

Select Board  
September 15, 2022

Stanley Wysocki, Chair  
Robert Czekanski  
Emily Winner

Via Zoom Remote Conferencing\*

Don Lowe, Town Administrator  
Jenny Jacobsen, Town Secretary

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

#### APPOINTMENT

Mr. Lowe explained that as the Town has come into possession of foreclosure properties it is required to designate a custodian and recommended tax collector Michelle Carlisle who was in attendance.

**On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Winner, the Board voted unanimously by roll call to appoint Tax Collector Michelle Carlisle as the custodian of the Town's tax possession properties. (Czekanski-yes, Winner-yes, Wysocki-yes)**

Ms. Carlisle thanked the Board. The next step is to schedule and auction.

#### TEMPORARY SIGN REQUEST

Andrew Keane was in attendance representing the Bolton Lions Club to request placement of an A-frame sign to advertise cider donut sale at Schartner Farm at the Bolton Town Common and at Berlin/Wattaquodock Hill Road Intersection. The signs will be placed on Saturdays and Sundays for 6 weekends through October 16. The signs are the same signs approved in previous years.

**On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Winner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request from the Bolton Lions Club to put up two A-frame signs as requested. (Czekanski-yes, Winner-yes, Wysocki-yes)**

#### CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Ken Troup, Bob Johnson, Jeff Larkin and Ed Sterling were in attendance from the Cable Advisory Committee for an update and discussion. Mr. Troup reported that the committee is getting ready for the renewal of the contract with Comcast. A survey is out to collect information from the community. They have received 173 responses to date. The survey can be found on the Cable Advisory website (<https://www.townofbolton.com/cable-advisory>). Paper copies were used at Backyard Bolton and will soon be placed at Town Hall and the library. The survey will close on the 7<sup>th</sup> of October. A public hearing will be held in November to review the results of the survey and get public input. That will lead to an invitation for a proposal for a new contract. Comcast is typically the only proposal received. Comcast typically likes to mirror what they have done in other towns. We receive money from Comcast for funding for Bolton Access TV both for operations and equipment. Bolton has maxed out what we receive percentage wide so there is little room for negotiation. Comcast owns the infrastructure so it would be costly for another entity to come in. Mr. Troup explained that there is a declining market due to streaming services. The contracts are for 10 years. Mr. Lowe reported from the Independent that Stow negotiated a high-definition station. Mr. Troup commented that the committee is definitely looking into that as a possibility.

#### CHAPTER 90 ROAD PAVING PLAN

Department of Public Works Director Randy Heglin was in attendance and presented the road paving plan for Bolton. Mr. Heglin described the list of roads for paving as expansive and expensive. Prices have been historically high recently and Mr. Heglin made the decision to delay going for bid until winter when he hopes prices will be lower. The Board viewed the forecast model Cost Benefit Value analyses. Roads identified and prioritized including portions of Sargent, Lively, Wilder, Berlin, Mechanic, Flanagan, Frye, Merrinot and Harvard roads. Our chapter 90 funding is \$802,000. The estimated costs for the roads identified are \$731,629. Mr. Heglin commented that the paving list is always fluid. Hudson Road (Rte 85) is not on the list. A winter patch was done to stabilize the roadway. Mr. Heglin is hoping for state grant program similar to the work that was done on (Rte 110) for numbered roads.

Mr. Czekanski wanted to get the word out that when the road assessment was done years ago, images were captured of all roads in Bolton which was sent through a machine with computer learning to identify the worst sections of roadway in Bolton.

#### 24-HOUR STAFFING MODEL FOR FIRE/EMS

Chief Legendre was in attendance and reported on the success of the 24-hour staffing model. They predicted within a year to have 424 calls which would be 106 calls per quarter but received 144 calls more than the first quarter which is a 65% increase by maintaining the coverage 24/7. Response time in-town from 7p – 7 a is down to 90 seconds and arrival time 5 minutes. It was 16 minutes prior to 24/7 coverage. Out-of-town is also 90 seconds out of the gate time with on-arrival times averaging 7 minutes. New revenue is \$45,825 for intercepts and our own transports. Chief Legendre reported that the model is working well and they will keep it going.

Chief Legendre announced receipt of an award letter of a Assistance to Firefighter grant in the amount of \$39,494 to replace one firetruck with firehose, nozzels, and thermal imaging cameras. The Town's 5% is \$1,880. The Board inquired about the new firetruck. Chief Legendre reported his expectation that it will be November.

