



Town of Bolton
3045 Theodore Roosevelt Highway
Bolton VT 05676
Select Board Minutes
March 17, 2014

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

Board members absent: None

Also present: Philip C. Woodward Esq., Nora Purcell and Ryan Mitofsky (Department of Health), David Parot, John Tschernenko, Marcia Guyette

Clerk: Amy Grover

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m. by Ron.

There were no changes to the agenda.

Appointments:

1. Philip C. Woodward, Esq – litigation. Sharon made the motion at 5:45 p.m. “*to enter executive session to discuss the pending lawsuit.*” Jen seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (5-0). Sharon made the motion at 6:20 p.m. “*to exit executive session.*” Josh seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (5-0). Board consensus; town to defend the lawsuit.
2. Nora Purcell and Ryan Mitofsky - VT Department of Health, Burlington District Office. Nora and Ryan gave an overview of the Healthy Community Design program and assistance that is available to help Bolton employ healthy community design practices, especially with respect to town plan language. Amy will pass on their information to the Planning Commission.
3. David Parot- CUSI Representative. David noted that:
 - He was resigning from the CSWD Board.
 - He was resigning from the CUSI board, and was disappointed that the town did not fully fund CUSI for FY ‘14 – ‘15.
 - It was frustrating, given a Bolton taxpayer works as an investigator, and that the town fully funds Richmond Rescue for calls on I89 and to Bolton Valley, but does not fully fund assistance for a vulnerable population.

Ron noted that David had been a good representative to CUSI on behalf of Bolton, and was sad that he was resigning, and that the town did increase their funding to CUSI by 66%.

4. John Tschernenko – Fireworks ordinance. John noted that:
 - Fireworks on non-holidays/weddings were a burden to him and to his neighbors at Bolton Valley – New Year’s Eve and 4th of July fireworks were expected.
 - Summertime fireworks meant late shoot times, open windows, and booming echoes.
 - He did not want to create a hardship for residents, but felt that a 1K fee for nonresidents, paid to the BVFD (which was not significant in terms of overall wedding costs), would help discourage the fireworks, or least provide some justification of the burden to the community.
 - The Bolton Valley community would appreciate advance notification on FPF and FB of scheduled fireworks.

The board noted that they would be continuing to consider enacting a fireworks ordinance.

5. Marcia Guyette – Zoning process. Marcia noted that:
 - She had endured a long and expensive process over three years in her attempts to sell her individual lots as planned, while always following rules and regulations.

- She did not appreciate some of the direction and responses she had received during this process, and hoped that going forward the town would employ a “strength based approach.”

The board noted that the town was trying to address the need for additional support to the DRB, and appreciated Marcia sharing her perspective.

Business and Action Items:

PEACH Power petition – action from Town Meeting: Tabled until the next meeting due to time constraints.

Black Bear Inn - taxes: Amy noted she had been in touch with the law firm that filed the foreclosure notice on the property and People’s United Bank regarding nonpayment of 2013 – 2014 taxes, currently totaling 20K. The representative from People’s asked that the town send tax information and their request of the bank. The board noted that the request would be full payment of taxes and interest due, with notification that after May 15th, an 8% penalty would be assessed, and then would be turned over to the delinquent tax collector for collection and possible tax sale.

Bolton Web Site: Discussion tabled until another meeting due to time constraints.

ERAF: Discussion tabled until another meeting due to time constraints.

Special Events Ordinance/Fireworks: Amy noted she had asked for input on the town clerk list serve, and no other town replied that had an ordinance and an associated fee. Most issued permits signed by Select Board or FD chiefs. Board will continue to review information.

Contact Information: Public contact information needed for Jen and Sharon – will provide.

Warrants: Warrants were signed.

Minutes March 10, 2014: Gene motioned “*to approve the March 10, 2014 minutes.*” Jen seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (5 -0).

Other Business:

- West Bolton Golf Club Liquor Licenses: Gene motioned “*to approve the West Bolton Golf Club applications for liquor licenses.*” Josh seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (5 -0).
- The board did not approve the annual maintenance agreement for the Selectronic phone system.

Closing:

The Select Board will meet April 7th and 21st. No other business was brought before this Board at this time. Gene motioned to close the meeting at 8:10 p.m. 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:
April 7, 2014

Ron Lafreniere, Chair, For the Board