

Board of Selectmen
June 17, 2021
Via Zoom*

Jonathan Keep, Chairman
Robert Czekanski
Stanley Wysocki

Don Lowe, Town Administrator
Jenny Jacobsen, Town Secretary

Mr. Keep called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

CONSERVATION RESTRICTION, 225 OLD BAY ROAD

Conservation Agent Rebecca Longvall representing the Conservation Commission was present and requested an amendment to an existing Conservation Restriction to remove a building envelope which will result in more land to be placed under the restriction. The Conservation Trust supports the amendment.

On a motion made by Wysocki and seconded by Czekanski, the Board voted unanimously by roll call to approve the Amendment to Conservation Restriction from David C. Calcagni and Elizabeth Mort Calcagni to the Bolton Conservation Trust, Inc., and the Town of Bolton for the property located at 225 old Bay Road. (Czekanski-yes, Keep-yes, Wysocki-yes)

MASSACHUSETTS LAND TAX CREDIT

Ms. Longvall representing the Conservation Commission was present and requested the Board accept 13.99 acre parcel located at 2.D-15 (with frontage along Hudson road/rte 85) as part of Massachusetts Land Tax Credit program land donation from Deborah Bonazzoli.

Mr. Wysocki inquired as to whether a hazardous site assessment was done. Ms. Longvall responded that it is early in the process. If the condition that a hazardous site assessment is required at some point in the process, Mr. Wysocki will support.

Ms. Longvall reviewed the four restrictions requested by Ms. Bonazzoli. 1- The land remain in a natural, scenic and undeveloped condition to be used for wildlife preservation, 2- Public shall not have access to the property, 3- The land will be added to the 29 acres previously donated, 4- No hunting.

On a motion made by Wysocki and seconded by Czekanski, the Board voted unanimously by roll call to support acceptance of 13.99 acre parcel located at 2.D-15 (with frontage along Hudson road/rte 85) as part of Massachusetts Land Tax Credit program land donation from Deborah Bonazzoli.

BOLTON ACCESS TELEVISION

Nicki McGachey of Bolton Access Television appeared before the Board to request the release of the Q1 funds.

On a motion made by Wysocki and seconded by Czekanski, the Board voted unanimously by roll call to release the 2021 Q1 Comcast Funds in the amount of \$24,527,21. (Czekanski-yes, Keep-yes, Wysocki-yes)

SIGN AT 89 SPECTACLE HILL ROAD, TWO-STOREY BUILDING

Doug Storey appeared before the Board to request approval for a 17X17" sign to be posted on his property. The sign conforms to the size requirements per our Town Bylaws.

On a motion made by Wysocki and seconded by Czekanski, the Board voted unanimously by roll call to approve the sign as requested. (Czekanski-yes, Keep-yes, Wysocki-yes)

ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEM.

Town Moderator Doug Storey updated the Board on a proposal to purchase equipment for electronic voting. Many other towns have purchased remote voting systems using CaresAct funds. Mr. Storey met with Pam Powell, Jennifer Marquis, Ninotchka Rogers and Jenny Jacobsen for two presentations. One was selected due to its simple design and ease of use. Mr. Storey would like to see continuation of voice votes for many of the articles. The equipment would assist with recounts. Mr. Storey recommended the purchase of 300 devices. Mr. Keep asked to see a unit. The devices operate on a wireless radio frequency. **On a motion made by Wysocki and seconded by Czekanski, the Board voted unanimously by roll call to approve Town Administrator's FY22 goals as presented. (Czekanski-yes, Keep-yes, Wysocki-yes)**

TOWN ADMINSTRATOR REPORT

Town Hall is open to the public. It has been great to have residents back in the building. All is going smoothly. Bolton is currently 68.9% fully vaccinated. 79.2% have received a single dose.

The Board reviewed the Town Administrator's Proposed FY22 Goals. The Board showed great interest in the review and improvement of the Town website. Mr. Keep requested that residents' photos be incorporated. Mr. Czekanski was interested in seeing outside organizations incorporated onto the website in some way.

SELECT BOARD BUSINESS

Public Service Announcements

July 6th, 12th, 19th, 26th are the dates that the Massachusetts Mosquito Alliance will be in town spraying properties who have requested the service only.

Mr. Wysocki encouraged the public to use the barn for bottles and cans and to treat the transfer station attendants with courtesy.

Mr. Lowe encouraged the public to contact the Conservation Commission if they are interested in placing a conservation restriction on their property to preserve open space.

Name Change to Select Board

On a motion made by Wysocki and seconded by Czekanski, the Board voted unanimously by roll call to authorize the Town Administrator to file a petition to change the name of the Board of Selectmen to the Select Board as voted by the Town in article 10 at ATM. (Czekanski-yes, Keep-yes, Wysocki-yes)

Reappointments

Mr. Keep read the list of reappointments.

Kevin O'Brien, Affordable Housing Partnership Trustees

Angie Tollefson and Gentry Ferrell, Agricultural Commission

Assistant Animal Control Officer, Pam Johnson

Animal Control Officer, Phyllis Tower

Gerard Ahearn, Board of Appeals

David Yesue, Audit Advisory Committee NRSD

Michael Sauvageau, Building Inspector

Lorraine Stephenson, Conservation Commission

Panny Gerken and Chuck McCormack, Council on Aging

Jeffrey Legendre and Warren Nelson, Emergency Management Co-Directors

Jeffrey Legendre, Fire Chief & Forest Warden

Robert Tattersall, Historical Commission

Peter Casello, Assistant Wiring Inspector

James Boodry, Wiring Inspector

Kristen Noel and Ninotchka Rogers, Insurance Advisory Committee

Kenneth Troup, MART Advisory Board

Mary Ciummo and Holly Lauer, Public Ways Safety Committee

Leslie Breeze, Board of Registrar

Mark Caisse, Tree Warden

James Cabral, Veterans Agent

On a motion made by Wysocki and seconded by Czekanski, the Board voted unanimously by roll call to approve reappointments as presented. (Czekanski-yes, Keep-yes, Wysocki-yes)

Senior Transfer Station Stickers

Program allows residents 62 and over to receive \$100/ per household in transfer station stickers in FY22. Stickers are available at Town Hall.

On a motion made by Wysocki and seconded by Czekanski, the Board voted unanimously by roll call to approve the FY22 senior sticker transfer station stickers program. (Czekanski-yes, Keep-yes, Wysocki-yes)

Grant Money for Coronavirus Relief Fund

On a motion made by Wysocki and seconded by Czekanski, the Board voted unanimously by roll call to accept grant money allocated to the Town of Bolton from the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund . (Czekanski-yes, Keep-yes, Wysocki-yes)

Bills/Payroll Warrants

On a motion made by Wysocki and seconded by Czekanski, the Board voted unanimously by roll call to approve bills/payroll warrants W21-26 & W26A. (Czekanski-yes, Keep-yes, Wysocki-yes)

Minutes

On a motion made by Wysocki and seconded by Czekanski, the Board voted unanimously by roll call to approve the minutes of June 3rd, 2021 regular session. (Czekanski-yes, Keep-yes, Wysocki-yes)

On a motion made by Wysocki and seconded by Czekanski, the Board voted unanimously by roll call to adjourn at 7:45 pm. (Czekanski-yes, Keep-yes, Wysocki-yes)

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.*