

MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 07, 2008 SELECT BOARD MEETING

Board members present were RJ Vallie, Pat Mallow, Tom Benoit, Gene Armstrong and John Devine. Also present was Town Clerk Deborah LaRiviere and Road Foreman Eric Andrews.

Resident Duncan Galbraith met with the Board to voice his concerns over public parking on the small parcel at the bottom of the Bolton Valley Access Road. His concerns include ownership of the parcel (state or town), noise and abandoned vehicles. Deb will contact AOT/District 5 to determine ownership and will see about having the vehicles that have been left there towed. Galbraith would like to see the town discontinue plowing the lot since he feels that encourages the parking. Road Foreman Andrews indicated that the lot has always been plowed by the town to offer parking off the traveled portion of the road when cars are unable to make the hill. While it is acceptable to park off the traveled portion of any highway, vehicles doing so must be registered and inspected. The Board will continue this discussion at a later date.

Larry Williams and George Potter both representing Bolton Valley, met with the Board to discuss the winter maintenance of the Access Road. They are concerned with the reduced usage of salt on the road and the increasing narrowness of the travel lanes due to what they consider the town not plowing a wide enough swath. There was some discussion regarding the use of salt or salt/sand mix. Bolton Valley felt the road was in better shape when more salt was being used. Williams and Potter praised Andrews for his diligence and hard work. The Board indicated that the town was looking to optimize its' highway maintenance by recently purchasing a wing for the grader and when buying the new highway truck opting to purchase an adjustable plow. The Board indicated that using salt during a storm was a waste of money and said they rely on the judgment of the road foreman to make the call as to whether salt is used or a salt/sand mix. Williams asked if the resort could buy salt through the town, pay for it and store it at the highway garage. John motioned: "To allow Bolton Valley to purchase salt through the town and pay the town for it and to store it at the highway garage." RJ seconded. There was no other discussion. All were in favor, motion passed.

The Board discussed a Non-Disturbance Agreement with Bolton Valley. Bolton Valley is in the process of refinancing 'The Ponds'. Since the Town is a secured party on The Ponds, due to the economic development grant, a Non-Disturbance Agreement must be signed by the town before Redstone can proceed. A copy has been forwarded to Town Attorney Robert Fletcher for review. Pat motioned: "To authorize chairman John Devine to sign the Non-Disturbance Agreement on behalf of the town with Robert Fletcher's approval." Gene seconded. There was no other discussion, all were in favor. Motion passed.

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Ray Atwood and Doug Walker from the Conservation Cycle Club of Vermont, LLC came before the Board to discuss their purchase of the Sara Holbrook property. The CCCV is interested in the parcel to make an off-road vehicle park there. They understand that access is an issue and they will deal with that when the time comes. If a petition is presented querying this transfer, the question will go to a vote at town meeting.

Warrants were signed.

The grant form for highway paving funds from the state was signed.

The Board read a letter drafted by RJ addressing the CUSI donation for last year. John motioned: "To authorize RJ to sign the letter on behalf of the Board." Tom seconded. There was no other discussion, all were in favor, motion passed. John motioned: "To approve a contribution to CUSI for the 2008-09 year of \$545." Gene seconded. There was no other discussion, all were in favor, motion passed.

The Board discussed Town Meeting and reviewed the basic articles for the Warning.

The Board opened bids for fuel. Three were received. Ultramar offered \$3.43 a gallon for diesel fuel and \$2.58 for propane. Stevens offered their cost plus \$0.42 a gallon for propane and Pattersons offered \$3.086 per gallon for diesel fuel. John motioned: "To continue with Stevens Gas Supply for propane and Pattersons for diesel fuel." Tom seconded. There was no other discussion, all were in favor, motion passed.

There was no other business to be brought before this Board at this time. Tom motioned to end the meeting, seconded by John. The meeting closed at 7:45 pm.

Attest:

Deborah La Riviere
Town Clerk

Minutes are unofficial until approved. These minutes were read and approved by the Bolton Select Board on January 20, 2008. For the Board
