



Town of Bolton
3045 Theodore Roosevelt Highway
Bolton VT 05676
Select Board Minutes
May 18, 2015

Board members present: Gene Armstrong, Josh Arneson (6 p.m.), Jen Dudley-Gaillard, Ron Lafreniere, Chair,
Board members absent: Sharon Murray
Also present: Deb Shelby, Eric Andrews, Highway Dept.
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:

- *CCRPC Appointments*: Tabled to get more information from CCRPC and residents who might be interested in serving.
- *June 1, 2015 Select Board Meeting*: Amy noted that she was unavailable for the 6/1 meeting. Board to still meet, limit appointments and provide notes.
- *Bolton School District Lease*: Amy stated she had noticed an error in the lease signed at the last meeting and contacted CESU central office; the lease did not reference "Modified." CESU provided a corrected lease. Josh made the motion "to consent to the corrected assignment of lease and option to purchase from the Bolton School District to the Mount Mansfield Modified Union School District #17." Gene seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (3-0).
- *Letter of Agreement for Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal Cost Tables Services*: Gene made the motion "to agree to the annual CAMA license with the state of Vermont at the cost of \$238.81." Josh seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (3-0).
- *Request for Guardrails on Mill Brook Road*: Jen noted a Mill Brook Road resident had forwarded a request for the installation of guardrails in the upper area of the road where there is a steep drop off area. Noted: 3 people live above that area, it would require the addition of rip rap, base materials, and stone to build up the road to allow for the guardrails to be installed, would move the road over at least 3," and would cost 25K – 30K. The expected cost would require that this project be approved and budgeted for.
- *Eric Andrews –Highway Update*: It was noted that and discussion included:
 - Eric met with the Green Mountain Club regarding location and placement of the pedestrian crossing signals at the Notch Road tunnel.
 - Eric met with a state representative regarding the state owned gravel pit on Duxbury Road. Noted that preventative maintenance is still needed to address washouts onto Duxbury Road. State is looking into sediment ponds. Issues with access: dirt bikes. State to address.
 - '08 International had radiator replaced. Continued issues expected with strong smell of antifreeze. Amy to contact Clark's and request a representative meet with the board regarding the end of the extended warranty timeframe and the ongoing repair issues; cylinders, sleeves, heads, air compressor, clutch fan, radiator to date, some more than once.
 - Staff continues to work on ditching, cleaning culverts, and removing trees, moving on to painting plowframes. Noted by board: need to remove brush from ditches; especially BV and Notch Roads.
 - Issue with Notch Road at the gravel pit entrance – a tractor trailer backing up has broken off and damaged sections of the blacktop.
 - The group discussed options for additional help with ditches and trees; more part time hours, outside contractors, college students, community service. Amy to get information on community service.

3. Public comment: none.

4. **Appointments:**

Deb Shelby – town roads. It was noted that and discussion included:

- That Deb’s primary concern was speeding on Notch Road and wanting to get a better understanding of Class III roads in general; i.e. specifications, drainage, widening etc. and she offered to become part of a solution to help make the road safer/better for the residents who actively use the road.
- Possible avenues to address: speeding sign as in Jericho, speed traps and tickets issued.
- Noted: town staff had done great job on the road.

Board members noted that Notch Road was not the only road in town with speeding issues, citing Duxbury Road and the fatal accident, and several residents coming to the board with their concerns about that road. Also noted: 3K in the FY 16 budget to start the process of addressing those issues; ordinance & studies. The FY 17 budget would then address funding for sheriffs and/or state police for ticketing. Deb noted that she would reach out to neighbors to garner budget support.

Eric noted that Notch Road had been widened 5 to 6 years ago, but specifically/as the part of regular shoulder maintenance; allowing water to shed off both sides. Gene noted that the road starts to grow in and that the town needs to maintain that shoulder by continuing to clear it out, and that people get used to it being grown in.

The group briefly discussed parking for the Long Trail trailheads on Notch Road. Noted: re-routing of the trail will likely reduce numbers utilizing that access point. Cars parked seem to be a deterrent for the speeding vehicles, forcing slow down.

5. **Business and Action Items:**

Old Business

- Fireworks Ordinance: The group reviewed the final draft of Fireworks Ordinance. Josh noted that it would be up to The Essex to build a launch site at The Ponds and that he would touch base with them in June, and that the fireworks companies that Bolton Valley hires are responsible for post site inspection. Gene made the motion “to approve Town of Bolton, Vermont Fireworks Display Ordinance.” Josh seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (4-0).
- Personnel Policy: Tabled.

New Business

- Mallow Curb Cut Application: Gene made the motion “to approve Patrick Mallow’s curb cut application for Leary Road” Jen seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (4-0).
- Warrants: Signed.
- Minutes May 11, 2015: Josh made the motion “to approve the minutes of May 11, 2015.” Jen seconded. Gene recused. There was no further discussion. All were in favor, and the motion passed (3-0).

6. **Communications: none.**

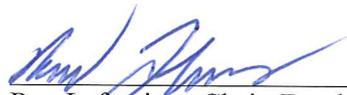
7. **Other Business: none**

8. **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 (4-0), at 7:33 p.m.

Attest: Amy Grover, Clerk

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

6/1/15 ,


Ron Lafreniere, Chair, For the Board