

Approved on March 16, 2023

Select Board  
February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Via Zoom Remote Conferencing\*

Stanley Wysocki  
Robert Czekanski

Don Lowe, Town Administrator  
Jenny Jacobsen, Asst. to the Town Admin.

Mr. Wysocki called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Wysocki the Select Board voted by roll call 2-0 to enter executive session pursuant to M.G.L. c. c. 30A, Sec. 21(a), Purpose 3, to discuss strategy with respect to potential litigation, Keyes Farm LLC, if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the Board and the chair so declares at 6:00pm. (Czekanski-yes, Wysocki-yes)**

The Board returned from executive session at 6:46 pm and took items from the agenda out of order to allow time for the appointments to arrive.

#### TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

##### Derby Field Update-

Mr. Lowe announced that we are in great shape for submitting the grant application once applications will be accepted. They haven't released the dates yet. The survey was completed earlier in the day (February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023) which was paid for out of Mr. Lowe's purchase of services.

##### Capital Plan and ARPA Update-

Mr. Lowe provided a high level overview on the capital plan. Mr. Lowe a total of \$354K to be spent on the Town Building projects. The school additionally had building project requests totaling \$185,991 and the DPW vehicle request of \$115K for a total of \$654,991 which will be funded from ARPA funds. Additionally, he will be recommending Chapter 90 funds in the amount of \$248K to be used to purchase a dump sander and spreader dump body and stabilization funds in the amount of \$345K for the new roof at the fire station. The recommendations will not involve the use of free cash for the capital requests.

##### Library Director Acknowledgement-

Mr. Lowe announced that the Kelly Collins celebrated her 25-year anniversary as the Town's library director. Mr. Lowe congratulated Ms. Collins on the accomplishment.

#### EVENT APPROVAL

Andrew Keane appeared before the Board with a request on behalf of the Bolton Lion's Club to request approval to hold the voluntary toll booth on Route 117 between the Bolton Public Library and Murphy Insurance on Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of May 13<sup>th</sup>. The police department approved the event.

**On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Wysocki the Board voted by roll call unanimously to approve the annual toll booth on Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of May 13<sup>th</sup>. (Czekanski-yes, Wysocki-yes)**

#### BOLTON ACCESS TELEVISION

Nicki McGachey appeared before the Board with an update of current programming of Bolton Access Television and to request the release of funds for operation of the station.

**On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Wysocki the Board voted by roll call unanimously to approve the release of \$25,696.91 from the PEG Cable Account for the Quarter 4 operating expenses. (Czekanski-yes, Wysocki-yes)**

## **PAY-AS-YOU-THROW BAG PROGRAM**

DPW Director Randy Heglin updated the Board on the transition to bags from stickers. The program began on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Heglin made a correction to the Board that the maker of the bags will not act as a warehouse for the bags unless we adopted a retail program. The order has been received. The staff has not had any feedback from the public. There were bags in the compacter at the most recent transfer station day. A news and announcement went out to alert the public about the transition. Mr. Heglin provided a summary of commodities with basic tonnages of municipal solid waste. 438 tons has been collected from July through the end of January. An estimated tonnage would be 750 tons annually. The cost to deal with the solid waste and processing of the recyclables is \$172K which includes the disposal charges, hauling charges and lease charges. The big bags are rated at 35 lbs. Based on the estimated tonnage that would equate to approximately 42,860 bags annually which would result in 107K in revenue. Mr. Wysocki suggested looking at outfits such as Waste Management to compare pricing. He suggested keeping the price of the bags for now and spend a little more time looking into the pricing. Mr. Wysocki suggested a cutoff date for allowing stickers at the transfer date and allow for a one-to-one swap for stickers to bags. Mr. Czekanski opined that people don't typically buy more than a year's worth of stickers at once. Mr. Czekanski voiced concern that it could cause friction if the message is not received. Mr. Heglin opined that the majority of the stickers will be depleted in 2-3 months. Mr. Lowe agreed that waiting until July 1<sup>st</sup> would dwindle down the majority of the stickers that are out there. Ms. Jacobsen voiced a concern that 2-3 months is insufficient to deplete people's allotments noting that the senior allotments are at least 40-weeks worth of stickers and were distributed on a rolling basis. She will report the numbers at the next meeting.

**On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Wysocki the Board voted by roll call unanimously that stickers no longer be used and the Bolton Transfer station accept bags only beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> 2023. (Czekanski-yes, Wysocki-yes)**

## **SELECT BOARD BUSINESS**

### Public Service Announcements-

No public Service Announcements

### Future Agenda Items-

Mr. Wysocki suggested inviting the members of the Regional Agreement Amendment Advisory Committee to report on the quasi final draft of the agreement. Mr. Czekanski agreed.

### Caucus-

**On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Wysocki the Board voted by roll call unanimously to call the caucus to be held on Monday March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Bolton Public Library. (Czekanski-yes, Wysocki-yes)**

### Residents Options for Switching Electricity Suppliers-

Mr. Wysocki noted that the Community Choice Aggregation Plan is stuck at the state level and asked that information be added to the website to inform residents what their options are for switching providers. Mr. Lowe commented that we cannot recommend one provider over another, but we could look into putting a link on the website. He will report back at the next meeting.

### Gift Acceptance-

**On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Wysocki the Board voted by roll call unanimously to accept the gift of \$2,500 from the Bolton Conservation Trust for land maintenance. (Czekanski-yes, Wysocki-yes)**

Annual Report-

**On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Wysocki the Board voted by roll call unanimously to accept the annual report of the Select Board as presented. (Czekanski-yes, Wysocki-yes)**

Bills/Payroll-

**On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Wysocki the Board voted by roll call unanimously to approve the bills/payroll warrants W23-16 & W23-16A. (Czekanski-yes, Wysocki-yes)**

Minutes-

**On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Wysocki the Board voted by roll call unanimously to approve the minutes of January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023. (Czekanski-yes, Wysocki-yes)**

Executive Session

**On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Wysocki the Select Board voted by roll call 2-0 to enter executive Session at 7:42 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 Board of Selectmen and the chair so declares and approve minutes. (Czekanski-yes, Wysocki-yes)**

The Board returned from executive session at 8:14 pm.

**On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Wysocki the Select Board voted by roll call 2-0 to adjourn at 8:14 pm. (Czekanski-yes, Wysocki-yes)**

Respectfully submitted by J. Jacobsen.