



Town of Bolton
3045 Theodore Roosevelt Highway
Bolton VT 05676
Select Board Minutes
September 2, 2014

Board members present: Gene Armstrong, Josh Arneson, Jen Dudley-Gaillard, Ron Lafreniere; Chair, Sharon Murray
Board members absent: none
Also present: Sally Carpenter, Miron Malboeuf
Clerk: Amy Grover

1. **The meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m. by Ron with a quorum present.**

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

3. **Public comment – none.**

4. **Appointments –**

1. Sally Carpenter – zoning process. The group discussed Ms. Carpenter's experience with the zoning process. Ms. Carpenter noted that:

- Her experience was that the building permit process was gruesome and took over a year.
- She felt that there was disparity in treatment of applicants.
- There was lack of timely communication from the town on her decision, and lack of identifying her role in the process – information she needed to supply.
- She shouldn't be responsible for identifying the r.o.w. with respect to her home.

The board recognized Ms. Carpenter's frustration with the process and noted that:

- As her home preceded zoning regulations, records were lacking with respect to the r.o.w.
- There is a difference between applications and the process for each.
- The lack of DRB support staff is negatively impacting the process and the town is continuing to try to fill that position; there has been a lack of applicants.

2. Miron Malboeuf – ZA. The board noted that the ZA is to be re-appointed every three years on the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Miron's last appointment was in 2007. The Planning Commission recommended the appointment of Miron as ZA at their April 14, 2014 meeting. The group discussed:

- Customer service, challenges of non-conforming lots and structures, Bolton Valley Resort and the 4 x 4 Center, the process, allotted hours, number of permits issued, the need for an abandoned building ordinance, the need for guides for filling out zoning forms, the possibility of posting a permit process survey on the website.
- Miron stated he was willing to serve three more years, but only three more years.
- Josh made a motion "to appoint Miron Malboeuf as the Zoning Administrator to a three year term, retroactive to the start date of January 1, 2013 to remedy the lack of appointment since 2007, with the term ending December 31, 2015." Sharon seconded. There was no further discussion. Four were in favor and the motion passed (4-1).

5. **Business and Action Items:**

Old Business

1. Salt Contract 2014 – 2015: The group briefly discussed District 5 pricing from the state and Cargill; same cost per ton. Gene made a motion "to sign the 2014 – 2015 salt contract with Cargill at \$72.18/ton." Sharon seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (5-0).
2. Town Fair Attendance: Jen will be attending. The town will not be able to send representatives for the numerous VLCT meetings occurring concurrently with workshop sessions.
3. Loan Refinance BVFD: The group discussed options; 15 vs 17.5 year, fixed vs. variable rates, and impact to the town; increased line item costs with overall savings. Sharon to get information from the Bond Bank.

Noted: FY '14 – '15 payment will be made before refinance occurs. Ability to budget changes for FY '15 – '16. Additional review at the 9/15/14 meeting.

4. Tax Policy: Tabled.

New Business

1. Mileage Rate '14 – '15: Sharon made a motion “to maintain the FY '14 – '15 mileage rate at the FY '13 – '14 rate of .40 cents/mile.” Gene seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (5-0).

5. Warrants: Signed.

6. Minutes August 18, 2014: Gene made the motion “to approve the minutes of August 18, 2014.” Sharon seconded. Jen recused. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (4-0). Previously approved minutes from August 4, 2014 were signed.

6. **Communications**: None.

7. **Other Business**:

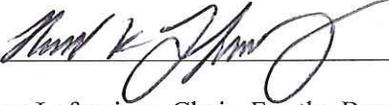
- The group reviewed a draft outline of a Highway Ordinance prepared by Sharon. Noted: deadline for adoption of road and bridge standards/ERAF is October 23, 2014 to be eligible for additional state and federal funding.
- Complaints regarding noise in West Bolton area. Noted to resident that Bolton does not have a Noise Ordinance in place.
- October meetings: Monday 10/6, Monday 10/22.

1. **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 8:27 p.m.

Attest: Amy Grover, Clerk

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

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Ron Lafreniere, Chair, For the Board