



Town of Bolton
3045 Theodore Roosevelt Highway
Bolton VT 05676
Select Board Minutes
June 16, 2014

Board members present: Josh Arneson, Gene Armstrong (5:55 p.m.), Jen Dudley-Gaillard, Ron Lafreniere, Chair, and Sharon Murray

Board members absent: None

Also present: Duncan Galbraith, CSWD Representative, Ethan Bogar, Aria Brickner-McDonald, Megan Schultz, behalf of Hop Jam, Brian Rowell, John Tschernenko, Chris Laberge, Constable

Clerk: Amy Grover

1. **The meeting was called to order at 5:50 p.m. by Ron with a quorum present.**

2. **Changes or additions to the agenda - none.**

3. **Public comment – none.**

4. **Appointments:**

1. Duncan Galbraith – CSWD. Mr. Galbraith noted he had attended his first CSWD meeting as representative and reported that:

- CSWD was in the research and planning stage for consolidated pick up service; utilizing one company servicing an area vs. five companies. Issues noted by Select Board: monopolies and bidding system.
- The sorting facility renovation was progressing with the addition of more machinery, reducing staff.

The board questioned the lack of a “tire round-up” this year, and the number of trash hauler vendors in Bolton and discussion followed.

2. Fall Fun Representatives – postponed until July meeting on request of MMU Travel Club student organizers.

3. Ethan Bogar, Aria Brickner-McDonald, Megan Schultz, behalf of Hop Jam (vthopjam.com). The group submitted a special events application and noted:

- Hop Jam was an age 21 and over rain or shine one day beer and music festival to be held at Bolton Valley on August 30th.
- Expected ticket sales of 1000, with layers of ticket prices, specials for Bolton residents.
- 5 - 6 bands and unique beers, noon – 8 p.m.
- Security systems would be in place with two security companies, one with 10 – 12 staff during the event and one with 2-3 staff for 24 hours, DLC certified servers, fully insured.
- Compostable cups.
- Shuttle services available.

The board questioned several aspects of the event: camping (discouraged), number of portolets (16) & food vendors (4), sun and rain shelter, shuttle service logistics, event clean up, and volunteer opportunities. Discussion followed. Noted: Hopjam’s need to contact BVFD, and their request for the voter registration checklist for verification of residency for Bolton tickets.

4. Chris LaBerge – Constable:

- Chris asked the board for their decision on the kennel location, discussion followed.
- Sharon motioned “to locate the town kennel inside the town garage at the Town Constable’s disgression, and to provide access to the town garage for the Constable.” Gene seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (5 – 0).
- Chris will check with the town of Richmond and the Crate Escape on housing, and Waterbury’s policy. Noted: biters not taken in anywhere. Ron noted in an emergency he might be able to house a dog.

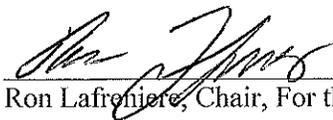
5. Business and Action Items:

1. BVFD Loan Refinance: tabled until a July meeting due to time constraints.
 2. Revenue Reports May 2014: dispersed.
 3. Fireworks Permit Celebrations Fireworks June 21, 2014:
 - Gene motioned "to not approve the permit application of Celebrations Fireworks for June 21, 2014 due to lack of sufficient time for notification." Sharon seconded the motion "for the purpose of discussion." Discussion followed.
 - John Tschernenko and Brian Rowell provided vehement opposition to approving any commercial, non-residential fireworks permit citing safety concerns, lack of notification time, lack of fees to the town, lack of the board drafting an ordinance, and the invasive impact to their neighborhood.
 - The board noted that they had heard from Mr. Tschernenko previously and understood his opinions, that to date only three people had noted opposition to the board regarding fireworks, and that agendas were posted in multiple places. Discussion followed.
 - Ron called the question, clearly stating that a vote in the affirmative/yes was a vote to not approve the permit application. Josh recused himself. Two were in favor, two were opposed, tie vote, the motion failed. Due to the framing of the motion in the negative, Amy will follow up with VLCT to confirm the outcome.
 4. Road Cut Permit – Shelby:
 - To be signed by the SB chair after signature of the applicant (missing) and confirmation from the ZA that there were no previous conditions or decisions that would impact the application. Amy to contact applicant and ZA.
 5. Town Health Officer & ZA Appointment: tabled until the ZA can attend.
 6. SOV Salt Contract: Gene made the motion "to respond to the state's query that the town of Bolton might be interested in participating in the state's bulk salt pricing for 500 tons in '14-'15." Sharon seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (5-0). Amy will follow up with the state.
 7. Financial: Tax Credits, HRA, Audit: tabled due to time constraints.
 8. Pending Litigation Mediation: Noted, the need for the Select Board to choose a representative/s and a mediator, discussion regarding Sharon's recusal as a DRB or Select Board member.
 9. Warrants: Signed
 10. Minutes June 2, 2014: Gene made the motion "to approve the minutes of June 2, 2014." Josh seconded. Thanks to Sharon for drafting the minutes. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (5-0).
- 6. Communications:** None
7. **Other Business:** Sharon made the motion "to enter executive session under Title 1 VSA § 313 (a) (3.), evaluation of a public officer or employee." Gene seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (5-0) at 7:40 p.m. Sharon made the motion "to exit executive session." Gene seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (5-0) at 8:15 p.m.
 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).

Attest: Amy Grover, Clerk

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

June 30 2014,



Ron Lafreniere, Chair, For the Board