

BOLTON TOWN BOARD

Pledge: Councilmember Deanne Rehm
Regular Meeting

February 1, 2011

Supervisor: Ronald Conover
Councilman: Robert MacEwan
Councilman: Owen Maranville
Councilmember: Deanne Rehm
Councilman: Gregory Smith
Town Clerk: Patricia Steele
Counsel: Michael Muller

Call To Order : 7:00pm

Minutes: Approve minutes of Year-End Meeting, December 29, 2010 (tabled 1-4-2011)

RESOLUTION #25

Councilmember Rehm moved, seconded by Councilman MacEwan to approve the minutes of the Year-End Meeting, December 29, 2010. Councilman Smith abstained. All Others in Favor. Motion Carried.

Approve minutes of Organizational Meeting held January 4, 2011

RESOLUTION #26

Councilman Smith moved, seconded by Councilman Maranville to approve the minutes of the Organizational Meeting held January 4, 2011. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Approve minutes of regular meeting held January 4, 2011

RESOLUTION #27

Councilman Smith moved, seconded by Councilmember Rehm to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held January 4, 2011. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Public Hearings : None

Public in Attendance :

- Zandy Gabriels

Spoke on behalf of himself and his mother as residents of Green Island and neighbors of the Sagamore Hotel. He stated that Sagbolt went before the PB and was granted approval to demolish a building and re-build another one in its exact place. It is a simple project, however he finds 2 problems. First, as a neighbor they were not afforded the opportunity to view the plans ahead of time He stated that he received a plan that night to review with his mother. Upon her review she raised the concern that there were no porches on

either side of the building like originally existed. Although the porches were demolished a long time ago and there are probably not any pictures to show that, she does recall porches extending the full length of the building. He stated that his mother brought this issue to Tom Guay, Manager of the Sagamore, who indicated that they do not intend for there to be porches on this building. Zandy Gabriels stated that he went up there over the weekend and took some pictures and found some small remnants of the original porch. He stated that porches are important and provide a break-up of the architectural features. He stated that his impression was that these buildings were to be exactly the same and in this case they are not. He does not feel that the PB got a straight story which is a problem.

Secondly, Zandy Gabriels stated that he feels that this application does constitute a PUD amendment. He stated that the attorneys came to a subjective opinion regarding this matter and Ike Wolgin, too was not sure if this would constitute a PUD amendment. The reason for this uncertainty is because the discussion of all the buildings 25 years ago did not focus on these outbuildings, but rather the hotel, condos, administration office and amenities on the front lawn. He stated that if they had gone through a PUD amendment, it would have needed approval from all of the Boards which would have allowed TB sign-off and the APA would have quickly followed suit. Sagbolt's desire not to go through that process is merely an issue of timing because they want this done before they open this season. However, their lack of planning should not be a Town problem. They could have started the process earlier or amended their construction schedule.

Zandy Gabriels stated that Sagbolt got away with this not being a PUD amendment. The Town only has 2 PUD's in Town and he feels that the Town has lost their leverage in dealing with the Sagamore. The procedure was skipped which did not allow for the opportunity to discuss, with the owners, what their position or business plan is doing for them and the Town.

Zandy Gabriels stated that the winter closing of the Sagamore has had a major effect on the downtown businesses. This loss of leverage has not allowed the Town the opportunity to bring this to their attention, nor did it allow for them to present an alternative plan or justify their business plan. He stated that they hope that any future amendments or projects for Sagbolt go through the proper PUD amendment procedure.

Zandy Gabriels stated that the Town has been very fortunate for the creation of the Sagamore back in 1883 and the owners have always had some direct presence in the Town of Bolton. Granted the first 50 years or so it was only in the summertime but the owners lived in the basement, lived in town. They were a part of the community. The Wolgins were part of the community and owners for the past 20 years and lived in town for longer than that. However, this is the first time that this facility is being run under ownership by people that do not live here, who are absentee landlords almost if you will, who are not part of the community and that is a very difficult future for our Town to look

forward to. We cannot afford to just give them an escape or give them a pass on everything. They need to be part of this community because the Town's livelihood depends on it all year round not just in the summertime.

