



Town of Bolton
3045 Theodore Roosevelt Highway
Bolton VT 05676
Select Board Minutes
July 6, 2015

Board members present: Josh Arneson, Gene Armstrong, Ron Lafreniere; Chair, Sharon Murray (6 p.m.)
Board members absent: Jen Dudley-Gaillard
Also present: Ed Flanagan; GMCE, Mike Gervia; BVFD
Clerk: Amy Grover

- 1. The meeting was called to order at 5:49 p.m. by Ron with a quorum of 3 members present.**
- 2. Changes or additions to the agenda**

Additions:

Ed Flanagan – Green Mountain Clean Energy, met tower conversion to telecom tower:

The group briefly reviewed the history and application. Ed Flanagan noted that:

- GMCE is re-exercising agreement with ANR, in process – ANR short on legal staff.
- Chris Rimmer, VT Center for Ecostudies, consultant for GMCE, noted no impact to Bicknell Thrush. ANR noted concern with birds hitting guidewires.
- GMCE will continue to use the tower for met information.

Sharon noted that:

- The town does not regulate telecom towers and did not regulate towers when the met tower was installed, however the PSB gives deference to the town with respect to the Town Plan.
- Concerns noted: in Conservation District, Bicknell Thrush habitat, wildlife corridors, identified as an area of conservation by the ECOs project, no propagation maps in application to show if additional areas of coverage were being created, making a temporary tower permanent, do not have ANR's revised MOU, ANR raised Bicknell Thrush issues.

The group discussed co-location, Bicknell Thrush habitat areas, and that a propagation map is not available until providers and frequencies are secured. Sharon made the motion "to recommend approval with the following conditions; no additional clearing, no additional height, developed in accordance with a MOU agreed to with ANR with regard to habitat protection, improvement of cell coverage in the Bolton Valley area, and that this approval does not imply approval of future wind development on Ricker Mountain." Josh seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (4-0).

Mike Gervia – BVFD:

- Flagger course – BVFD due this summer, VLCT will provide training on site at no cost. Highway staff can attend to receive certification.
- New slate of Officers: Gene made the motion "to approve the slate of BVFD officers as presented: Chief Mike Gervia, Assistant Chief Moe Nadeau, Captain Ben Whitcomb, Captain Josh Danco, and Captain Jason Robert" Josh seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (4-0).
- BVFD responded to the Huntington Gorge drowning incident Sunday night and Monday morning, and responded to an accident on I89 Monday morning.
- On site mechanic for trucks; Chiefs Truck Maintenance, LLC: \$75/hour, available 24/7 for emergencies, does pump maintenance, does not do inspections, cost less than Clark's. Consensus by Select Board to give Chiefs Truck Maintenance, LLC a try.

- After the June 9th washout event most road cones were missing. Worksafe has the best price. BVFD needs 30+, required to have 10 on each truck, need to be pristine. Need to replace Atwood Excavating's cones. Mike will check with Eric to make sure 50 new cones will be sufficient. Eric has information on signs.

Request for sign: Stage Road: A resident requested a "Watch For Children" sign due to site distance and high speeds of vehicles in the area. The Select Board stated that the Town will provide post and installation, and will not purchase the sign. Amy to get price quote for resident.

Electrical Conduit: The town's electrical conduit on the telephone pole has been damaged. The town is responsible for that conduit per GMP. Ron to forward electrician information to Amy for follow up on repair.

Notch Road Bridge: Information from Christine Ford at CCRPC stated that VTrans is waiting to see how the Waterbury bridge construction goes before getting too far with this project; currently planned for 2019. VTrans recognizes the need to coordinate with Bolton on the impact to Notch Road. Current plan says there will be occasional closures during demolition and construction.

Route 2 Leveling: VTrans is receiving bids for the first round of leveling projects, should know soon if this project will advance this year.

Edyne Water Test: Amy noted test results were received from Edyne and will ask Rodney Pingree to put in layman's terms

SOV Education Rate: FY 2016 rates: Homestead tax rate: \$1.5895 (FY 15 was \$1.7046) Non Residential tax Rate \$1.4965 (FY 15 was \$1.5048). Based on property valued at 200K the FY 16 rates would reflect a Homestead savings of approximately \$230 per year, and a Non-Residential savings of \$16 per year.

