

## MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 20, 2009 SELECT BOARD MEETING

Board members present were John Devine, RJ Vallie, Gene Armstrong, Dan Champney and Richard P. Streeter. Also present was Town Clerk Deborah La Rivière. The meeting came to order at 5:45 pm.

Tony Barbagallo met with the Board to review the CSWD budget. He summarized the budget and gave an overview of upcoming changes. RJ motioned: "To accept the CSWD budget as presented." Gene seconded. There was no other discussion, all were in favor, motion passed.

John motioned to enter Executive Session to discuss pending litigation, Gene seconded. The Board entered Executive Session at 6 pm and returned to the regular session at 6:15pm.

RJ motioned: "To accept the minutes from April 06, 2009." John seconded. There were no changes or corrections, all were in favor, motion passed.

One of the dry well covers at the town office is cracked. The Board would like Eric to purchase a new one.

The Board reviewed the Conservation Policy and will wait to make a decision until the final draft is available.

The Board then opened the meeting to comments on the proposed funding of an application from CRAG-VT for conservation finances. About 15 residents, members of the Bolton Conservation Commission and members of CRAG-VT joined the meeting. Conservation Commission chair Tom Longstreth opened the dialogue by informing everyone that the Bolton CC met with CRAG who requested an \$11,000 grant from the town's Conservation Fund. The CC, however, felt \$7,500 was the maximum they felt comfortable asking for. This represents 1/3 of the amount in the Conservation Fund. CRAG did go before the DRB and received approval for the sub-division that was necessary before the two parcels of land involved could be turned over. Travis Peckham (CRAG) stated that funds had already been acquired for the purchase of the two pieces, but money still needed to be obtained for the purchase of the conservation easement. This easement, which is more difficult to fund, will protect the land in perpetuity. The area can be accessed from the Long Trail or from the Preston Pond property and purchasing these two parcels should not create any additional impact or traffic. If use of the property expands in any way, the landowners will need to come back before the DRB. Several residents, including adjacent landowners to the property in question, voiced their support for the project and the funding. The estimated cost of the easement is about \$12,500. The board reiterated that there would be no responsibility or liability to the town. RJ motioned: "To support the Conservation Commission's request to help fund CRAG-VT's purchase of a conservation easement for the property known as Resin Ridge with a contribution from the Town of Bolton Conservation Land Fund in the amount of \$5,000." Seconded by Gene. Peckham responded to a query regarding whether or not a request of this type, for this parcel, would be brought up again by saying no, it was a one-time deal and these funds will go to CRAG or directly to the VLT. The question was called, all were in favor, motion passed.

Gene questioned the current dog ordinance and wondered how the town could recover some of his expense when an animal is picked up. Pet owners pay the kennel fees when they pick up an impounded pet but nothing to the town. Deb will look into this.

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 closed at 7:10 pm.

Attest:

Deborah La Rivière, Town Clerk

*Minutes are unofficial until approved. These minutes were read and approved by the Bolton Select Board on May 04, 2009.*

*For the Board.*

