



Town of Bolton
3045 Theodore Roosevelt Highway
Bolton VT 05676
Select Board Minutes
April 6, 2015

Board members present: Gene Armstrong, Josh Arneson, Jen Dudley-Gaillard, Ron Lafreniere, Chair, Sharon Murray
Board members absent: none
Also present: Emily Nosse-Leirer, CVRPC, Richard Dana and Luke Jackson, Richmond Rescue, Mike Gervia, Tyler Thompson
Clerk: Amy Grover

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:48 p.m. with a quorum of five members present.

2. Additions or deletions to the agenda:

Additions:

- Bolton Store Liquor License: Jen made the motion *“to approve the Bolton Store’s liquor license application.”* Gene seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (5-0).
- Zenith summer solstice event at the old gravel pit on Notch Road: Jen noted that a resident had called her attention to a Zenith summer solstice event being advertised on Facebook, scheduled for June 19 - 21. Event to include fire, live music, on site camping; 475 people invited. Jen to contact Zenith organizers regarding Bolton’s Special Event Ordinance.
- Wheeler Field development: Jen noted that a resident had reported that Wheeler Field, owned by the West Bolton Golf Club, was being investigated for residential development. The board briefly discussed the impacts; positive and negative, and the town lease of the field. It was suggested that interested West Bolton residents start a conversation with the owners.
- Litigation mediation: The board briefly reviewed information from the town attorney regarding the Leduc, Stevens, Thompson v. Antley/Bavley case. Sharon made the motion *“to accept the stipulated motion and order to amend scheduling order regarding mediation (removing the requirement for mediation and amending the pretrial scheduling order)”* Gene seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (5-0).
- Fireworks Ordinance: Josh distributed copies of a draft Fireworks Ordinance for review and discussion at a future meeting.
- Appointment: Mike Gervia, BVFD. Mike noted that:
 - He had put the Select Board on notice 5 years ago that the airpicks would need to be replaced in 2020 (16 @ 16K in 2020, 6 @ 6K in 2021), this was a second 5 year notice. The Select Board suggested budgeting for 2 – 3 per year. No grant opportunities currently for funding.
 - Airpicks are currently being hydro tested, required annually.
 - The BVFD was requesting funding for: 300’ of hose @ \$700, reconditioning a compressor given to the BVFD by the town of Richmond @ \$1500, and a wall mounted pressure washer @ \$2000. The group discussed funding options, current expenditures, and propane usage. Gene made the motion *“to authorize the withdrawal of \$4,200 from the hose line item in the TD Bank Reserve Fund for purchasing the hose and pressure washer, and reconditioning of the compressor.”* Josh seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (5-0).
- 911 Numbers: The board confirmed that new 911 signs for affected property owners on Wentworth and Thatcher Roads and the Country Club Condominiums would be made at no charge. Josh noted issues with mail delivery at the condominiums and that the Jericho P.O. noted that property owners with new 911 numbers do not need to fill out change of address forms, as the notification letter from the town addresses that.
- Vaughn vs. Town of Bolton: Ron noted that the town had prevailed in the jury trial.

3. **Public comment: none.**

4. **Appointments:**

Richmond Rescue Representatives Richard Dana, President, and Luke Jackson, Training Officer. Richmond Rescue representatives noted that they were there to formally present Richmond Rescue's proposal to provide a paramedic level of service and to answer questions. It was noted that:

- Paramedics have up to 2,000 hours of education and training vs. an EMT at 300 hours.
- Paramedics would provide multiple advantages: providing a higher level of assessment, care and treatment, especially important in their coverage area with longer transport times of up to an hour, and would positively impact Richmond Rescue's recruitment and retention.
- In Chittenden County there are 5 ambulance services currently licensed at the paramedic level.
- The National Standard for care continues to evolve.
- Richmond Rescue is not requesting funding for this service; a fund drive covered 90% of the startup costs, primarily for equipment, and that increases would be addressed in their long range planning and capital plan.
- The paramedic level of service would be effective January 1, 2016; a lengthy process needing approval from Select Boards in service areas, the EMS governing body, and the VT Department of Health.
- Ron asked that as there was no initial increase, would there be increases in the future. Richard stated that any increases would be overall operations costs, with things like Medicare reimbursement affecting operating costs, not the paramedic level of service.
- Sharon asked if Bolton Valley Resort was a subscriber. Luke noted that it was not, that subscriptions were designed for individual households, not businesses.
- Sharon asked about providing mutual aid to Waterbury. Luke stated that they might provide an intercept, but that Waterbury generally transports to CVMC.
- Ron asked if they had success with billing for Bolton Valley transports. Luke noted that Richmond Rescue does not pursue collections and that billing was not his forte.