Correspondence:

- Charlanne McDonough, Lake George Club ABC Officer, notification of intent to renew liquor license for the 2011 summer season for both the main bar and the grotto.
- Vasiliki Tekmitchov, Lily's, notification of intent to renew liquor license for 2011, intend to reopen April 1, 2011.
- Richard Weber, Deputy Director, APA, application notification by The Rocks 1906, LG,LLC for a 4 lot subdivision creating building lots, two of which are less than 3.2 acres in size involving wetlands on the North Bolton Road.
- Sagbolt LLC, notification of Alteration Application Form at The Sagamore Resort Pavilion restaurant.
- Sagbolt LLC, notifications to renew liquor license at The Morgan (vessel – decks), The Morgan (vessel), Lakeside Cabana Restaurant, Lakeside Restaurant, all levels Hotel, Veranda of Hotel.
- James P. Childress, Jr., D.V.M., Chairman, Sunrise Shores Condominium Building and Grounds Committee regarding connection for Mrs. Brett to Sunrise Shores system.
- William G. Farber, Adirondack Partnership, Association of Towns regarding support for the efforts of the Adirondack Partnership.
- Peter Bauer, The Fund for Lake George, thank you letter for Town pledge of support for Asian Clam Rapid Response Take Force.
- Schoder River Associates, project schedule and notice for culvert work on New Vermont Road.
- Carla B. Burhoe, President, Canoe Island Lodge, LLC, 3820 Lake Shore Drive, intent to renew liquor license.
- Rose Alessi, President, Melody Manor, Villa Napoli Restaurant, 4610 Lake Shore Drive, notice to renew liquor license.
- John Mucha, Time Warner Cable regarding changes and discussions regarding services.
- Racey Auto Sales, Oxford Pa., letter of introduction regarding selling refurbished bucket trucks.
- Laberge Group, letter of introduction and services relating to DEC funding opportunities for Smart Growth Grants.
- Christopher P. Dion, Manager, National Grid, request for information on road and street repairs for 2011.
- Deanne Rehm regarding updating Town of Bolton procurement policy.
- Kristine L. Wheeler, Drinking Water Program Supervisor, State of New York, Department of Health, sample schedule report for 2010.
- Michael White, Lake George Park Commission, letter regarding coordination of

- Lead Agency under SEQRA for the Asian Clam Eradication Project.
- Sagbolt LLC, notice to renew liquor license for Restaurant at Golf Course, 55 Frank Cameron Road, Bolton.
- Hans Winter, Hansen LLC, d/b/a Pumpnickels Restaurant, The Wooden Barrel Bar and Grill, notice to renew liquor license.

Committee Reports:

Councilman Robert MacEwan

Code Enforcement- 12 page report, 23 sites visited, 190 miles logged and one letter of attachment.

Water Department- 4,451,734 gallons filtered. The month has been busy. Bacteriological samples came back satisfactory. A new metal door has been installed at the pump house. They read the Sagamore meters. They had a report of vandalism at the plant where the flag was ripped down and some shovels stolen out of the back of the trucks. Officer Galante investigated this matter and was the one who discovered the incident by doing routine work. Justin was supposed to start classes for Plant Operator school in January but it has been put off until February.

Councilman Owen Maranville

Police Department- 3,024 miles patrolled and used 249.8 gallons of fuel. An itemized list of all of the calls answered is available for review. On January 2nd, numerous mailboxes were reported as damaged on East Schroon River Road. The Bolton Police Department located the suspect vehicle at a location on New Vermont Road. The operator was determined to be a 19 year old Bolton youth who was interviewed by Chief James Neumann. The youth initially had a different story, but when presented with the evidence collected by the Police, he confessed to damaging the mailboxes. The youth was arrested for criminal mischief and the mailbox owners will be able to receive restitution for their damages.

Assessor- The maintenance of deed and property information was kept up to date. There has been one more sale in this Town and the number of sales since July is now 17. Dave Rosebrook attended a 6 hour course on the appraisals on January 14th. He attended the WC Assessor's meeting on January 25th, where area realtors were present to discuss their concerns about market trends and understanding the assessment process as well as taxes. Based on NYS legislation, the STAR Basic exemption is no longer eligible for property owners making in excess of \$500,000/year. The Department of Taxation and Finance prepared a list of those no longer eligible and another list that they were unsure about. Denial letters and letters asking for copies of tax returns were mailed out on January 27th. Overall they had 29 property owners to correspond with. In January, Dave Rosebrook began his annual review of properties with construction permits and has been sharing the Town Subaru with the Planning Department. To date he is unsure of the State's decision on their 2011 level of assessment since they have done some survey comparisons and the

process takes much longer.

