



Town of Bolton  
3045 Theodore Roosevelt Highway  
Bolton VT 05676  
Select Board Minutes  
March 9, 2015

Board members present: Gene Armstrong, Josh Arneson, Jen Dudley-Gaillard, Ron Lafreniere, Chair, Sharon Murray  
Board members absent: none  
Also present: Dave Hardy, GMC, Duncan Galbraith, CSWD Representative  
Clerk: Amy Grover

1. **The meeting was called to order at 5:49 p.m. with a quorum of five members present.**

2. **Additions or deletions to the agenda:**

Deletions:

- Appointment with Ethan Bogar and Megan Schultz, Hopjam 2015: cancelled, unexpectedly not able to attend.

Additions:

- Appointment of Assessor Assistant: Sharon made the motion "to appoint Linde Emerson as the Assessor Assistant." Gene seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor, and the motion passed (5-0).
- Approval of Town Meeting 2015 minutes: Gene made the motion "to approve the Town Meeting 2015 minutes." Josh seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor, and the motion passed (5-0).
- DRB Engineering Review costs. Sharon noted that the DRB had concerns with an application from the 4 x 4 Center, and were requesting an independent technical review of the drainage plans and possible impacts to SPAs, at the cost of \$660. The town does have a policy to pass that cost on to the applicant, but in the event that was an issue, the DRB was looking for approval for the cost of that review. Gene made the motion "to approve the technical review requested by the DRB at a cost of \$660." Jen seconded. There was no further discussion. Josh and Sharon both recused. Three were in favor, and the motion passed (3-0).
- DRB Appointments. Jen made the motion "to appoint Margot Pender as a DRB Alternate, to appoint John Devine as a regular member of the DRB with a three year term, and to re-appoint Sharon Murray as a regular member of the DRB with a three year term." Gene seconded. There was no further discussion. Sharon recused. Four were in favor, and the motion passed (4-0).

3. **Public comment – none.**

4. **Appointments:**

Dave Hardy – Green Mountain Club. Dave noted that he was seeking input/approval from the Select Board with respect to changes to the GMC's Winooski Bridge plans, he had spoken with Miron Malboeuf, and was on the DRB agenda for April. Sharon noted she would recuse herself due to her seat on the DRB.

- Easement: the new route is different from what is described in the "Grant of Right of Way" document. A new map was provided, which will become the new "Exhibit A." Dave stated that the woods road petered out, and the new route is more direct and as such, would have less impact to the town forest. Noted: two easements; motorized, temporary under "C," and a 20' r.o.w. under "2A."
- Road Bed: the road bed would not be removed and would be seeded with a conservation mix that would hold soil until native plants reestablished themselves. Rebecca Pfeiffer from the state had been on site in December and noted that as long as the road was built at grade, it was not a flood hazard. Concern about Japanese Knotweed noted, the intent of the DRB to re-establish a native vegetative buffer, and that keeping the road bed might allow for easier future access if needed were all noted by the board.
- Signage: The sign kiosk in the Route 2 hiker parking lot was permitted by VTrans. Two kiosks are proposed for both the north and south side, visible from RT 2 on the north side, and near the bridge on Duxbury Road on the south side. Kiosks to provide information; distances, leave no trace, poison ivy, ticks, etc.

- Bollards: Currently the Route 2 side has posts and chain restricting vehicle access. DRB approval cites use of three bollards. The group discussed prevention of private vehicle access, future access for emergency or bridge maintenance, bollards vs. chain, hiker fencing to alert of the railroad crossing south of the tracks.
1. Jen made the motion “to accept the new ‘Exhibit A’ showing the relocation of the Long Trail on the Sara Holbrook parcel, with any accompanying legal fees to be paid by the GMC.” Josh seconded. There was no further discussion. Sharon recused. Four were in favor, and the motion passed (4-0).
  2. Jen made the motion “to amend the deed language dated 10/11/2011 2A and 2C to reflect the new ‘Exhibit A’.” Gene seconded. There was no further discussion. Sharon recused. Four were in favor, and the motion passed (4-0).
  3. Jen made the motion “to approve two informational sign kiosks on the north and south sides of the bridge, subject to approval under the BLUDRs.” Gene seconded. There was no further discussion. Sharon recused. Four were in favor, and the motion passed (4-0).
  4. Josh made the motion “to approve the use of five (5) bollards versus three (3) bollards in front of the rail crossing on the north side, and fencing with a 36” gate to alert hikers of the railroad crossing on the south side of the railroad track, subject to DRB approval.” Gene seconded. There was no further discussion. Sharon recused. Four were in favor, and the motion passed (4-0).

