



Town of Bolton
3045 Theodore Roosevelt Highway
Bolton VT 05676
Select Board Minutes
May 4, 2015

Board members present: Josh Arneson, Jen Dudley-Gaillard, Ron Lafreniere, Chair, Sharon Murray (6 p.m.)

Board members absent: Gene Armstrong

Also present: Duncan Galbraith, CSWD Representative, Susan Chapman, CSWD

Clerk: Amy Grover

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:48 p.m. with a quorum of 3 members present.

2. Additions or deletions to the agenda:

Additions:

- PILOT payment information: Notification from the state of Bolton's inventory of state-owned properties (structures) and their values to be used for the calculation of FY 16 general PILOT. Sharon noted that:
 - The House voted to level fund PILOT for FY 16.
 - The Senate had passed "Option A," phasing in a reduction of funding: FY 16 level fund, FY 17 & FY 18 decrease.
 - A report is to be filed by November on impacts to towns.
- CCRPC Representative: Request from CCRPC that Bolton appoint/reappoint a representative and alternate to the CCRPC for a two year term beginning July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2017. Noted: Leslie Pelch is no longer interested in serving as alternate. Sharon noted that she would be willing to serve as alternate and that she would contact Joss Besse to clarify his intent on reappointment.
- LEOP: Submitted and accepted.
- Mudgett Jennett & Krogh-Wisner Letter of Engagement: Jen made the motion "to sign the letter of engagement with Mudgett, Jennett, & Krogh-Wisner to audit Bolton's financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2015." Sharon seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (4-0).
- MMU High School Fireworks Permit: MMU submitted a fireworks permit application on April 30, 2015 for the MMU Prom to be held at The Ponds on Saturday, May 9, 2015 with a shoot time of 10 – 10:30 p.m. MMU had noted they had been trying to get in touch with the BVFD Chief for the last month by contacting the fire station. Sharon made the motion "to recommend that Mike Gervia, BVFD Chief, deny the MMU High School Prom fireworks permit application:"
 1. Because the application was not submitted in writing at least 15 days in advance of the date of display, V.S.A. § 3132 (d) and
 2. Because of the current dry conditions and red flag warnings being issued, and
 3. Because the shoot time extends past 10 p.m."Ron seconded. There was no further discussion. Josh recused. Three were in favor and the motion passed (3-0).

3. Public comment: none.

4. Appointments:

Susan Chapman – CSWD FY 16 Budget. It was noted that and discussion included:

- The CSWD Board of Commissioners approved sending the Proposed FY 16 Budget to member towns for approval. The town has 45 days to approve the budget, no action after 45 days gives approval.
- There is no assessment to towns – budget funding is provided by tipping fees (40%), sale of materials (30%), and the solid waste fee (30%).
- Revenue is flat with expenditures up 4.8%.
- Tipping fees will increase.
- A 450K building improvement is spread across all 8 facilities.
- CSWD is optimistic on composting sales, a positive response.

Josh made the motion "to accept CSWD's FY 16 Proposed Budget." Jen seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (4-0).

5. **Business and Action Items:**

Old Business

- Federal Surplus Application: Completed and signed for submission.
- Fireworks Ordinance: The group reviewed the draft Fireworks Ordinance, changes to be incorporated and adoption expected at the May 11th meeting, pending input from BVFD Chief. Discussion included:
 1. End time New Year's Eve @ 12:30 a.m.
 2. Applications submitted to the town clerk 15 days in advance of the intended display date, to be forwarded to the BVFD Chief.
 3. Residents notified 7 days in advance of the date of display.
 4. Applications kept on file at the town office.
- Personnel Policy: Tabled for review at the May 11th meeting.

New Business

- State Lands – Annual Stewardship Plan from the State: Brief review of 13 projects planned for state lands in Bolton. Also noted: a resident complaint of illegal cutting and trash being left behind on state lands in Honey Hollow Road was addressed by Jason Nerenberg, state forester.
- Water Testing – town buildings, PC request: Sharon made the motion "to approve total coliform and Kit C testing in the town buildings by Endyne for \$280." Josh seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (4-0).
- Warrants: Signed.
- Minutes April 20, 2015: Josh made the motion "to approve the minutes of April 20, 2015." Sharon seconded. There was no further discussion. Jen recused. Three were in favor, and the motion passed (3-0).

6. **Communications:**

- Notification from VLCT of the Spring Planning and Zoning Forum June 10th.

7. **Other Business: none**

8. **Closing:** No other business was brought before this Board at this time. Jen made the motion "to close the meeting." Josh seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (4-0), at 7:50 p.m.

Attest: Amy Grover, Clerk

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

May 11, 2015 ,



Ron Lafreniere, Chair, For the Board