With regard to the STAR program change, Councilmember Rehm stated many people have been in the program for 8-10 years and the State legislature changed their eligibility requirement last June. She stated that the program would no longer be available to those who make in excess of \$500,000/year, which would not affect most individuals. At the time of the decision the Assessors were unsure if it would be applied just for new applicants or for everyone. The State took every assessment roll in the State and accessed tax files to determine income for all those involved in the STAR program. The State then prepared lists for each municipality naming those that exceeded the limit or those that they could not make a determination for. Councilmember Rehm stated that down state one community has in excess 10,000 people to contact because NYS Taxation and Finance could not determine the level of their income. She stated that the burden of this notification and inquiry be on the municipality. She stated that there are several indigent people out there; it is not a secret that the State can look at your taxes, but it was not handled well. Councilmember Rehm stated that this is an example of the disconnect with what happens in Albany and what municipalities have to do.

Justice- Hon. Harry Demarest took in \$5,170.16 and Hon. Edward Stewart took in \$4,270 Total monies forwarded to the Town was 9,440.16. Itemized lists are available for review in the Court.

Highway Department- January 3rd-7th they cut brush on Padanarum and East Schroon River Road and worked on their trucks. They have been dealing with several snow storms and squalls throughout the month. On January 24th they cleaned Main Street by removing the snow with the help from the DOT. On January 26th they finished Main Street and the Fire House. On January 27th and 28th they cleaned up snow on the back streets, parking lots and churches. On January 31st, they prepared for the major snow storm starting today and tomorrow.

Councilman Maranville stated that the Highway Department has done a nice job and they have been dealing with some very cold temperatures. Supervisor Conover agreed.

Seniors- Typically their business meetings are held the 1st Wednesday of every month, however, due to the storm, they will delay this meeting to the following Wednesday at 10:15am. A presentation will follow the meeting. The 2nd Tuesday of each month, the seniors caravan to Lake George and get on the Town of Lake George Trolley with the LG Seniors and go down to the Racino for the day. They receive a gift from the Racino since they are considered a bus tour.

Rescue Squad- Their annual report has the list of calls they went on and their level of activity for the year 2010. They thanked the Town Board and community for all of their

support and specifically mentioned the Bolton Police Department is very helpful when necessary for driving or assisting with the call. On February 12th they will be installing their new officers.

Recreation Department- This winter break they will be having 3 days of activities available. Ray Ciccarelli has been kind enough to post something on the School website to let the parents know about the activities. She stated that they will see if a vacation schedule will work in the future.

The summer day camp program will be running for 7 weeks instead of the 6 weeks. In the past there has been a tuition for the camp and then on Wednesday they took field trips for an extra cost. This year they will be rolling all into one fee at \$50/week. Sign-ups will be start in March.

Library-

The report shows that they have had a busy year. All of the circulation and activities have increased. During the month of February they will have a film on Valentine's Day "The Umbrellas of Cherbourg". On 2/19 they will hold the Cabin Fever Party at the Highway Garage.

TD Bank has come up with a program that they are offering to not-for-profit organizations. Each community is able to choose one organization and the Library has been chosen for Bolton. Any current or new customer of TD Bank mentions that they are a member of the Bolton Free Library, the Library will be mentioned in profile and at the end of the year all ½ % of all of the assets of these customers on deposit will be calculated and given to the Library. They are hoping that this will be in excess of \$5,000. This is a wonderful way to show their support.

Councilman Gregory Smith

Buildings and Grounds- They have been very busy with snow removal. They have been having problems with their 1999 John Deere tractor that they use for the sidewalks. On their most recent snow removal on Main Street the transmission died and it is in the process of being fixed. They are also looking into getting a back up piece of equipment because this is all they have. They have been working on the other equipment and helping the Highway Department. Between them and the Highway Department they are taking care of snow removal for the Transfer Station.

