

## MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 05, 2010 SELECT BOARD MEETING

Board members present were Gene Armstrong, Dan Champney, Ron Lafreniere, and RJ Vallie. Also present were Road Foreman Eric Andrews, Planning Commission members Linda Baker and Rodney Pingree, DRB member Sharon Murray, DRB clerk Amy Grover, Ned Swanberg from the state Department of Environmental Conservation, Engineer Mike Weisel, Fire Chief Mike Gervia and Town Clerk Deborah La Rivière. The meeting was called to order at 5:45 pm.

\*Ned Swanberg gave a presentation on the flood plain and DFIRMS. Swanberg explained that the appeal process for residents disputing their inclusion in the flood plain is fairly complex. It involves having the resident get a new ground level survey. He indicated though, that the additional benchmarks provided by the new flood zone areas will assist owners with surveying issues. Outside contractors, hired by the federal government, have determined the new flood elevations by using water displacement, discharge and velocity and the local landscape. The Planning Commission has written new flood by-laws, which need to be adopted by the Select Board. The proposed flood regs will replace the existing regulations in the current zoning ordinance and are the minimum the state allows. Flood regulations are the responsibility of the town and Planning Commission members present reminded the board that while the flood regulations affect only a small number of residents, the job of the Board is to look out for the best interests of the town and if the new flood by-laws are not adopted, residents residing in the flood areas will not be able to renew flood insurance policies, nor obtain financing. Also, failure to adopt the flood by-laws does not change the new designated flood areas. The Board will vote on April 19 on the proposed new flood by-laws. The Board would like a listing of all dwellings in the proposed flood plain. Deb will get.

\*Engineer Mike Weisel went over the bids on the Notch Road project with the Board. The town received nine bids. The low bidder was Dirt Tech with a price of \$124,622. Mike will meet with the crew and Eric Andrews next week prior to the job beginning. RJ motioned: "To approve the selection of low bidder Dirt Tech for the Notch Road project." Seconded by Danny. Should anything occur that might alter the prices, Weisel will come back to the Board. The job is set to begin April 19. Deb will get a notice in the next newsletter. All were in favor, motion passed. Dirt Tech has requested payment on a bi-monthly basis. RJ motioned: "To authorize payment to Dirt Tech on a bi-monthly basis after invoices have been reviewed by Mike Weisel." Dan seconded. There was no other discussion, all were in favor. Deb will take care of the easement and the Memo of Understanding. The board discussed with Mike the option of lining the steeper ditches with rock and will revisit this subject as the time nears. The Board discussed repairs to Honey Hollow Road with Eric Andrews. He will get firm figures for the April 19<sup>th</sup>.

\*There is a large amount of trash near Honey Hollow. Perhaps the Conservation Cycle Club of Vermont would be inclined to pick that spot for their Green-Up Day task. Deb will speak with Ray.

\*Highway time logs were looked at.

\*The Board received one bid for purchase of the old snow plow. RJ motioned: "To sell the old plow to Armstrong Excavating for \$155." Ron seconded. Ron, RJ and Dan in favor of motion, Gene abstained. Motion passed.

\*Fire Chief Mike Gervia met with the Board. The vote for a new pick-up truck for the fire department failed at town meeting and Gervia has been concerned that using the van to pull the trailers to fire scenes is doing more harm than good since the van is not equipped to pull that heavy a load. Gervia is offering to sell his personal vehicle, which is a fully loaded 2006 truck, to the town for \$17,000. The truck has 70,000 miles and has the requisite lights and radios and would only need striping.

The fire department has reserve funds for equipment that can cover this purchase. The Board would like a notice in the next newsletter stating that this topic will be discussed at the May 10 Select Board meeting and there will be a public comment period then. Gervia is also working on a grant for a mini-pumper.

\*Warrants were signed.

\*Deb brought the Board up to date on a pending zoning violation.

\*RJ and Ron along with town attorney Joseph McLean will represent the Select Board in scheduled mediation talks.

\*The Board read a letter concerning Richmond's ancient roads meeting.

\*Gene motioned: "To accept the minutes from March 15, 2010." RJ seconded. There was no discussion, all were in favor. Motion to accept passed.

\*The Board opened bids for lawn mowing town properties. Gene motioned: "To award the mowing contract to Ted Grover." Ron seconded. All were in favor, motion passed.

\*Gene motioned: "To approve a liquor license for the Black Bear Inn." Dan seconded. All were in favor, motion passed.

There was no other business to bring before this Board at this time. Gene motioned to end the meeting, seconded by RJ. The meeting closed at 9pm.

Attest:

Deborah La Rivière  
Town Clerk and Treasurer

*Minutes are unofficial until approved. These minutes were read and approved by the Bolton Select Board on April 19, 2010.*  
\_\_\_\_\_ *For the Board.*