

Select Board
July 14, 2022

Via Zoom Remote Conferencing*

Stanley Wysocki, Chair
Robert Czekanski
Emily Winner

Don Lowe, Town Administrator
Jenny Jacobsen, Town Secretary

Mr. Wysocki called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The meeting was recorded.

POLE HEARING- on the petition of National Grid to install one (1) solely owned pole (#47-1) at the intersection of Sampson Rd. and Main St Rt 117 and continuing approximately 300' feet in a southeast direction for service to a new home. Javier Morales was in attendance representing National Grid. Tree Warden Mark Caisse was also in attendance with a question about the change of the location from private property to public right of way. Mr. Morales explained that the original location would not be accessible to the National Grid vehicles due to the instability of the soil. Mr. Caisse agreed to meet with National Grid about the tree trimming but had no other issues. National Grid will secure a detail officer.

Ms. Winner temporarily lost connection to the meeting and was not present for the vote.

On a motion made by Wysocki and seconded by Czekanski the Board voted (2-0-0) to approve the installation of one (1) solely owned pole (#47-1) at the intersection of Sampson Rd. and Main St./Rt 117 and continuing approximately 300' feet in a southeast direction. (Czekanski-yes, Wysocki-yes)

EVENT REQUESTS-

Board considered a request from Bolton Community Fund (BCF) to hold 5K event on Saturday October 8th from 9am – 2pm at Schartner Farm and reviewed the signs, lawn signs and one 3"X2" to be placed at the Common. Lisa Shepple was in attendance to represent BCF and provided details of the planned event. Board had no concerns.

On a motion made by Wysocki and seconded by Czekanski the Board voted (3-0-0) to approve the 5K event on Saturday October 8th from 9am – 2pm at Schartner Farm. (Czekanski-yes, Winner-yes, Wysocki-yes)

Board considered a request from the American Cancer Society to hold 2022 Bicycles Battling Cancer ride on Saturday, September 24th, 2022. Mark Walters was in attendance to represent BCF and provided details of the planned event. Mr. Czekanski inquired about signage. Laminated 8 ½" X 11" signs will go up a couple of days in advance and biodegradable arrow markers are also used. Board asked to review signage at future meeting.

On a motion made by Wysocki and seconded by Czekanski the Board voted (3-0-0) to hold the 2022 Bicycles Battling Cancer ride on Saturday, September 24th, 2022. (Czekanski-yes, Winner-yes, Wysocki-yes)

Board considered a request from the Myke Farricker to hold the 21st annual Ride to Defeat ALS Bike Ride on Sunday, September 18th. Board asked to review signage at a future meeting.

On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Winner the Board voted unanimously to approve the Ride to Defeat ALS Bike Ride on Sunday, September 18th. (Czekanski-yes, Winner-yes, Wysocki-yes)

UNITED CULTIVATION, 476 MAIN STREET-

Mr. Lowe reported that after negotiations with United Cultivation and Town Counsel, a Host Community Agreement (HCA) was established. Mr. Lowe recommended that the Board approve the HCA. Michael Spengler of United Cultivation was in attendance and thanked the Board for their consideration.

On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Winner the Board voted unanimously to execute the Host Community Agreement with United Cultivation and to authorize the Town Administrator to sign the document on behalf of the Board of Selectmen. (Czekanski-yes, Winner-yes, Wysocki-yes)

MINUTEMAN REGIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL COMMITTEE-

Mr. Lowe explained that David O'Connor of Bolton who has served the town on the committee for 10 years has decided to step down. After advertising, two applications were received from Robert Ayres and Erika Elzey.

Ms. Elzey introduced herself as the parent of a rising sophomore at Minuteman. Ms. Elzey wanted to step up to the plate and get more involved. Ms. Elzey has worked and volunteered in schools.

Mr. Ayres worked in the high technology industry for 28 years and had a second career teaching at public schools in Massachusetts, most recently at Minuteman for 3 years.

Mr. Wysocki thanked both candidates but indicated his preference for Ms. Elzey based on her direct involvement as a parent of a current student. Mr. Czekanski was torn. Ms. Winner also recognized the value of both candidates' backgrounds, but agreed that Ms. Elzey's role as a parent of a current student was very valuable to her decision.

On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Winner the Board voted unanimously to appoint Erika Elzey as Bolton's representative on the Minuteman Regional Technical High School Committee. (Czekanski-yes, Winner-yes, Wysocki-yes)

LIV TOUR SPECIAL EVENT AT THE INTERNATIONAL-

Mike Goggin, tournament director was in attendance at the request of the Chair to discuss traffic issues at the previous event held at Pumpkin Ridge in Oregon. Mr. Wysocki asked for plans to mitigate traffic concerns. Kelly Cardoza of Avalon Consulting was in attendance. She explained that there will be a smaller number of spectators here than in Oregon, the roadways in and out of the facility are larger here in Bolton, there is greater signage proposed in Bolton and there is a greater state and local collaboration with public safety in Massachusetts. Ms. Cardoza shared a power point presentation with details.

Mr. Czekanski asked if the local event poses any unusual issues. Mr. Goggin reported no specific concerns for this location or event. Mr. Costigan, head of security for the event, agreed and reported that the online ticketing will be cut off at the appropriate time and that tickets cannot be purchased on site.