Sewer- Took in 3,190,810 gallons of waste water, an average of 102,929 gallons/day. All of the beds are dry except for the one in use. Monthly samples were done and the DMR's were mailed with no violations. They cut a lot of brush and trees around bed #10. Green Mountain TV inspection and cleaned 5,000 feet of the sewer main, getting ready for the slip lining this month. Pump going to the sand filter has frozen a few times and they have been looking into building a structure over it to prevent it from happening. Aluminum

line is plugged or frozen, they have switched to the other lines so they can have back up. They hauled 14,500 gallons of liquid sludge. A meter that reads the height of water in the pit to the sand filters is not working properly and they have someone coming out to look at it. They have had a lot of problems this winter with the excessive snow and cold temps.

Supervisors Report:

- Receipts: \$1,430,005.53
- Disbursements: \$794,839.15
- Sales Tax Receipts: The sales tax revenue estimates for 2010 and 2011 are as anticipated. Total sales tax receipts though above 2009 levels are still substantially below 2008 levels. Nevertheless, any upward movement is welcome news and would say given the present revenue levels our budget estimates for 2011 are on track.
- Town Sewer lining work is underway (schedule provided to Board; notice of the project has been posted on our internet site with contact number; contractor will provide both 1 week, 24 hour written notification letters and also completion notification letters to affected properties. Initial report from Chet Dagles is that the contractor Green Mountain Pipeline Service is very experienced and so far the work is proceeding as planned.
- We had some vandalism at water plant on Friday late night or early Saturday morning, January 15, flag taken down and discarded, 3 shovels were taken from trucks. Bolton Police and Sheriff were notified and reports have been filed.
- FEMA grant award of \$10,697.87 for costs incurred during the March 23, 2010 storm on Trout Falls Road, Padanarum and East Schroon River Road; big thank you to Donna Boggs and Tim Coon for getting this reimbursement for Bolton.
- Annual audit reports have been completed for Town Clerk, Tax Collection, Justice Court and Supervisor's Office. The Supervisor thanked Councilman MacEwan for his assistance.

RESOLUTION #28

Councilmember Rehm moved, seconded by Councilman Smith to make the Annual Audit Reports for the Town Clerk, Tax Collection, Justice Court and Supervisor's Office part of the public record. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

- DEC has agreed to be lead agent for SEQRA for Hague, Finkle and Indian Brooks, We are pursuing an application with NYSEFC relative to financing the project and the Watershed grant for the Finkle project has been increased from \$250,000 to \$350,000 to cover any additional costs for the project including any SEQRA costs (the applicant under SEQRA will be the Lake George Association). Authorization to sign the grant contract with the Department of State for the Watershed Conference should be on next month's agenda.

Supervisor Conover stated that he will have more information at the next meeting regarding the NYSEFC financing. This project is an eligible activity and can be

financed at a very low interest rate. Upon receipt of the DOS grant they can pay them off right away and the difference between the grant and actual project cost can be carried on the short term. Supervisor Conover stated that this is just one of a number of projects as part of a grant that Bolton is the sponsor on and he may have Dave Wick present the full program to the Board at next month's meeting.

- Request from the Advisory Group from the Conservation Club to have a liaison from the Town Board.

Supervisor Conover asked Councilmember Rehm to be the liaison. Councilmember Rehm accepted the appointment.

Old Business / Tabled Resolutions:

- Lower Brereton Road
- Lake George Camping
- Finkle Brook, SEQRA resolution tabled November 3, 2010 (motion to remove from Table).

RESOLUTION #29

Councilmember Rehm moved, seconded by Councilman Maranville to delete the Finkle Brook, SEQRA resolution tabled November 3, 2010 from the Table. All in Favor.
Motion Carried.

- Draft amendment to Ordinance #31 regulating size and horsepower of motor boats on Trout Lake (motion to remove from table and set public hearing date).

Supervisor Conover stated that Counsel Muller has drafted a proposed amendment to Ordinance #31. The basic idea of the amendment is to add the phrase which not only prohibits the operation but also that such boats shall not be maintained on the waters of Trout Lake. Counsel Muller further explained the proposed changes. He stated that fines have been reworked and they now have a first, second and third offense. Within each offense the judge has the discretion to impose a fine within a particular monetary range. The proposed amendment also removes the criminal sanction. The Board agreed with the new fine structure proposed.

