

MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 06, 2009 SELECT BOARD MEETING

Board members present were John Devine, Dan Champney, Gene Armstrong, RJ Vallie and Richard P. Streeter. Also present was Town Clerk Deborah La Rivière. The meeting was called to order at 6pm.

- Bill Atwood came before the Board to request approval for storing a small amount of salt in the town salt shed until October. Atwood has 16 yards of salt and if allowed to store this in the town's shed until fall, has offered to take back only 8 yards leaving the remaining eight yards in the town shed for town use as payment. Gene motioned: "To approve Bill Atwood request to store 16 yards of salt in the town salt shed until October." RJ seconded. There was no other discussion, all were in favor, motion passed.

Town Attorney Steven Stitzel met with the Board. John motioned to enter Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Gene seconded. The Board entered Executive at 6:10 pm and returned to the regular meeting at 7:00

- Road Foreman Eric Andrews joined the meeting and went over some highway issues with the Board. Gene motioned: "To re-open Honey Hollow Road." John seconded. There was no discussion, all were in favor, motion passed. Andrews would like to have a sign made for the bottom of Honey Hollow. The Board agreed to a 'Road Closed from December 15 to May 01' sign. Andrews will purchase. The Board also agreed that the road crew should do the initial lawn sweeping. Someone has come forward and volunteered to mow the lawns for the town this year for the cost of gas for the mower. The Board agreed to have the volunteer do the regular lawn mowing. Andrews asked if he could use the balance of the 08-09 salt budget to fill the shed at this year's price. The Board agreed this was a good move and approved. Andrews will apply for a paving grant for Class 2 highways. Andrews and the Board agreed to placing a notice in the Burlington Free Press (the town's paper of notice) and the local Gazette seeking submittals for a bid list. The Board will use the bid list when hiring outside contractors for any work in town, highway or otherwise. Deb will do. Andrews asked for permission to hire a sweeper to clean the sand off roads and the board agreed. He will contact and get a date. The Board would like to speak with engineer Mike Weisel on May 4. Deb will call.

- Fire chief Mike Gervia met with the Board to go over some department issues. He is looking for a 40' shipping container to use for training. The Board advised him to get a permit. He has applied for a grant to do renovations to the fire station. The deadline is June. He will keep the board posted. The department will begin billing non-residents for accident attendance. Previously, they billed only commercial vehicles when they had to answer a call on the interstate. Bills will go to the registered owner of the vehicles involved at \$150 per incident. Gervia did the work on the highway garage and brought the board up-to-date on that process. The job should be finished within the week. Some rot and mold were found inside when the siding was removed and that has been cleaned out. John motioned: "To approve payment for the repairs on the town garage." Gene seconded. There was no further discussion, all were in favor, motion passed.

- Jeff Brown from the West Bolton Golf Course and Livvy Strong from the Jericho Land Trust met with the Board seeking approval for the pending sale of WBGC land to the Trust. The land is located on the Stage Road and is the final piece of a project. The land will be

purchased by the state of Vermont with funds from the Forest Legacy Program and turned over to the Jericho Land Trust for management. The JLT will still pay taxes and since this parcel is contiguous with pieces already being held by the Trust, it will carry the same conditions and restrictions the existing piece carry. Richard motioned: "To support the sale of the land owned by the West Bolton Golf Course to the Jericho Land Trust." RJ seconded. Jeff will need a letter of support to submit to the state. Deb will do. There was no other discussion, all were in favor, motion passed.

- The projected financial report for AOT was signed.
- Ray Atwood has asked if the Board would allow him to clear a path from Route 2 to the river on the Sarah Holbrook land. The Board has no problem with that but just to cover the town, Atwood should sign a waiver releasing the Town from any liability should any accidents occur while he was in the process of this work. Deb will do and get his signature.
- The Board discussed how to implement the library card reimbursement that passed at town meeting. Deb will contact the local librarians and work things out with them.
- Warrants were signed.
- Highway time sheets were reviewed.
- The Board was not ready to approve or disapprove the draft loan policy submitted by the Conservation Commission. This item was tabled until the next meeting.
- Gene motioned: "To approve the minutes from the March 16, 2009 meeting." Richard seconded. There were no changes or corrections, all were in favor, motion passed.

Gene motioned: "To approve 7 liquor licenses and one tobacco license for Bolton Valley." Danny seconded. There was no discussion, all were in favor, motion passed.

There was no other business to be brought before this board at this time. Richard motioned to end the meeting, seconded by Dan. The meeting closed at 8:15 pm.

Attest:

Deborah La Rivière
Town Clerk

Minutes are unofficial until approved. These minutes were read and approved by the Bolton Select Board on April 20, 2009. _____ For the Board.