Ms. Winner has received inquiries from people looking to volunteer or with ideas for potential charitable organizations. Mr. Goggin reported that livgolf.com has information for ticket sales, volunteerism and charitable organizations. CSR@livgolf.com is the appropriate email to initiate contact on these topics. Mr. Lowe assured the Board that everyone he has worked with at Par5, LIV and the International are working diligently to make this an event that has no negative impact on the town.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT-

Grant Update-Conservation Agent Rebecca Longvall attended an award ceremony at which Bolton received \$39,519 for trail improvements. The Bolton Trail Committee was instrumental in submitting the grant application.

DCAMM Land Update-Mr. Lowe reached out to a contact at the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) about the possibility of potentially acquiring a 12-acre parcel on Forbush Mill Road adjacent to the soccer field. DCAMM can work on draft legislation to acquire the land. It will take about 2 months to prepare the draft. Board can expect to see the draft at a future meeting, possibly at the September 29th meeting.

Wood Partners, 580 Main Street-Mr. Lowe updated the Board on the prioritized list of requests from the Board. Ms. Oorthuys is working on a draft determination. Mr. Lowe reported that Wood Partners negotiated in good faith and has been fair in their response. The applicant agreed to engineering and replacement of the stone culvert behind Florence Sawyer School, construction of 16 additional parking spaces for event parking subject to consent and access rights, gated access for emergency vehicle access for the cart path, \$50K for updates on the improvements to Derby Field, \$10K for relocation of the Community Garden, \$10K to be used for playground at Memorial Field.

SELECT BOARD BUSINESS-

Public Service Announcements-Mr. Wysocki encouraged the public to bring bottles and cans to the red barn for the Scouts and reminded the public to be courteous to the transfer station staff. Mr. Wysocki reminded the public that there is a \$20/bag fine for dumping trash without a sticker. Non residents are subject to a \$300 fine for dumping trash at the transfer station.

Mr. Czekanski asked how to tee up an article for the ATM warrant for the improvement of Derby field. Mr. Lowe expects a capital request to be submitted for the improvements from the Parks and Recreation Commission in collaboration with the Department of Public Works.

Reappointments for FY23-Board reviewed a list of remaining reappointments for FY23.

On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Winner the Board voted unanimously to reappoint the names on the expiring terms list as presented. (Czekanski-yes, Winner-yes, Wysocki-yes)

Appointments-

Lisa D'Eon, Council on Aging Director was in attendance.

On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Winner the Board voted unanimously to appoint Molly Myers to the Council on Aging. (Czekanski-yes, Winner-yes, Wysocki-yes)

Asset Planning Grant Culverts

On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Winner the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Town Administrator to File the application for the Asset Planning Grant Culverts through MADEP. (Czekanski-yes, Winner-yes, Wysocki-yes)

Longevity Pay

The Board reviewed the list of employees with over 20 years of service: Warren Nelson, Kelly Collins, Lorraine Kenney, Donna Farnsworth, Nate Berry and Kimberly Barry.

On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Winner the Board voted unanimously to approve additional \$100 longevity pay for employees with over 20 years of service to the Town of Bolton. (Czekanski-yes, Winner-yes, Wysocki-yes)

Board and Committee Discussion

The Board reviewed the Bolton Boards and Committees list provided by the Town Clerk with the addition of a column declaring if they have staff administrative assistance. Mr. Czekanski recommended that we bring in the Boards and Committees for a check in that is independent of the budget process. The Board agree.

Senior Tax Relief Program (STRP)

The Board considered a wage increase for the STRP workers from \$10 to \$15. It would not affect the cap of \$1,500/year per residence.

On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Winner the Board voted unanimously to approve the wage increase from \$10 to \$15/hour for the STRP workers. (Czekanski-yes, Winner-yes, Wysocki-yes)

End of Year Transfers

The Board reviewed a list of End of Year Transfers for FY22. A total of \$223,049.37 covers the deficit in Snow and Ice and Gasoline line items.

On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Winner the Board voted unanimously to approve the end of year transfers as presented. (Czekanski-yes, Winner-yes, Wysocki-yes)

FY22 Gift Acceptance List

Board reviewed the list of gifts to the ambulance gift fund, sidewalk gift fund, hometown heroes, library memorial fund, parks and rec gift fund, senior fuel assistance, welcome to Bolton sign and wreath donation fund.

On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Winner the Board voted unanimously to accept the list of gifts as presented in the amount of \$19,615. (Czekanski-yes, Winner-yes, Wysocki-yes)

Bill and Payroll Warrants

On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Winner the Board voted unanimously to approve the bills and payroll warrants W22-27, W22-27A, and W23-1. (Czekanski-yes, Winner-yes, Wysocki-yes)

Minutes

On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Winner the Board voted unanimously to approve the regular session minutes of June 9th and June 23rd with changes. (Czekanski-yes, Winner-yes, Wysocki-yes)

Executive session

On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Winner the Board voted unanimously to enter executive session at 8:35 pm pursuant to MGL c. 30A, §21(a)3 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with The Teamster's Union, Local 170 if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the Select Board and to approve executive session minutes. (Czekanski-yes, Winner-yes, Wysocki-yes)

The Board returned from executive session at 8:58 pm.

On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Winner the Board voted unanimously to execute the amended FY22 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of Bolton and the Teamster's Union. (Czekanski-yes, Winner-yes, Wysocki-yes)

On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Winner the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:01pm. (Czekanski-yes, Winner-yes, Wysocki-yes)

Respectfully submitted by J. Jacobsen