Councilmember Rehm stated that the original ordinance took into consideration those that already had vessels that were greater than 50 horsepower and they had a time in which they could register those and keep them on the lake. She asked for some clarification on the date because this states October 1, 1982 but the original ordinance was from July 1976. Counsel Muller replied that he could change it to the 1976 date. He added that he believes those who were grandfathered were owner and craft specific. When drafting this amendment he thought for sure that there wouldn't have been any of those boats registered. However, he asked Pat Steele and she came up with several. He stated that he cannot tell you if those original people that filed still have the same boat, but if they do, they are grandfathered. Councilmember Rehm asked if these people do

not have the same boat they be allowed to replace “in-kind”. Counsel Muller stated that would be the Town Board’s call. His impression was to allow for those who at the time did not meet the horsepower restriction, but it was only good as long as they owned the boat. After further discussion the TB decided that once these grandfathered boats are gone the owners are not permitted to replace “in kind”.

Councilmember Rehm suggested that they hold the meeting in the summer season since most of the residents on Trout Lake are summer residents. Counsel Muller agreed. Councilmember Rehm also suggested that those listed on the grandfathered list be sent notification of the public hearing. Councilman Maranville suggested notifying the marinas that rent boats on Trout Lake as well.

Councilman Maranville stated that he has made Chief James Neumann aware of these changes. He stated that they are at the mercy of the patrol of other agencies when it comes to patrolling Trout Lake. Counsel Muller stated that if there is a civil complaint for violation of that ordinance it is prosecuted by the Town Attorney in the Town Court.

RESOLUTION #30

Councilman Smith moved, seconded by Councilman Maranville to remove draft amendment Ordinance #31 regulating size and horsepower of motor boats on Trout Lake from the Table and set the public hearing for June 7, 2011 at 7:00pm. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

- **Smoke-Free Parks**

Councilmember Rehm discussed the policy. She stated that Reality Check was here last month and the Recreation Committee met last Thursday and have set recommendations for the TB. They recommend that Rogers Park, Veterans Park and the Little League complex should be listed as Tobacco-Free Premises and a Tobacco-Free zone should be created around the Conservation Park building. They suggested park tickets for entrance into the parks be stamped with something to bring it to the public’s attention as well. Reality Check will also be providing signage for the parks. They are recommending this to be done as a policy rather than part of their ordinance so they do not get into an enforcement issue. She stated that it can always be added as an ordinance at a later date.

Councilman Smith asked if Reality Check will provide a design or draft of the signs and a plan for placement of them. Councilmember Rehm replied yes the Recreation Committee will be reviewing them and she can bring them to the TB before they order them.

RESOLUTION #31

Councilmember Rehm moved, seconded by Councilman Maranville to adopt the Smoke-Free Parks Policy which would list Rogers Park, Veterans Park and the Little League complex as Tobacco-Free and also create a 100’ Tobacco-Free zone around the

Conservation Club building. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

New Business:

- Resolution authorizing Town Clerk to place legal ad for notice to bid on February 4, 2011 for culvert work on New Vermont Road, bids to be received by 3:00pm, March 9, 2011, per proposed project schedule, at which time the bids will be opened.

RESOLUTION #32

Councilman Maranville moved, seconded by Councilman Smith to authorize the Town Clerk to place legal ad for notice to bid on February 4, 2011 for culvert work on New Vermont Road, bids to be received by 3:00pm, March 9, 2011, per proposed project schedule, at which time the bids will be opened. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

- Resolution supporting connection of Suzanne Brett property to Sunrise Shores water lines and the provision of municipal water and incorporation of additional water charges and fees through the Sunrise Shores metered account. Further, that there be a total disconnection from Lake George as a supply of potable water to the Brett property and that the agreement between Sunrise Shores Association and Suzanne Brett, as specified in the correspondence of January 6, 2011 from James Childress be filed with the Town of Bolton Water District.

Supervisor Conover explained that this property is located in the water district and at some point were disconnected from the line and have been drawing water from the lake. He stated that they will reconnect her because according to the ordinance anyone in the water district must be attached to the line. He stated that instead of 13 units being serviced off the master meter they will now have 14 units from Sunrise Shores and they will bill off the master meter. He stated that Sunrise Shores may choose to put a sub-meter in for this property which is a matter between them and the property owner.

