

MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 15, 2008 SELECT BOARD MEETING

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

Michele Boomhower and Peter Keating from the Metropolitan Planning Commission met with the Board to give an update of what's happening with them. They left the Board with handouts and a calendar projecting future projects. They informed the Board they're available for any help the town might need with federal funding for highway projects. Jerry Mullen is our current MPO rep and Eric Andrews is the TAC coordinator.

Fire Chief Mike Gervia came before the Board with a budget proposal for the department. His proposed budget is about 8% over last year at \$86,150. John motioned: "To accept the Fire Department's proposed budget of \$86,150." Seconded by Tom. RJ would like to see the increase capped at 5%. The question was called, none were in favor, all were opposed. Motion failed. Mike will rework his budget and come back. Gervia told the board that he was looking into the purchase of a 40' storage container for use as a 'smoke room' for training. He also informed the board that the department has two members who have been absent from meetings for over six months and will be asked to return their gear to the station. He is also working on the FCC license for the department. Since Road Foreman Eric Andrews was sick, the board looked over his budget but tabled any action until after the holidays. However, doors and windows at the garage need to be replaced. The Board reviewed the General Fund budget and Tom motioned: "To approve a 3% raise for the Town Clerk and Assistant Clerk for the upcoming year." John seconded. There was no other discussion, all were in favor, motion passed. The Board will continue with budget work in January.

John motioned: "To appoint Erin Perkins to the vacant Planning Commission seat." RJ seconded. There was no discussion, all were in favor, motion passed.

Tom motioned: "To approve the minutes from November 10 and December 01, 2008." John seconded. There were no changes or corrections, all were in favor, motion passed.

The property owned by Ann Villeneuve that is being transferred to the Vermont Land Trust has a old Glebe lot within the boundary lines. Ruple and Peterson have prepared a Quit Claim Deed and Property Transfer for this. Both these documents have been reviewed by Stitzel, Page and Fletcher and the town has been advised that they may be signed. John motioned: "To approve signing the Quit Claim Deed and transfer on behalf of the town for the Glebe lot on the Villeneuve propertyt." Danny seconded. There was no discussion, all were in favor, motion passed.

John motioned: "To approve a fireworks permit for Bolton Valley for New Year's Eve." Danny seconded. There was no discussion, all were in favor, motion passed.

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Deb discussed with the Board the idea of having representatives Bill Frank and George Till present at Town Meeting and available to answer questions during dinner. Deb will coordinate.

November Treasurer's reports were read.

The Board discussed the Richmond Library and would like to begin a dialogue with them. Deb will call.

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 8:10 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 _____, 2009. _____ for the Board.