



Town of Bolton
3045 Theodore Roosevelt Highway
Bolton VT 05676
Select Board Minutes
November 23, 2015

Board members present: Josh Arneson (6:03 p.m.), Gene Armstrong, Jen Dudley-Gaillard, Ron Lafreniere; Chair, Sharon Murray

Board members absent: none

Also present: Lee Wheelock, Cemetery Commissioners: Betty Wheelock, Cheryl Mendicino, Penny Tinker

Clerk: Amy Grover

1. **The meeting was called to order at 5:47 p.m. by Ron with a quorum of 4 members present.**
2. **Changes or additions to the agenda:**
 - *February Meeting with Representatives Stevens and Wood:* Amy to contact; February 1, 2015.
 - *CRAG VT:* Gene stated that input from local hunters noted that rock climbers accessing Ledge 82 (behind Fernwood Manor) through Green Crow land in hunting season are being very disrespectful to local hunters – dogs unleashed, groups of people wearing no safety orange, traveling through deep woods in hunting/rifle season. CRAG VT has multiple places they own in Bolton that climbers could access to give space and respect to hunters for 3 – 4 weeks during the hunting season. Brief discussion on uses, access, parking. Amy to contact CRAG VT President.
3. **Public comment: none**
4. **Appointments:**
 - A.) Cemetery Commissioners –Betty Wheelock, Cheryl Mendicino, Penny Tinker:
 - First time Cemetery Commissioner have attended a Select Board meeting.
 - Noted a Cemetery Commission meeting was held on November 17, 2015 to set prices and review the Cemetery By-Laws.
 - Issue: several maps with discrepancies need to be resolved.
 - Copies of map in vault to be provided to the Commission.
 - Space still available in West Bolton, East Bolton cemetery is full.
 - Brief discussion on maintenance of cemetery and responsibilities, fees: percentages and allocations, tree removal and planting, information available from Secretary of State's office; "Digging Deep," FY 16-17 budget needs by December.
5. **Business and Action Items**
 - Old Business:**
 1. Audit draft, responses and signatures:
 - Sharon made the motion "to accept the 2015 audit report from Mudgett, Jennett & Krogh-Wisner, P.C. and the management's responses as amended." Gene seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (5-0).
 2. Trapping on town land – request:
 - Tabled, requested information not provided from the resident.
 3. FY 16-17 Budget:
 - Line item discussions included: health insurance, health insurance decline stipends, overtime, paid time off, hours for the ZA and DRB assistant, DRB, office equipment.
 - New Business:**
 1. ZA Position: Josh made the motion "to enter executive session under 1 V.S.A. § 313 Executive Session (a) (1)." Gene seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (5-0). Gene made the motion "to exit executive session." Jen seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (5-0). Consensus to advertise the position of ZA.
 2. Warrants: Signed.
 3. Legal Expense Report: Dispersed.
 4. Minutes November 16, 2015: Gene made the motion "to approve the minutes of November 16, 2015." Josh seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (5-0).

- 6. **Communications:** none
- 7. **Other Business:**
 - January meetings are scheduled for the 4th and 11th. Noted: Town Meeting Warning must be signed by 1/18/16.
- 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 (5-0), at 8:15 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

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