



Town of Bolton
3045 Theodore Roosevelt Highway
Bolton VT 05676
Select Board Minutes
February 3, 2014

Board members present: Josh Arneson, Gene Armstrong, Dan Champney, Ron Lafreniere, Chair, and Rod Wheelock

Board members absent: None

Also present: Tom Benoit, Eric Andrews

Clerk: Amy Grover

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

There were no changes to the agenda.

Appointments:

Tom Benoit - PEACH Power petition. Tom met with the board to review the petition, and stated:

- The petition was symbolic and with 80+ signatures should have resulted in a warned article to vote.

It was noted that:

- The Select Board had not been able to get any additional information about the petition or who had brought the petition forward before the deadline for the warning.
- The PEACH Power website appeared to be defunct.
- It was within the Select board's purview to not warn the petition; case law: Clift vs. South Burlington.
- The language was at issue as it stated both "resolution" and "ordinance."

Tom agreed to be the point person for questions as/if needed, and Amy will follow up on legalities.

Eric Andrews met with the board to give a highway update noting:

- Many culverts were frozen, thawing at least 2 per day.
- The '08 International was back from being repaired at Clark's.
- The '13 Dodge was back from repairs in Middlebury; water in the front end.
- Cold patch had been stocked.
- Issues with a culvert on the BV Road and a frozen driveway culvert, contacted the state.
- Issues with drainage on the Notch Road.

The board requested that further use of the '13 Dodge for plowing be more judicious.

Business and Action Items:

Richmond Rescue update: The board reviewed the second quarter reports.

Liquor License – Euro West dba The Essex at The Ponds: Gene motioned "*to approve the outside consumption liquor license for The Ponds with notice to DLC regarding incorrect dates.*" Dan seconded. There was no further discussion. Josh recused. All others were in favor and the motion passed (4-0).

Fireworks Permit: A permit request from Northstar Fireworks for an August date and shoot time of 9:45 – 10 p.m. was reviewed. The board stated the shoot time was too late for residents in the area and the permit was not signed. Amy will follow up with Northstar.

Insurance Payment: Noted payment received from VLCT for damage to the '08 International during the December ice storm.

Highway Grants/Road signs: Grant application received from AOT – town will pursue funding. Resident asked for Boys Club Road signs to be replaced – Amy will follow up with resident noting sign replacement would be addressed in FY 14 – 15 as the current FY road sign line item was fully spent.

E Court: The town received the Statement of Questions and the court will be scheduling an initial conference call.

Town Meeting Updates: Town Reports scheduled to be mailed 2/14, ballots will be printed this week.

Warrants: Warrants were signed.

Minutes January 6 and January 20, 2014: Rod motioned “*to approve the January 3, 2014 minutes.*” Josh seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (5-0). Gene motioned “*to approve the January 20, 2014 minutes.*” Rod seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (5-0).

Closing:

The Select Board will meet February 17th, and March 10th and 17th. No other business was brought before this Board at this time. Gene motioned to close the meeting. Rod seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (5-0).

The meeting ended at 7:30 p.m.

Attest: *Amy Grover, Clerk*

Minutes are unofficial until approved. These minutes were read and approved by the Bolton Select Board on:
February 17, 2014.

Ron Lafreniere, Chair, For the Board