

MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 16, 2009 SELECT BOARD MEETING

Board members present: Gene Armstrong, John Devine, RJ Vallie and Richard Streeter

Acting Clerk: Amy Grover

Also present: Charlie Baker and Justin Dextraduer, CCRPC, Sharon Murray, CC and DRB, Tom Longstreth, Tony Barbagallo and Lexi Merring, CC

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

Charlie Baker and Justin Dextraduer gave an update from CCRPC and inquired about possible future needs of the town that CCRPC could assist with. It was noted with respect to the CCRPC update that:

- CCRPC was continuing fluvial erosion work throughout Chittenden County, and grant funding might be available for Bolton to continue fluvial erosion work.
- New digitized floodplain maps were due in June from FEMA and there would be a small timeframe for review and input, re: accuracy. Floodplain maps were last updated 18 years ago.
- CCRPC was continuing conversations regarding regional policing, and Bolton was welcome to be part of that conversation. CCRPC will forward the State of Vermont police study to the board.
- CCMPO would be reviewing the status of park and ride facilities in the state.
- CCRPC would be supporting and sharing information with town energy committees.
- CCRPC and CCMPO were reviewing requirements to form a Regional Transportation District.
- CCRPC would be starting the process to update the regional plan in the next fiscal year.

It was noted with respect to possible future needs of the town that CCRPC might be able to assist with included:

- Resolving the right of way issue with the Sara Holbrook parcel (land access only across the railroad tracks). It was suggested that the town research land records for any recorded easement.
- Increasing Bolton's online map resources.
- Completing a natural resource map for Bolton.
- Providing staff support to complete an update to Bolton's bylaws. It was suggested that the town investigate grant funding through VCDP.

Members of the Conservation Commission met with the board to review their conservation fund policy draft. This policy would allow for consistent applications and review of funding requests by the town and/or applications for private conservation projects. It was noted that the CC would act in an advisory capacity to the board. Issues discussed included thresholds for amounts of funds and the public process. It was noted that new board member Richard Streeter had not yet had an opportunity to review the draft policy. The Select Board will vote on the draft policy at their next meeting on April 6, 2009. The group set a date for a public informational meeting regarding the financial support request from CRAGVT (for \$7,400 from the conservation fund to go toward the purchase of a conservation easement, current fund balance of \$24,000) for Monday, April 20, 2009 to follow the Select Board meeting, time to be determined. Notice will go in the April Bolton Gazette.

Tom Longstreth stated that he noticed that buses were idling in both the sugarshack and main village parking areas at Bolton Valley. Tom noted that he would follow up with the bus company and Bolton Valley on their idling policies.

Sharon Murray, DRB Chair gave an update for the DRB noting that:

- The DRB apologized for not having their annual report in the Town Report.
- There are currently two vacancies for alternates on the DRB. There seems to be difficulty filling these positions, which could impact the DRB being able to convene a quorum.
- Consistent staffing for the DRB remains an issue, especially with respect to clerking duties and record keeping. The Town could investigate the possibility of staff sharing with neighboring towns.
- Recent DRB activity includes one application and three appeals by Bolton Valley (all with respect to The Ponds and the 4 x 4 Driving School), filed by their attorneys.

RJ noted that the Back Roads Grant program might be an avenue for funding of the Notch Road study.

The board reviewed information to share with Town Attorney Robert Fletcher at the April 6, 2009 meeting.

John motioned: *“To approve the minutes from March 9, 2009.”* Gene seconded. All were in favor, motion to approve passed.

There was no other business to be brought before this Board at this time. Gene motioned to close the meeting, seconded by John. The meeting ended at 7:20 p.m.

Attest:

Amy, Acting Clerk

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