RESOLUTION #33

Councilman Smith moved, seconded by Councilmember Rehm to support connection of Suzanne Brett's property to Sunrise Shores water lines and the provision of municipal water and incorporation of additional water charges and fees through the Sunrise Shores metered account. Further, that there be a total disconnection from Lake George as a supply of potable water to the Brett property and that the agreement between Sunrise Shores Association and Suzanne Brett, as specified in the correspondence of January 6, 2011 from James Childress be filed with the Town of Bolton Water District. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

- Resolution to renew Town of Bolton employee health care plan for 2011 with MVP Tri-vantage Option 3.

Supervisor Conover provided the details to the changes involved. He stated that the

Primary Care Provider co-pays for adults would go from \$10-15 to \$15-20. A sick child (ages 5 and up) co-pay would go from \$20 and 5 to \$15 and 5 and sick child (ages 4 and under) would go from \$20 and 0 to \$15 and 0. Specialist co-pay would go from \$20 and 20 to \$40 and 40. Dependents to age 26 would be added. Supervisor Conover stated that this plan is very comparable to the current plan. They have a date set to have everyone set up on this.

Councilman Maranville asked if the overall cost increased. Supervisor Conover replied yes but not as much as they thought. He stated that overall it went up 7.88% which is low in comparison to previous increases of 20% a year.

Councilmember Rehm asked if this plan will still include the same provisions in the contract with regard to the health savings account and reimbursement. Supervisor Conover replied that relative to the CSEA this is a more fluid situation. Councilmember Rehm asked if the co-pay reimbursement will continue. Supervisor Conover replied yes.

RESOLUTION #34

Councilman Maranville moved, seconded by Councilmember Rehm to renew Town of Bolton employee health care plan for 2011 with MVP Tri-vantage Option 3. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

- Resolution adopting updated procurement policy for the Town of Bolton.

Councilmember Rehm stated that at their Annual Organizational meetings they usually re-adopt policies that are in place. However after this year's meeting she reviewed the current policy and upon her review and discussions with the Department of Audit and Control found that this was out of date. In 2009 the thresholds were increased for commodities from \$10,000 to \$15,000 and public works from \$20,000 to \$35,000 before requiring a competitive bid.

Supervisor Conover stated that the last time that this policy was adopted was in 1999. Councilmember Rehm stated that they could keep the lower threshold, but in this day and age with increased costs it made sense to raise the threshold. Supervisor Conover stated that this policy will still require obtaining 3 quotes in different situations and assessed thresholds for bidding. He provided further details.

RESOLUTION #35

Councilmember Rehm moved, seconded by Councilman Smith to adopt updated procurement policy for the Town of Bolton. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

- Resolution authorizing Supervisor to respond to the Lake George Park Commission that the Town of Bolton does not wish to take Lead Agency status for the Asian Clam Eradication Project.

Supervisor Conover stated that the LGPC sent out this form to all of the involved agencies. This would notify the LGPC that Bolton is not interested in being lead agent under SEQRA relative to the Asian Clam Eradication Project.

RESOLUTION #36

Councilman MacEwan moved, seconded by Councilman Maranville to authorize the Supervisor to respond to the Lake George Park Commission that the Town of Bolton does not wish to take Lead Agency status for the Asian Clam Eradication Project. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

- Resolution authorizing Supervisor to apply for an \$80,000 multi-jurisdictional State planning grant under the Smart Growth Grant Program, sustainable planning grant relative to hiking trails and other assets in the Lake George Area to include the neighboring communities of the Town of Hague, Lake George and Lake George Village. Further, to retain the services of the L.A. Group in the amount of \$800 to prepare said application (\$600 to be reimbursed by participating communities).

Tracy Clothier of the LA Group stated that the Bolton Sustainability Plan was developed and completed a couple of years ago. These Smart Growth Grants are strictly planning grants, which are very rare. The first time they came up was in 2007 and then shifted to the Catskills and now they are again being offered in the Adirondacks to further implement some of the ideas that were considered in 2007 and on. She stated that this grant is also rare because it does not require any local match. Tracy Clothier stated that she approached the Supervisor because the other 3 municipalities are interested in developing a master trails plan for around the lake. They would work with the Lake George Land Conservancy to develop a loop system. The idea is to create an economic development strategy for using trails to bring tourists to the area.

