

## MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 15, 2009 SELECT BOARD MEETING

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

RJ motioned: "To approve the minutes from June 01, 2009." Dan seconded. There were no changes or corrections, all were in favor, motion passed.

Warrants were signed.

Ben Rose from the Green Mountain Club along with members of the Bolton Conservation Commission joined the meeting to discuss the Sarah Holbrook property. The town is offering either the use of or the sale of this property to the GMC. The GMC is attempting to acquire the land on both sides of the Winooski so a bridge spanning the river can be constructed. The railroad is the main issue but Rose believes between the GMC and the town, perhaps there would be enough influence to get permission for a pedestrian crossing. The easement required for the trail would be a 'floating easement' which gives footpath rights without impeding any landowner's rights. There is still the question of ownership on the opposite side, which will be researched.

Engineer Mike Wiesel met with the Board to discuss his findings on the Notch Road. Wiesel didn't find any surprises when he did the road boring tests. At about 1' deep he hit water, which he anticipated. He attributes the current deterioration to high water level beneath the road and too little base combined with heavy traffic. He stated water 'is the enemy' underneath a road bed. He offered an estimate for the work, which will include blasting the ledge beneath and allowing it to settle (thereby creating a bed which will allow water to leech away), a new gravel base, widening the road above the gravel pit and 4" of pavement on the lower portion and 3" on the upper, at \$302,000. This price excludes about \$25 thousand dollars for the purchase of the gravel, which the Beckman's (who own the gravel pit) verbally agreed to supply at no cost to the town. The Board would like a firmer estimate for town meeting. John motioned: "To authorize Mike Wiesel to work with GW Taturo and firm up his estimates for this project." Gene seconded. There was no other discussion, all were in favor, motion passed. Wiesel will get back to the Board.

A request for a Right-of-Way at 1873 Notch Road for Champlain Valley Telecom was reviewed. Gene motioned: "To approve the request for CVT's easement with the following conditions; 1) the line must be at least 3' below the ditch line and culverts, 2) the town will receive a 24 hour notification prior to the line being buried to allow for inspection, 3) the line must be encased in concrete under the culvert." John seconded. There was no further discussion, all were in favor, motion passed.

Road Foreman Eric Andrews informed the board that the spare truck is in need of a new rear end. The parts will take about 14 days to arrive and the cost is approximately \$3000.

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Trout Unlimited has asked for a delivered donation of 2 loads of gravel for the construction of a dam around the impervious surface near the canoe access on Duxbury Road. John motioned: "To approve the donation of two loads of gravel delivered, but nothing else; no other equipment and no work done by the town." Gene seconded. John will contact TU. There was no other discussion, all were in favor, motion passed.

May financials were read.

John motioned: "To approve the final draft of the Conservation Fund Policy." Gene seconded. There was no other discussion, all were in favor, motion passed.

A letter from the state regarding 2010 funding for park and rides was tabled.

There was no other business to be brought before this Board at this time. Gene motioned to end the meeting, seconded by Danny. The meeting closed at 7:30pm.

Attest:

Deborah La Rivière  
Town Clerk

*Minutes are unofficial until approved. These minutes were read and approved by the Bolton Select Board on July 06, 2009.* \_\_\_\_\_ *For the Board.*