The board asked about the status of the bridge. Dave noted that:

- The pedestrian warning system would be in place prior to the 6/12/2015 opening.
- The bridge was not fully completed although it would be safe to cross, but it is signed as closed; weighting and tensioning and the addition of side walls need to be completed.

Duncan Galbraith – CSWD Representative. Duncan provided the board with a CSWD update, discussion included and it was noted that:

- CSWD is in the process of amending their ordinance and are currently taking public comment.
- ACT 148 compliance – providing equal number of recycling receptacles in municipal spaces, Bolton in compliance.
- Potential for event permit issuers to include compliance with recycling and food waste in event applications.
- Review of Bolton waste haulers.
- Illegal dumping and ability of the town to cite.

The board thanked Duncan for his update.

## **Business and Action Items:**

### **Old Business**

- 911 Changes on Wentworth & Thacher Roads, & Country Club Condos: The Board approved the draft notification of 911 number change letter. It was noted that because of a resident having an issue with fuel delivery it was discovered that the Country Club Condos are not numbered correctly per E911. Josh to provide contact information for the Association president. Noted: 911 stated they would apprise the town on any additional changes as needed.
- ICS Training, LEM point person, AHMP: Noted: Sharon will attend the ICS 402 training on 3/10/15, Jen and Josh will take the ICS 100 online course prior to May 1<sup>st</sup>. Sharon will gather information on a LEM point person. Noted AHMP plan needs review and amendment by 8/2016. Will be drafted by CCRPC. Copies to be provided to Eric, Mike, PC, and SB members for review.
- PILOT letter: Waiting for additional information from Rebecca Ellis and Tom Stevens.

### **New Business**

- Select Board Organizational Meeting: Josh made the motion “to elect Ron Lafreniere Chair.” Jen seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor, and the motion passed (5-0). Sharon made the motion “to elect Josh Arneson Vice Chair.” Gene seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor, and the motion passed (5-0). Noted: list of appointments to be reviewed at the next meeting.

- Liquor License: The Essex: Jen made the motion “to approve the Liquor License for The Essex.” Gene seconded. There was no further discussion. Josh recused. Four were in favor, and the motion passed (4-0).
- Town Service Officer: Jen made the motion “to appoint Amy Grover as the Town Service Officer.” Josh seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor, and the motion passed (5-0).
- Conservation Commission Appointment: Sharon made the motion “to appoint Gerry Mullen to a three (3) year term on the Conservation Commission.” Jen seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor, and the motion passed (5-0).
- 2015 Audit: Josh made the motion “to retain Mudgett, Jennet and Krogh-Wisner for the FY 14-15 audit.” Gene seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor, and the motion passed (5-0).
- Bridge Pre-candidates: Noted: a query on obtaining a more formal review of the town’s three (3) bridges. Notes: apply for CCRPC UPWP pre-engineering review next year.
- Expenditure and Revenue Reports: Distributed.
- Warrants: Signed.
- Minutes February 16, 2015: Gene made the motion “to approve the minutes of February 16, 2015.” Josh seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor, and the motion passed (5-0).

**5. Communications:**

- Notification regarding the Select Board Institute – no members attending.
- Notification that the CSWD Rover is scheduled for October 24, 2015 and that last year Bolton had 28 participants and the 2,025 pounds of waste material collected.
- Notification from the state on a public hearing on proposed rules to govern the practice of property inspection.
- Notification from the town of Rutland that 23 towns signed their Resolution regarding solar siting.

**6. Other Business: none**

- 7. Closing:** No other business was brought before this Board at this time. Gene made the motion “to close the meeting.” Josh seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (5-0), at 8:21 p.m.

Attest: Amy Grover, Clerk

*Minutes are unofficial until approved. These minutes were read and approved by the Bolton Select Board on:*

March 23, 2015

  
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 Ron Lafraniere, Chair, For the Board

