

MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 05, 2009 SELECT BOARD MEETING

Board members present were Gene Armstrong, Tom Benoit and RJ Vallie. Also present was Town Clerk Deborah La Rivière. The meeting was called to order at 6pm.

Resident Duncan Galbraith came before the Board to express his feeling that the Town is in violation of its' zoning regulations by plowing snow from the small parking area at the bottom of the Bolton Valley Road toward Joiner Brook. The Board disagrees with Galbraith's charge but will ask Zoning Administrator Miron Malbeouf for a written assessment.

The Board reviewed the fire department budget with chief Mike Gervia. Dispatch charges have been reduced, which brings this budget to \$83,650, a 5% increase. The Board discussed the highway budget with Road Foreman Eric Andrews. The discussion included how to pay for repairs needed on the Notch Road and what exactly might be needed. The Board would like an engineer consulted. Andrews asked about the proposed 'Accident Reduction' sign package that the state is offering. With the threat of funding cuts from the state, the Board is reluctant to add \$10,000 to the budget to cover the package up front. The Board will continue to look at the budget at the next meeting.

Gene motioned: "To close Honey Hollow Road for the season." Seconded by Tom. There was no further discussion, all were in favor, motion passed.

There have been several incidents involving vehicles parked on the traveled portion of the road or within the designated turn-around areas. The Board would like an opinion from Robert Fletcher, Esquire whether or not the town can incorporate a 'No Parking in Snow Plow Turnaround' clause in the motor vehicle ordinance and whether or not a sign at the bottom of the hill indicating "Snow tires and/or chains needed in winter" would be appropriate. Deb will check.

There was no other business to be brought before this board at this time. Tom motioned to end the meeting, seconded by Gene. The meeting closed at 7:30 pm.

Attest:

Deborah La Rivière  
Town Clerk

*Minutes are unofficial until approved. These minutes were read and approved by the Bolton Select Board on January 19, 2009. \_\_\_\_\_ For the Board.*