



Town of Bolton
3045 Theodore Roosevelt Highway
Bolton VT 05676
Select Board Minutes
August 3, 2015

Board members present: Josh Arneson, Gene Armstrong, Jen Dudley-Gaillard, Ron Lafreniere; Chair, Sharon Murray

Board members absent: none

Also present: Eric Andrews, Residents from Mountain View Drive, Bear Mountain Road, and Fern Hollow: Dan Champney, Melissa Cruz, Shirley Nemethy, Kimberly Ead, Derek Howard, Michael Hauser, Melissa Bailey, Leroy Yoder

Clerk: Amy Grover

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

2. Changes or additions to the agenda:

- Eric Andrews – highway update
 - Eric will attend 6/9/15 storm event kick off FEMA meeting on 8/5/15 with Sharon. Disaster declared.
 - Working on stockpiling winter sand.
 - Finished mowing on Duxbury and Bolton Valley roads, currently working in West Bolton. Issue with mower.
 - State called regarding right of way on Honey Hollow, state researchers checking land records. Sharon noted she found only limited information on Honey Hollow. Eric noted: road needs to be adjusted, 4 – 5 feet, apple tree removed, and that the state's attorneys have issues with adjusting, cutting, and going outside of the town's right of way.
 - State discussing closing the gravel pit on Duxbury Road, continued issues.
 - Road signs and the culverts for Duxbury Road and Honey Hollow have been delivered.
 - Bolton Valley Road signs have been shot at again.
 - Cargill salt quotes for FY 15 – 16: \$74.35/ton (same price as District 5), 575 tons. Option 1: fuel surcharge & tons guaranteed. Option 2: no surcharge, tons not guaranteed. Gene made the motion "to approve Cargill's Option 1 for FY 15 – 16 road salt." Jen seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (5-0).
 - '08 International still burning antifreeze. Discussion of vehicles and various replacement options, sequence and timing of replacement, tandems, leasing, state purchase, new motors/bodies. Eric to research leasing information, and provide specifications. Sharon noted the CIP committee will be meeting the end of the month, vehicles a priority. Review of Reserve fund totals and trade in allowances. Gene to check on replacement body price for '05 International.
 - Noted VLCT PACIF safety check items have been addressed in town garage.
- Update from Blue Flame Gas – changes to service dispatch charge and diesel cost recovery fee. Bid discussion – check on contract for next meeting.
- Merchant's Bank – Allonges for 2 loans. Jen made the motion "to approve Merchant's Bank Allonges for loans 1278 and 1211." Gene seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (5-0).

3. Public comment – none.

4. Appointments:

Mountain View Drive, Bear Mountain Road and Fern Hollow residents – petition for the town to take over private roads. Melissa Bailey stated that:

- The petition contains 48 signatures from registered voters and/or property owners.
- Their understanding is that after submission of the petition, the process starts with a hearing.

Sharon noted that the process:

- Depends on how petition is worded; laying out vs. a dedication. Dedication is when all the land owners want the road to be taken over. Laying out is a more formal legal process with hearing, findings, and review by the town attorney; and is a quasi-judicial hearing requiring no ex parte communication by the Select Board, and written findings.
- The petition signatures need to be verified.

Brief discussion on:

- The options – residents noted they did not know there were options on how the petition was presented.
- Gathering of testimony – opportunity for residents to present case, allow for experts, input from highway staff.
- Definition of “promptly” – there is no specific timeframe.
- Statute – have to find that the highway will serve public good.

The Select Board expressed their thanks to the group and noted that submission of the petition started the process.

5. Business and Action Items

Old Business:

1. Personnel Policy: tabled.
2. Road Standards/ERAF:

- Discussion regarding increased costs with adopting standards, lack of equipment and need to hire outside contractors or share with neighboring towns.
- Sharon to check on traffic study timing with CCRPC.

New Business:

1. Warrants: Signed
2. Minutes July 20, 2015: Gene made the motion “to approve the minutes of July 20, 2015.” Josh seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (5-0).

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 (5-0), at 7:53 p.m.

Attest: Amy Grover, Clerk

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

August 17, 2015



Ron Lafreniere, Chair, For the Board