3. **Public comment – none.**
4. **Appointments – none**
5. **Business and Action Items**

Old Business

1. CIP Committee: No formal action to create the committee taken. Noted: Joss Besse volunteered, suggested prior SB members. Sharon made the motion "to create a Capital Improvement Plan Committee for the duration of one year." Josh seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (4-0). Amy to draft a letter for outreach to previous Select Board members.
2. Road Damage: Sharon and Eric met with FEMA and VTrans representatives last week. It was noted and discussion included:
 - The group did site visits to all affected areas.
 - The Bolton Valley Access Road is not eligible for FEMA funding because it is a "major collector" serving the resort.
 - District 5 Technician Ashley was to check with Dick Hosking on his estimate for the BV Road and applying for emergency grant funding. Neither was available for follow up today, Sharon will continue to follow up.
 - Also not eligible for FEMA funding: areas that received damage and FEMA funding within the last three years – may be some areas on Duxbury Road, culvert replacements if less than 75% damaged, and upsizing culverts.

- FEMA only will work within the road right of way.
 - Need to document expenses by road. Noted: 211K just for ditching work on the Notch Road.
 - Eric met with Chris Brunnel from the state on stream permits – only stream alteration permit needed and issued was for Honey Hollow Road.
 - Discuss putting contract work out to bid and maintaining on call list of qualified contractors.
 - As noted - cones and signs taken and damaged.
 - Sharon met with Rebecca Ellis – PILOT and roads. Rebecca noted that VT Digger reported that the state may not file for a disaster declaration. Rebecca and Tom Stevens will attend the July 20th meeting.
 - Sharon met with Bill Atwood regarding emergency work. He suggested establishing clear lines of authority in the field, checking FEMA procurement requirements, and noted his concern with BV Road and possible voids which may require additional preliminary repair work. Thanked for his service.
 - Gene noted the need to use blasted ledge to stabilize the Bolton Valley Road.
 - Sharon spoke with Ben Rose, VT Department Public Safety: FEMA completed estimates - 1.4 million in damage reported statewide, primarily in Addison and Chittenden Counties, which has hit the required threshold for a disaster declaration. FEMA may not grant funding due to the number and frequencies of requests from VT. Ben will be drafting a disaster declaration, and would like to have statements from the town on the impact on Bolton; Sharon to draft.
 - A procurement policy needs to be in alignment with FEMA regulations.
 - Offer of assistance by CCRPC for FEMA and grant application work. Sharon will follow up.
 - No action to be taken until funding options are clear.
 - ERAF – Bolton has not adopted the standards. Bolton’s 1991 Road Standard is the standard on file with the state. Currently a dispute between FEMA and the state with respect to building to the new ERAF standards; towns would have to fund upgrades. Brief discussion on benefits vs. costs, and that state emergency funding for the Bolton Valley Road would probably require state standards and engineer.
 - Brief discussion on the need for feedback from engineer on Duxbury Road damage and hiring an engineer to be on retainer. Amy to check on model retainer agreement from VLCT.
 - Sharon volunteered to continue to draft road policy along with town’s position on taking over roads.
 - Josh to Speak with George Potter about sign storage, and check possibility of the MOD at BV to be part of the emergency response team.
 - Amy checked with VLCT on insurance, waiting for response.
3. Lisa Fuller and Michael Thomson – request to waive the \$350 conditional use, published hearing notice, and abutter fees for a pole barn application to the DRB, as allowed in the BLUDRs: Gene made the motion “to reduce the Fuller/Thompson application fee to the DRB to \$230 (\$30 application fee + \$200 published hearing notice fee).” Josh seconded. There was no further discussion. Sharon recused. All were in favor and the motion passed (3-0).

New Business

1. Conservation Commission Appointment: Sharon made the motion “to appoint Virginia Haviland to the Conservation Commission for a three year term commencing July 1, 2015.” Josh seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (4-0).

2. Codes and Key dispersement: Access for Select Board to office as emergency operations center.
3. Expenditure and Revenue Reports: To be dispersed at the July 13th meeting.
4. Warrants: Signed
5. Minutes June 22, 2015: Gene made the motion "to approve the minutes of June 22, 2015." Sharon seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (4-0).

6. **Communications: none**

7. **Other Business:**

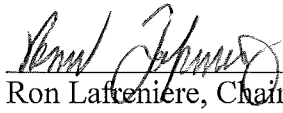
- Sharon noted the board needs to review options for the 2008 International truck.

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 (4-0), at 7:50 p.m.

Attest: Amy Grover, Clerk

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

July 13, 2015



Ron Lafreniere, Chair, For the Board