

## MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 17, 2009 SELECT BOARD MEETING

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

Joe Lafreniere met with the Board to bring them up-to-date on the Green Mountain Club's proposal to build a bridge over the Winooski. The Lafreniere property is the proposed southern location for the bridge. Joe is meeting with the GMC next week and will keep the Board in the loop.

The Board discussed dog issues and the current dog ordinance. Deb has been speaking with Amanda Lafferty at Stitzel, Page and Fletcher and a penalty clause, payable to the town, can be added. The Board read the draft executed by Lafferty and Deb will add it to the next newsletter. The Board would like an additional section added that will state 'one warning phone call may be made before issuance of a civil fine, but if the constable is dispatched, a fine will be assessed'. John motioned: "To appoint Gene Armstrong as constable." Richard seconded. There was no further discussion on this, the question was called, Dan, John, RJ and Richard in favor, Gene abstained. Motion passed.

John motioned: "To set a payment for the constable at \$100 per call for animal control." Dan seconded. There was no further discussion on this, the question was called, Dan, John, RJ and Richard in favor, Gene abstained. Motion passed. The other issue is where to take dogs if they are picked up by the town. The Humane Society does not take animals that have not been quarantined first. John motioned: "To have Gene Armstrong build a small kennel on his property for the purpose of housing pets that have been picked up. The Town will reimburse Armstrong." Richard seconded. There was no other discussion, Richard, John, Dan and RJ in favor, Gene abstained. Motion passed.

September 14 is the next meeting.

Richard P. Streeter spoke to the Board as a resident and inquired about the town usage of his property as a turnaround for the highway trucks. He would like an agreement with the town to protect all parties; so that the town may continue this usage should Streeter sell and so the town cannot at some later date claim eminent domain and seize the property. The Board reviewed an agreement with a Notch Road resident with a similar issue. Streeter will look this over and get back to the board at the September 14 meeting.

Highway logs were reviewed.

A commendation letter from the VLCT regarding highway crew members Eric Andrews and Tom Champney was read.

Peter Fenn has completed his driveway on Wentworth Road. Eric should do another inspection prior to a Certificate of Occupancy being issued. The Board asked for pictures and would like a sentence in the curb cut application that requests before and after construction photos of all driveway accesses. Deb will do.

Flood maps are being reviewed and the Planning Commission has a meeting scheduled to accept public comment on September 14.

John motioned to enter Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at 7pm seconded by Gene. The Board resumed their regular meeting at 7:20 pm

Deb will contact Lisa from the VLCT to attend the next meeting.

A dog bite issue from 10 days ago remains unresolved. Deb will try again to contact those involved.

Treasurer Reports for July were read.

John motioned: *“To approve the minutes from August 03, 2009.”* Seconded by RJ. There were no changes or corrections. All were in favor, motion to accept passed.

The Board discussed the ongoing problem of parking on Bolton Valley Road. Deb has called the state police several times as well as a local towing company. The Board would like a price quote on installing guardrails from the Baker property up to the former Peterson property. Deb will have Eric Andrews get a quote.

There was no other business to be brought before this Board at this time. John motioned to end the meeting, seconded by Gene. 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 September 14, 2009. \_\_\_\_\_ For the Board.