Tracy Clothier stated that the grant would be used to inventory all of the trails around the lake, locate their trailheads, parking facilities and where they are in relationship to the historical and cultural resources, where they are in relationship to downtown and businesses, and public access points. She stated that they would inventory the entire watershed including LGLC, DEC and local community trails and then do a detailed master plan for the west side of the lake. She stated that if they tried to do the whole lake that they would not have enough money to do it, but additionally, they need a focused effort in one section first and the west side seemed logical. It will look at the feasibility of getting pedestrian access between Bolton and Lake George. She stated that they understand that there are obstacles along the way but there are places to have walking areas. Tracy Clothier stated that Town of Lake George Supervisor Frank McCoy is very interested in bringing the sidewalk up from the Village to the Trolley stop at the Tahoe motel. Ultimately they would be looking to connect these trails to the greater and wider network like the Warren County bike trail and Champlain Canal way.

Supervisor Conover stated that the LGLC, Nature Conservancy and Ike Wolgin have been discussing around the lake loop. He stated that it is interesting how these things have come together. He stated that he hopes that this idea can link up with their idea as well. Tracy Clothier stated that she has had some correspondence with Nancy and she is extremely excited about this idea and how this can further along their effort.

Tracy Clothier stated that they are trying to help tourists learn about the area and move about the area comprehensively. She stated that each agency or entity has different brochures and maps but no one has a comprehensive plan which is what they are looking to do.

Supervisor Conover stated that he has spoken with Mayor Blais, Supervisor Dan Belden, and Frank McCoy who agree that they need to create a very good product that helps the tourists enjoy their visit. He stated that he has been in the Chamber when someone has asked for a hiking map in his participation with the WC Tourism. They have hiking groups that visit the area. He hopes that the local Chambers and WC Tourism also play a part in this process as well. Tracy Clothier stated that the product would more than likely end up being a series of maps that could be put in a brochure or put up on the internet. She stated that there are so many ways that they could develop the material and she would leave it up to the group as to what would work best.

Tracy Clothier stated that this is a great way to get this done and she thinks they have a fantastic chance at getting funded. The Smart Growth Grants always look for regional projects and Lake George always scores well.

RESOLUTION #37

Councilman Maranville moved, seconded by Councilman Smith to authorize the Supervisor to apply for an \$80,000 multi-jurisdictional State planning grant under the Smart Growth Grant Program, sustainable planning grant relative to hiking trails and other assets in the Lake George Area to include the neighboring communities of the Town of Hague, Lake George and Lake George Village. Further, to retain the services of the L.A. Group in the amount of \$800 to prepare said application (\$600 to be reimbursed by participating communities). All in Favor. Motion Carried.

AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF SMART GROWTH GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS: The Department of Environmental Conservation is soliciting applications for the Adirondack Park Community Smart Growth Program. This resolution authorizes the signing of a grant application and, upon approval of said request to enter into and execute a state assistance contract in connection with the Adirondack Community Smart Growth Program.

RESOLVED: That Ronald Conover, as Supervisor of the Town of Bolton, is hereby authorized and directed to file an application for funds from the Adirondack Community Smart Growth Program of New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, in an amount not to exceed \$80,000, with no grant match required; and

Involve the municipal partners of the Village of Lake George, the Town of Lake George, the Town of Bolton, and the Town of Hague; and

Upon approval of said request to enter into and execute a state assistance contract with the Department of Environmental Conservation for such financial assistance to the Town of Bolton.

The grant proposes to develop a Trails Master Plan for the Lake George Watershed. It will provide a comprehensive inventory of the public hiking trails in the Lake George watershed boundary and a detailed trails master plan for the west side of the lake. This will include graphics showing the public trail heads, lake access points, public docking areas, links to downtown business districts, trolley stops, various attractions, and recreational, historic and cultural resources. The project is an economic development initiative that seeks to provide a trail system that becomes a destination in itself and drives new visitor dollars to the area.

