



Town of Bolton
3045 Theodore Roosevelt Highway
Bolton VT 05676
Select Board Minutes
December 15, 2014

Board members present: Gene Armstrong, Josh Arneson, Jen Dudley Gaillard, Ron Lafreniere, Chair, Sharon Murray
Board members absent: none
Also present: Phil Woodward, Mike Gervia
Clerk: Amy Grover

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m. with a quorum of five members present.

2. Additions or deletions to the agenda:

Additions:

- Review of Solstice event planned in West Bolton:
 1. Jen noted that an article in Seven Days had outlined the solstice event to be held in the West Bolton gravel pit owned by the West Bolton Golf Club on Saturday 12/20/2014, and that concerns had been expressed by residents regarding parking, burning, and sanitation facilities.
 2. Noted: no permits for burning required with snow in the ground, an event with less than 250 attendees, volunteers, staff and performers did not require a special event permit from the town, and that there was no parking in the traveled portion of the road per ordinance.
 3. Jen to follow up with event organizers to clarify regulations and address expressed concerns.
- DRB position:
 1. Sharon provided a draft of the DRB support position for future Select Board approval.
 2. Position is not contracted.
 3. Amy noted for the record that an employee of the town, including part time, would be eligible for all benefits including health insurance under the current personnel policy.
 4. A candidate had been interviewed and was being recommended for hiring subject to Select Board approval, compensation not set; a range of \$20 - \$25 an hour.
- BVFD:
 1. Sharon noted she would follow up with SPF regarding clarification of the BVFD structure.
- Mill Brook Road:
 1. Sharon noted that the access litigation was not resolved, and that she did not discover any additional documentation regarding discontinuance of the road by the town.

3. Public comment – none.

4. Appointments:

1. Phil Woodward – executive session regarding Vaughn vs. Town of Bolton.

- Josh made the motion *“to enter executive session under 1 V.S.A. § 313 (a) (1) Contracts, labor relations agreements with employees, arbitration, mediation, grievances, civil actions, or prosecutions by the State, where premature general public knowledge would clearly place the State, municipality, other public body, or person involved at a substantial disadvantage.”* Gene seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (5-0), at 5:45 p.m. Jen made the motion *“to invite Mr. Woodward into executive session.”* Josh seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (5-0), at 5:46 p.m. Jen 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 6:20 p.m.

2. Mike Gervia – BVFD Budget F/Y 15-16

Mike noted that:

- He was waiting for information from Shelburne on dispatch costs, and would provide that to the board ASAP. A change in dispatch services would require additional fees including reprogramming, and a per call cost basis vs. a flat quarterly fee.
- He had arranged for a cost reduction from DISH of approximately 50% per month.

5. **Business and Action Items:**

Old Business

- Town Meeting BSD update: Andrew Pond noted that the BSD would hold a meeting on Town Meeting, and that members of the board whose terms are expiring in March 2015 would be running again as the board will continue to function until January 2016.
- F15/16 Budget: The board reviewed and discussed the proposed budget including wages, health insurance, retirement, training costs, County Sheriff costs, and budgeting for capital expenditures/reserves.

New Business

- Close Wheeler Trust CD: Amy noted that the Wheeler Trust/ "Education" CD at the Merchant's Bank would be coming due on December 23, 2014, and that those funds needed to be returned to the Wheeler Trust per TD Bank's directive on 4/23/2014. Jen made the motion "to close the Wheeler Trust CD account at the Merchant's Bank and transfer those funds to the TD Bank Wheeler Trust account." Gene seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (5-0).
- Budget – Chittenden County: Opportunity for input Chittenden County FY 15/16 budget on 1/15/2015 noted.
- Warrants: Signed.
- Minutes December 1 & 8, 2014: Gosh made the motion "to approve the minutes of December 1 & 8, 2014." 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 9:20 p.m.

Attest: Amy Grover, Clerk

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

January 5, 2015



Ron Lafreniere, Chair, For the Board