Josh made the motion "to approve and sign the letter of support for the Paramedic Proposal for Richmond Rescue." Sharon seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (5-0).

Emily Nosse-Leirer High Meadows Grant. The group reviewed the draft grant application, and it was noted that:

- It is a partnership of 5 towns, with a two prong approach: technical analysis and education/outreach.
- Financially Bolton will be responsible for providing 20 hours of in kind volunteer time and 5 hours of in kind road crew staff time, it was noted Bolton does not have additional staff time to give to the project.
- The grant does not assign formal obligations.
- The Planning Commission is working on the same issues on a parallel track – this may address their needs and concerns as well.
- The group briefly discussed the Joiner Brook watershed and erosion control.
- The grant timeline is 18 months: 7/15 – 12/16.

Sharon made the motion "to adopt the resolution as presented (letter of support) for the High Meadow Fund's 'Building Resilience in Vermont's Watersheds' project." Jen seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (5-0).

➤ **Business and Action Items:**

Old Business

• High Meadow Grant/ CROs/Better Back Roads Grant:

1. High Meadow/CROs: The group briefly reviewed the focus of CROs (Community Resilience Organizations) – local committees working to get more people involved with emergency planning and response and community building. Josh made the motion "to appoint a CRO ad hoc committee from the list received to date; Leslie Pelch, Peter Schoen, Amy Turner, Carol Devlin (initially) and Sharon Murray (initially)." Gene seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (5-0). Sharon made the motion "to authorize Carol Devlin to submit a grant application to the Grass Roots Environmental Fund for 2K." Gene seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (5-0).
2. Better Back Roads Grant: Sharon to review. Deadline is May 15th.

- Hopjam 2015 Application: The board reviewed the additional information requested from organizers on Porto-lets, trash and recycling, and shuttle service. Noted: application fee was paid. Gene made the motion “to approve the special event permit for Hopjam 2015.” Jen seconded. Josh recused. There was no further discussion. Four were in favor and the motion passed (4-0).
- Preston Pond 911 Number: The board agreed with 911’s number assignment of 3638 Stage Road.
- Personnel Policy: Areas in need of review were identified: health care, benefits, sexual harassment, position vs. hours for benefits. Review by additional staff requested. Continue review at a May meeting.
- BVFD Attorney opinion: Jen made the motion “given the costs, to not seek a revised opinion from the town attorney regarding their erroneous opinion that the fire department is a separate entity under contract to the town, but instead to rely on meeting documents on file that the fire department was created and later re-established by voters as a municipal department.” Gene seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (5-0).
- LEOP 2015: Sharon volunteered to work with Mike Gervia to review. Mike undecided about being appointed as Emergency Management Director.

New Business

- Town Meeting - Reserve Fund: It had been previously noted that the 65K approved by voters at Town Meeting to be deposited into the Reserve fund should not be transferred until FY 15 – 16. Amy noted that the funds had been transferred to Reserves in error, and then transferred back to the TD operating account to address that error. Sharon made the motion “that the 65K transferred to the Reserve Fund prior to FY ’15 – ’16 be moved back to the TD operating account, and deposited back into the Reserve Fund in FY 15 - 16.” Josh seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (5-0).
- 2015 Town Mowing Contract: Amy excused herself from the meeting room during the review of mowing bids and the award of the 2015 contract. The board reviewed the two bids submitted; Ted and Miranda Grover and All Phase Property maintenance LLC. Gene made the motion “to award the 2015 Town mowing contract to Ted and Miranda Grover for \$100 per mow for all three sites, cost not to exceed \$2300 for the mowing season.” Jen seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (5-0)
- Expenditure and Revenue Reports: Dispersed and reviewed.
- Warrants: Signed.
- Minutes March 23, 2015: Gene made the motion “to approve the minutes of March 23, 2015 as amended, page 2. Emergency Management Director instead of Chairman.” Jen seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor, and the motion passed (5-0).

5. Communications: none

6. Other Business:

- Monday May 11th tentatively scheduled for a BCA meeting for dispersement of the Wheeler Trust scholarships and a Select Board working session. Amy to confirm availability with BCA members.

7. Closing: No other business was brought before this Board at this time. Gene made the motion “to close the meeting.” Jen seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (5-0), at 8:55 p.m.

Attest: Amy Grover, Clerk

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

April 20, 2015 ,



Ron Lafreniere, Chair, For the Board

