

## MINUTES FROM THE SELECT BOARD MEETING ON AUGUST 06, 2007

Board members present were Pat Mallow, RJ Vallie, Tom Benoit, John Devine and Gene Armstrong, Also present was Town Clerk Deborah La Rivière, Road Foreman Eric Andrews and Larry Williams from Redstone. The meeting was called to order at 5:45 pm.

The Board discussed the resignation of Zoning Administrator Lawrence Peterson. RJ motioned: "To send Peterson a thank you letter for his time served." Seconded by John. Deb will do and will contact Linda Baker to see what plans the Planning Commission has to replace him. The Board reviewed the proposed zoning fee schedule increases that Peterson presented. They questioned the necessity of a Certificate of Occupancy for an outbuilding and why a Certificate of Compliance was needed. Deb will get him to elaborate on changes to these two items for the next meeting.

Paving bids were opened. Pike Industries bid was \$59.52 per ton and a bid from UPC was \$55 per ton. Pat motioned: "To accept the bid from UPC at \$55 per ton." Gene seconded. There was no further discussion, all were in favor, motion passed. The contract was signed.

Larry Williams from Redstone met with the Board to discuss winter maintenance of Bolton Valley Access Road. He has some concerns about plowing late in the day/evening when the resort is anticipating the arrival of busses. He, the board and Eric Andrews agreed that if the tour bus schedule was presented to the town with estimated times of arrival for the busses, the town would plow the road close to the arrival time. However, if the scheduled arrival time is 2 a.m. and the bus doesn't show up until 3:30 am, the tour bus will have to manage the road on its' own or wait until the road crew arrives for work later in the morning. Williams also inquired to the possibility of a private organization plowing the road; would the town be absolved of any liability? Could town equipment be used by others? Deb will check with the town attorney.

Road Foreman Eric Andrews presented bids for the new town highway vehicle. A bid from Clarks was \$68 thousand, Charlebois for \$62 thousand and another bid from Charlebois for a larger truck at \$72 thousand. Bids for the body came from Tenco at \$53,000 and Fairfield for \$55,000. Pat motioned: "To accept the bid from Clarks for the cab and chassis at \$68 thousand dollars." Tom seconded. Tom, Gene, Pat and John were in favor, RJ opposed. Motion to purchase from Clarks passed. John motioned: "To accept the bid from Tenco for the body of the truck at \$53 thousand dollars." There was no other discussion, all were in favor, motion passed. Andrews will order.

Kate Willard from the State of Vermont Department of Forests and Parks and Dan Early from Green Crow Lumber met with the board. The Chittenden County Uplands Program will be purchasing a conservation easement from Green Crow and they are looking for support from the town. The easement would not affect taxes on the property and would leave open the options to hunt, hike and fish on the land, allow cross-county skiing on the Catamount Trail System and use by VAST of their trails. These easements are used to help with soil conservation, forestry and the maintainability of wildlife habitats. John motioned: "To support the Forest Legacy Initiative on the property owned by Green Crow Lumber." Gene seconded. There was no other discussion, all were in favor, motion passed.

At this point Tom motioned to recess the meeting seconded by John. The regular Select Board meeting adjourned at 7pm and reconvened at 7:15pm

Fire Chief Mike Gervia presented the Board with an offer on the fire truck the town is selling. RJ motioned: "To decline Black Rock Coal's offer of \$6,000." Tom seconded. There was no further discussion, all were in favor of declining, motion to decline passed.

Deb informed the Board that she would like to move the reserve fund account from Citizens Bank to TD Bank North for a better interest rate. Tom motioned: "To approve the move of the reserve fund account from Citizens Bank to TD Bank North." Gene seconded. There was no further discussion, all were in favor, motion passed.

The Board would like to meet for a construction update with Don Morin at the next meeting on August 20. Deb will contact.

Treasurer's Reports for June were read.

Resident Will Stoler met with the Board to discuss some zoning issues he had. Deb will check when the application for Tim McGhee's DRB hearing was received by the town and speak with Mr. Stoler tomorrow.

Warrants were signed.

John motioned: "To approve an expense of \$183.12 and to sign a contract with Property Valuation and Review for support of the town's computer programs for the grand list and tax bills." Tom seconded. There was no discussion, all were in favor, motion passed.

Deb informed the Board that a resident who lives in rental property has requested a health inspection and water test. Deb will coordinate with Tom or RJ to do the inspection.

Tom motioned: "To accept the minutes from July 16 and July 20." Gene seconded. There were no changes or corrections, all were in favor. Motion passed.

There was no other business to be brought before this Board at this time. Pat motioned to end the meeting, seconded by John. The meeting closed at 8:25 pm.

Attest:

Deborah LaRivière, Town Clerk

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*These minutes were read and approved by the Bolton Select Board on August 20, 2007.*

*For the Board.*

