

## MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 02, 2009 SELECT BOARD MEETING

Board members present were Tom Benoit, Gene Armstrong, John Devine, RJ Vallie and Dan Champney. Also present was Road Foreman Eric Andrews, Fire Chief Mike Gervia and Town Clerk Deb La Riviere. The meeting was called to order at 6 pm.

Tom motioned: "To approve the minutes from the January 19, 2009." John seconded. There were no changes or corrections, all were in favor, motion passed.

The Board reviewed the letter from the State of Vermont indicating that changes approved and made to the VCDP grant were completed.

RJ motioned: "To approve a liquor license for the West Bolton Golf Course." Gene seconded. There was no discussion, all were in favor, motion passed.

Gene motioned: "To approve a liquor license for the Black Bear Inn." RJ seconded. There was no discussion, all were in favor, motion passed.

Warrants were signed.

Residents Deborah Shelby and Amy Ludwin presented the Board with a petition for the town meeting warning. The petition question concerns Yankee Nuclear plant (see attached for copy) and has sufficient signatures. Those signing the petition are asking for the opportunity to discuss the plant and its' future at town meeting. The Board questioned whether this issue was germane to the town of Bolton or not. The concern is the impact of Yankee on the entire state and the need to look into other forms of energy. John motioned: "To accept the petition and put the resolution on the town warning." RJ seconded. There was no other discussion, the question was called, John, Danny, Gene and RJ in favor of adding the resolution, Tom opposed. Motion passed.

The Board reviewed the engineers' proposals for the Notch Road study. Two firms have presented bids for studying the Notch Road problem and coming up with a viable solution. RJ motioned: "To include an additional \$10,000 line item to the highway budget to cover the costs of an engineering study." Tom seconded. There was no other discussion, the question was called. John, Tom, Danny and RJ in favor, Gene opposed. Motion passed. In order to allow this addition to the budget, the board reviewed with Eric Andrews other line items that could be cut. Tom motioned: "To finalize the budget with a 2.27% increase at \$716,750." John seconded. There was no other discussion, all were in favor, Danny, John, Tom and RJ in favor, Gene opposed, motion passed.

Fire Chief Mike Gervia informed the Board that someone from the State of Vermont stopped by to do an energy audit on the fire station.

The board discussed the Select Board's letter for the town report and will finalize it this week.

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The warning was signed. The Board would like Deb to call Lou Lertola and see if he will be able to attend town meeting in support of the veteran's exemption article.

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 closed at 8:20 pm.

Attest:

Deborah La Rivière  
*Town Clerk*

*Minutes are unofficial until approved. These minutes were read and approved by the Bolton  
Select Board on February 19, 2009. \_\_\_\_\_ For the Board.*