

MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 19, 2009 SELECT BOARD MEETING

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

Mark Andrews met with the Board to discuss the upcoming town meeting. Last year Andrews had requested that the town revert back to its' previous practice of having state representatives present at town meeting. Deb has already spoken with Bill Frank and George Till who are glad to have a Q&A period while dinner is going on. Andrews is also asking that an article be placed on the warning asking for a contribution from taxes to be collected and set aside to be used for library services for residents. His feeling is the town has to take some responsibility for literacy, and offering a reimbursement to families who cannot afford a library card is a small way to help out. Deb has spoken with both the Richmond and Waterbury librarians and will have something in the town clerk's letter in the town report. Andrews will also write a brief narrative on the subject. John motioned: "To approve an article for the town warning requesting 1/8 of a cent addition to the 2009-10 tax rate for the support of library services." RJ seconded. There was no other discussion, all were in favor, motion passed.

Erik Sandbloom from ESPC Engineers met with the board to get an idea of what services might be needed for the Notch Road project. This project is still in the planning stages and the board is looking for a price for engineering. Sandbloom will prepare a scope of work and price for the next meeting. Road Foreman Eric Andrews also has a call in to engineer Mike Wiesel for a bid. Both should be available for review at the next meeting.

The Board discussed the health insurance issue. Deb will contact CESU and see what is offered to their employees as well as getting some info from Blue Cross. The Board reviewed the highway budget. John motioned: "To approve a 2.86% raise for the highway crew." RJ seconded. There was no other discussion, all were in favor, motion passed. The Board discussed the repairs needed to the garage. Eric will have a price on new windows and doors for the next meeting.

The Board decided to leave the overweight permits as they were in previous years.

The Board looked over a 'parking ban' notice that the Town of Richmond uses. It was agreed to change the wording to fit Bolton and publish this in the next newsletter. This is in response to numerous on-going problems with vehicles parking on the traveled portion of town roads and inhibiting plowing. Deb will do.

State highway certification forms were signed.

Warrants were signed.

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Tom motioned: "To approve the minutes from January 05, 2009 and December 15, 2008." John seconded. There were no changes, all were in favor, motion passed.

The Board reviewed the warning and will plan to sign it on February 02.

A contract with the Chittenden County Humane Society for pound services was signed. There still needs to be an interim holding place and O'Neill's Kennel in Shelburne is the only one.

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

Attest:

Deborah La Rivière
Town Clerk

Minutes are unofficial until approved. These minutes were read and approved by the Bolton Select Board on February 02, 2009. _____ For the Board.