

## MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 21, 2008 SELECT BOARD MEETING

Board members present were John Devine, Gene Armstrong, Tom Benoit, Pat Mallow and RJ Vallie. Also present was Town Clerk Deborah La Rivière and Road Foreman Eric Andrews. The meeting was called to order at 6pm.

The Board reviewed a request from the Vermont Coalition of Municipalities asking for support for an Education Finance and Property Tax Reform Resolution. Tom motioned: *“To adopt the Education Finance and Property Tax Reform Resolution.”* This will not be included in the Warning but will be mentioned in the Select Board’s letter for the Town Report. There was no further discussion, all were in favor, motion passed.

John motioned: *“To accept the minutes from the January 07, 2008.”* Tom seconded. There was no other discussion, all were in favor, motion passed.

Resident David Parot met with the Board to discuss the issue of busses idling at the resort. Parot informed the board that every day and on most week ends school and tour busses sit idling while patrons ski. The Town has no ordinance to prohibit this. RJ motioned: *“To refer this issue to the Bolton Conservation Commission and request that they draft an ordinance for review.”* Pat seconded. Deb will try and get policies from other towns or ski areas and school districts to pass on to the CC. There was no other discussion, all were in favor, motion passed.

Road Foreman Eric Andrews met with the Board to discuss a warranty offer from International for the new truck. International is not willing to put a warranty in writing until the Board agrees to purchase one. Andrews will have Rusty Clark meet with the Board to explain the warranty and cost. Andrews also questioned how the time clock should be used. The Board said punching in and out for lunch was unnecessary. Also, Andrews wondered how to compensate for ‘call-out time’, since the highway crew gets paid for three hours if they get called out during off hours, whether they work the full three hours or not. The Board informed him to just mark the time card ‘call-out time’ if the full three hours weren’t met and it would be covered. He also informed the Board of the on-going problem obtaining salt. Cargill, who is the town’s regular supplier, is having a problem so Andrews purchased four loads out of Canada at a slightly higher cost per ton.

The Board would like to chat with Don Morin on 1/28. Deb will call him. The Board would also like to review the expenses for the town office.

The Board worked on their letter for the Town Report.

Deb showed the Board a statement from Stitzel, Page and Fletcher for services rendered. Costs include time spent for the Sara Holbrook and the West Bolton Golf Course transfers.

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Pat motioned: “To forward the bill for the West Bolton Golf Course’s legal fees to Jeff Brown at the WBGC.” Tom seconded. There was no discussion, all were in favor, motion passed. RJ motioned: “To send the bill for the Sara Holbrook property’s legal fees to Ray Atwood at the CCV.” Tom seconded. There was no discussion, all were in favor. Motion passed.

The Board worked on the Warning for Town Meeting. RJ motioned: “Article 2, to be voted by Australian ballot on Tuesday March 04, 2008, should read: ‘To see if the voters will authorize the Select Board to add a one quarter (1/4) cent addition to the tax rate to support a fund for the purchase of conservation land’.” Pat seconded. There was no other discussion, all were in favor, motion passed. RJ motioned: “To eliminate Article (contribution to CUSI) and to add the \$545 to the regular budget.” John seconded. There was no discussion, all were in favor, motion passed. Pat motioned: “To add, as Article 3, ‘To see if the voters will authorize the Select Board to convey the Sara Holbrook property to the Conservation Cycle Club of Vermont, LLC, a non-profit organization, for one dollar (\$1.00), to be used as an Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) park’.” RJ seconded. There was no other discussion, all were in favor, motion passed.

The Board reviewed material from CCMPO regarding the ‘SAFETEA Rails to Trails’ program. RJ motioned: “To support the Rails to Trails campaign.” Seconded by John. The question was called, John and RJ in favor, Tom, Pat and Gene opposed. Motion failed.

The Certification of Highways was signed.

Treasurer’s reports for December were read.

The Board looked over the sign and logo design submitted by Ruelle Design. RJ will continue the dialogue with Kevin Ruelle.

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 ended at 8pm.

Attest:

Deborah La Rivière

*Minutes are unofficial until approved. These minutes were read and approved by the Bolton Select Board on January 28, 2008. \_\_\_\_\_ for the Board.*