Public in Attendance

Dennis Murphy thanked the Board for their discussion and attention to Ordinance #31. He stated that this is something that has been ongoing for the last 5 years when there was an attempt to raise the horsepower restriction to 90 horsepower. At that time there were 250-300 responses not to raise the 50 horsepower restriction. The local law enforcement, State Police and Sheriff's Department have been getting up to the lake about 2-3 times/year and part of the problem that they cited was that unless a motor boat in violation was observed operating, no action could be taken.

Tony Hall stated that the DEC is now going to be lead agency for the dredging project. He asked if they will look at all available technology for the dredging including the one proposed by Dave Wick. Supervisor Conover replied yes. He is expecting a letter regarding this matter that will detail the extent of the amendment. He stated that he could provide him a copy when he is in receipt of it. Supervisor Conover stated that he recently participated in a conference call with Dave Wick, DEC, Lake George Waterkeeper and others discussing another technology than the hydraulic dredging. He stated that they really need to address all of the deltas and the DEC is the correct place for that and the applicant will be the LGA, which was the applicant in the original environmental impact statement. Supervisor Conover thanked the LGA for their efforts as well.

With regard to health insurance, Tony Hall asked if the Town provides reimbursement for their co-pays. Supervisor Conover replied yes they have a co-pay reimbursement account, but it has limits. Tony Hall asked if that was negotiated by the Union because from the public perspective that seems like a huge burden for the Town to take on. Supervisor Conover stated that he would be happy to provide him with more details after the meeting. He stated that in the health care area, in order to move to a more affordable plan, that it is the type of element that allows you to move to the more affordable plans. The experience with the co-pay reimbursement is that on the average it tends not to be anywhere near the maximum that it allowed for the co-pay reimbursement.

Supervisor Conover stated that the program that they had was no longer going to be offered which puts them in a position to find a comparable or better replacement. He stated that fortunately the company they were involved with already had a plan that suited their needs for now. He stated that all employees with the exception of 3 that were grandfathered a long time ago pay 25% of their health care premium costs. He stated that this makes them partners in a respect in terms of finding the best, most affordable plan because they are paying for it themselves. Supervisor Conover stated that this is not a classic savings program because it expires at the end of each year.

Zandy Gabriels asked if the Smart Growth Grant will include as a component snowmobile trails on the west side of Lake George. Tracy Clothier replied yes.

Zandy Gabriels requested that the Trout Lake Ordinance #31 be placed on the web site.

Regarding the smoke free parks, Zandy Gabriels asked why Bixby Beach and Huddle Beach is not considered under the smoke free policy. Councilmember Rehm replied that these areas are not considered parks; they are not heavily used nor are they monitored.

Zandy Gabriels congratulate Donna Boggs and Tim Coon for getting the \$10,000 from FEMA for last year's problem. He stated that there is a huge disconnect with FEMA. He encouraged the Town to apply for it again because pretty soon it is liable to stop giving out money.

With regard to sales tax, Zandy Gabriels stated that he notes another disconnect. He recalls that the check was supposed to be here at the end of January. He understands that the County likes to hold onto their money for the interest. However, they expect the property tax checks to be sent in every 2 weeks rather than the end of the year so they can collect their interest rates. He feels that Mr. O'Keefe should be encouraged to put the stamps on the checks a little earlier.

Transfers (none)

Pay Bills: Motion to Pay Bills

RESOLUTION #38

Councilmember Rehm moved, seconded by Councilman Maranville to approve payment of the following:

January Mid Abstract: 1A	Voucher#	Amount
General	56-68,70-72	\$6,023.95
Sewer	8-11	6,608.61
Water	12, 13	1,774.38
Highway	23	16.54
Lights	55 & 69	582.46

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General	20-54, 73-141	40,974.10
Sewer	6,7,12-24	2,098.76
Water	7-11, 14-27	5,552.87
Highway	13-22, 24-54	32,899.40
Brook/Stream Corridor Grant	1	6,291.39
Tourism		

Executive Session : Contractual and Personnel Matter

RESOLUTION #39

Councilman Maranville moved, seconded by Councilman Smith to enter Executive Session at 8:34pm with no further business to be conducted. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Adjourn :

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Patricia Steele
Town Clerk

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Kristen MacEwan
Minute Taker