



TOWN OF BOLTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 15, 2010
Bolton Town Office

Board members present: Gene Armstrong, RJ Vallie, Dan Champney, and Ron Lafreniere

Board members absent: Richard Streeter

Acting Clerk: Amy Grover

Also present: Michelle Boomhower, CCMPO, Larry Williams; Bolton Valley, Mike Hopwood; 4 x 4 Center, Tom Walsh; 4 x 4 Center Attorney, Joseph McLean; Town attorney, Linda Baker; Planning Commission Chair, Sharon Murray (7:15); DRB Chair, and Jerry Chabot (7:15); DRB

Call to order

RJ called the meeting to order at 5:55 p.m. It was noted that the earlier start time (5 minutes) was to accommodate Ms. Boomhower, CCMPO. The board unanimously agreed to change the regular starting time of future Select Board meetings to 5:45 p.m.

Changes to the agenda

None.

Minutes from Town Meeting 3/1/20 and 3/8/10

Tabled until the next meeting; signature page from 3/1/10 minutes missing, lacking copy of 3/8/10 minutes.

Appointments

1. Michelle Boomhower, CCMPO

Ms. Boomhower presented an overview of the findings of the Blue Ribbon Commission (BRC) on innovative finance; alternative transportation funding in Chittenden County and Vermont. She noted that there is a need to be proactive in exploring the financing options of transportation projects as there is estimated to be a 4 – 8 billion funding shortfall in the next 20 years to implement the current system of maintenance and new projects. Ms. Boomhower asked that the Select Board consider signing the resolution to support innovative transportation finance recommendations (Appendix H), which would simply endorse the findings that there is a problem and the need to work toward finding a solution. The signed resolutions would be collected from each community and delivered to the legislature, the governor's office and be presented at a briefing with a federal delegation. Ms. Boomhower noted she would resend an electronic resolution form specific to Bolton to Deb, and that she would appreciate a response from the Select Board in 1 – 2 meetings. RJ noted that allowing the residents to weigh in on the resolution by publishing it in the Bolton Gazette would be fitting.

Ms. Boomhower noted that Bolton's representative seat with CCMPO had largely been inactive, and this might be a time to consider seeking additional representation.

2. Joseph McLean, Esquire, and Thomas Walsh, Esquire

Joe McLean reviewed the current status of the Environmental Court appeal, and that he would be in touch with the Select Board regarding mediation.

The representatives from the 4 x 4 Center at Bolton Valley (Thomas Walsh, Larry Williams, Mike Hopwood) expressed that the current BLUDRs make it difficult to accommodate uses like the 4 x 4 Center, hence their 2/10/10 letter to the Select Board via Mr. Mclean requesting consideration of bylaw amendment. It was noted that they would like to have a healthy, mutually beneficial relationship with the town, and have appreciated the town's support in the past, and would prefer to work with the town to resolve pending litigation. The entire group discussed current and past history, the application process within ACT 250 and DRB, steep slopes, diminimus impact, definitions, PUD and a master plan, the differences between activities at ski areas on private lands vs. ski areas on state lands, and process options to resolve pending litigation.

The Select Board asked that a copy of the 2/10/10 letter to Joe McLean be forwarded to the Planning Commission to review the bylaw amendment requests.

Old Business

FHA Amendments ~ the group briefly discussed the FHA amendments, and DFIRMs. It was noted that FHA regulations were required for the town to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and be eligible for federal/state disaster funding, and that new base flood elevation determinations along the Winooski River had increased. It was noted that flood insurance was required by banks, and that lack of regulations could preclude affected residents from being able to refinance or sell their homes.

RJ made a motion to approve adoption of the FHA amendments, Danny seconded the motion. 2 votes in favor, 1 vote nay, 1 vote to abstain. Question whether the motion passed. Confirmation on vote results and additional information needed.

RJ noted the need to check in with Richard Streeter regarding his intentions (with respect to his largely inactive seat on the board).

New Business and Action Items

BV Liquor License ~ Gene made a motion to approve and sign all seven Bolton Valley liquor license applications, seconded by Danny. All were in favor (4 – 0), motion carried.

Closing

There was no other business to be brought before this Board at this time. The date for the next meeting is April 5, 2010, 5:45 p.m. at the town office. Agenda items to include bids for the Notch Road project, CCMPO resolution, FHA amendment follow up.

Gene made a motion to close the meeting at 8 p.m., seconded by Danny. All were in favor (4 – 0), motion carried.

Amy Grover, Acting Clerk

Minutes are unofficial until approved. These minutes were read and approved by the Bolton Select Board on _____, 2010.

_____ *For the Select Board.*