



Town of Bolton
3045 Theodore Roosevelt Highway
Bolton VT 05676
Select Board Minutes
June 30, 2014

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

Board members absent: None

Also present: Dina Atwood, Stitzel, Page & Fletcher, and Steve Barner (6:30 p.m.)

Clerk: Amy Grover

1. **The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Ron with a quorum present.**
2. **Changes or additions to the agenda - none.**
3. **Public comment – none.**
4. **Appointments - none.**
5. **Business and Action Items:**
 1. **Executive Session:** Gene made the motion “to enter executive session under Title 1 VSA § 313 (a.) (1.), confidential attorney-client communications made for the purpose of providing professional legal services to the body.” Jen seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (5-0) at 5:05 p.m. Josh made the motion “to exit executive session.” Sharon seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (5-0) at 6:25 p.m.
 2. **Vandalism:** It was noted an incident of vandalism to employee property did not occur on town property. A second incident of vandalism incurring damage to employee property that might have occurred on town property has been covered 100% by the employee’s personal insurance policy.
 3. **VT Open Meeting Law:** discussion with Steve Barner regarding changes to VT Open Meeting Law. Noted and issues:
 - Some towns taking websites down.
 - Grace period unclear; when fines will be levied, and when meeting actions taken are deemed null and void if the town does not meet the statutory posting requirements. Sharon to check statute for timing.
 - Sharon made the motion “to take down the town website until it can be determined when penalties go into effect, and/or until a content management system is in place.” Gene seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (5-0). Noted: post notice on the website regarding reasons for take down.
 - Noted: residents willing to help with restructuring of website; Jen will let them know to contact Steve.
 - Unclear: how/if the town’s Facebook page is impacted by law changes. Amy to follow up with VLCT.
 - Designated places for posting: Town Clerk’s office, Bolton Store. Josh to check with Bolton Valley and Country Club condominiums on providing an area for town posting.
 4. **Warrants:** Signed
 5. **Minutes June 16 and 20, 2014:** Gene made the motion “to approve the minutes of June 16 and 20, 2014.” Josh seconded. Sharon abstained. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (4-0).
6. **Communications:** None
7. **Other Business:**
 - Sharon made the motion “to appoint Miron Malboeuf as the Town Health Officer for a term of three years beginning July 1, 2014.” Josh seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (5-0).

- Notice of education tax rates for FY '15 received from the state: increase for non-residential from \$1.4366 to \$1.5048. Increase of homestead tax rate from \$1.5501 to \$1.7046. Impact for homestead rate calculated to be an additional \$311 per year on 200K.
 - Certified letter to Phil Graff returned to the town after three failed delivery attempts. Amy to contact Chris for hand delivery and follow up on the decision conditions.
 - Notice to be put in the Bolton Gazette regarding the need for two additional listers; can be appointed by the Select Board until the next election, and ability of Select Board to appoint the assessor as lister/perform lister duties.
 - Reschedule appointment with the ZA from July 7, 2014 to August 4, 2014 due to large amount of agenda action items and Select Board vacations in July.
 - Noted: meeting with Rachel Beauregard, District #5 regarding work to town roads. Sharon volunteered to meet with AOT, VTrans, CCRPC as needed.
 - Request from Waitsfield Telecom for locating 1 telephone pole in the town right of way on land owned by Country Club Condominiums. More information requested, Amy to follow up.
8. **Closing:** No other business was brought before this Board at this time. Gene made the motion "to close the meeting." Sharon seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (5-0), at 7:45 p.m.

Attest: Amy Grover, Clerk

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

July 7, 2014,



Ron LaFrance, Chair, For the Board