#### LIV GOLF TOURNAMENT

Par5 Golf tournament director Mike Goggin was in attendance and updated the Board on the success of the LIV golf tournament. Mr. Goggin thanked the Board for the support. The general feedback has been very positive. Mr. Goggin apologized for the oversight of the temporary signage.

Mr. Lowe explained that it would be in the Board's purview to consider a fee of no greater than \$300 for the temporary sign violation. Mr. Goggin was agreeable to pay the fine. Mr. Czekanski was favorable to the fine as a matter of consistency.

**On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Winner, the Board voted unanimously to assess a fine for the temporary sign violation in the amount of \$300 to Par5 Golf. (Czekanski-yes, Winner-yes, Wysocki-yes)**

Mr. Goggin is hopeful to hold the event again next year, but the schedule is still in flux.

Ms. Winner inquired about the money that has been donated and whether the list will be public to the community. Mr. Goggin stated that it was made public the week of the event and will forward the list over. Ms. Winner also inquired about the clean up on Ballville Road. Mr. Goggin stated that it is scheduled for Friday September 16<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Lowe commented that Mr. Goggin has been a consummate professional and would welcome working with him in the future.

#### TOWN ADMINISTATOR REPORT

MassWorks Grant- Mr. Lowe reported on the project to redo the intersection of Green/Forbush/Main. The engineering is about 50% complete. The bid documents should be ready to go out this winter to start work in the spring.

Mr. Lowe shared an image of the Welcome to Amesbury sign and asked the Board to consider the concept of a Welcome to Bolton sign for a future discussion.

Mr. Czekanski requested information about the dimensional requirements that they would be working within.

Derby Field- Mr. Lowe reported that they held the most recent meeting at the site with Rob Frieswick, facilities director for Nashoba Regional School District. Mr. Lowe explained that the group is being as creative as they can be. Grant requests are being considered to assist with the cost of the project.

## SELECT BOARD BUSINESS

### Public Service Announcements-

Mr. Lowe read a press release announcing the new Rabbi Braham David at Beth Elohim Temple located in Acton Massachusetts and welcomed Rabbi David to the area.

Mr. Wysocki asked the public to separate their recyclables out for the red barn to benefit the Scouts.

Mr. Wysocki asked parents to bring any issues that they have with special education in Nashoba Regional School District.

Mr. Lowe recognized the passing of Ruea Baum, the most recent recipient of the Boston Post Cane who celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday the previous year. The Board offered condolences to the family.

Future Agenda Items-Mr. Wysocki asked Mr. Lowe to add several future agenda items to a future meeting:

- to get in front of the Nashoba Regional School District budget. The increase in the assessment far exceeded our ability with prop 2 ½ to be able to pay for it. He would like to meet with Select Board and then engage the School Committee.
- to meet with the Scouts to discuss bottles and cans on ways to encourage residents to segregate the bottles and cans from the stream.
- to meet with the Council on Aging to discuss whether there is a need for a line item to pay seniors for additional hours worked once they have reached the STRP program maximums.
- To meet with the DPW director to get an update on how to better manage the transfer station to prevent usage of the transfer station by nonresidents.

Mr. Czekanski asked if we could do anything to get more people using the transfer station. Mr. Wysocki added that it is a great deal over trash collection.

### Mass Area Planning Council Appointment

**On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Winner, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Town Planner Todd Miller as the representative to the Mass Area Planning Council. (Czekanski-yes, Winner-yes, Wysocki-yes)**

### Bills/Payroll Warrants

**On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Winner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the bills/payroll warrants W23-1A, W23-2 & w23-2A, W23-3 & w23-3A, W23-4 & w23-4A, W23-5 & w23-5A. (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 July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022. (Czekanski-yes, Winner-yes, Wysocki-yes)**

Executive Session

**On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Winner the Board voted at 7:26 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 the chair so declares and to approve executive session minutes. (Czekanski-yes, Winner-yes, Wysocki-yes)**

The Board returned to executive session at 7:48pm.

**On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Winner the Board voted unanimously by roll call to adjourn. (Czekanski-yes, Winner-yes, Wysocki-yes)**

Respectfully submitted by J. Jacobsen.