for Drainage Easement 5 Spectacle Hill Road

Mr. Lowe explained that this is a necessary next step in the process already ordered by the Board of Selectmen.

On a motion made by Wysocki and seconded by Keep the Board voted by roll call 3-0 to issue the Order of Taking for a drainage easement at 5 Spectacle Hill Road. (Czekanski-yes, Keep-yes, Wysocki-yes)

Bills/Payroll warrants

On a motion made by Wysocki and seconded by Keep the Board voted by roll call 3-0 to approve bills/payroll warrant W21-15 & W21-15A. (Czekanski-yes, Keep-yes, Wysocki-yes)

Minutes

On a motion made by Wysocki and seconded by Keep the Board voted by roll call 3-0 to approve the minutes of December 10th, 2020 and January 14th, 2021. (Czekanski-yes, Keep-yes, Wysocki-yes)

Executive Session

On a motion made by Wysocki and seconded by Keep the Board voted by roll call 3-0 to enter executive session at 7:55 pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30A Section 21A (3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining for the AFSCME, Council #93, DPW Unit, as the Chair finds that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the Board's bargaining position and to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining for the Bolton Police Union, Local 286, Massachusetts Coalition of Police, IUPA, AFL-CIO, as the Chair finds that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the Board's bargaining position. (Czekanski-yes, Keep-yes, Wysocki-yes)

On a motion made by Wysocki and seconded by Keep the Board voted by roll call 3-0 to the Memorandum of Agreement with Bolton Police Union, Local 286, Massachusetts Coalition of Police, IUPA, AFL-CIO and to designate Town Administrator Don Lowe to sign the agreement. (Czekanski-yes, Keep-yes, Wysocki-yes)

On a motion made by Wysocki and seconded by Keep the Board voted by roll call 3-0 to adjourn at 8:06 pm. (Czekanski-yes, Keep-yes, Wysocki-yes)

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Respectfully submitted by Jenny Jacobsen

**All attendees participated remotely via Zoom Remote Conferencing pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L.c. 30A Section 18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place.*