

Minutes from the July 19, 2010 Select Board Meeting

Board members present were Gene Armstrong, Dan Champney, Ron Lafreniere, David Parot and RJ Vallie. Also present was Lt. Mark Thomas of the Vermont State Police and about 8 residents. The meeting was called to order at 5:45 pm

- Lt. Thomas and RJ completed a site visit on Bolton Valley Road at the ‘potholes’ prior to the meeting. Thomas acknowledged that there could be a parking issue on the Access Road, but it’s not a consistent issue; even in the hot weather it’s hit or miss. He stated that parking is not a hot button issue for the state police. Williston barracks is down one trooper and more often than not, someone is being sent from there to fill in elsewhere. He explained that most tow truck companies prefer to have a trooper present in case of a confrontation. He proposed more delineator posts and perhaps a sign indicating that parking is available around the corner at the school. He pointed out that the Town has an ordinance in place for ticketing and towing but his feelings are that towing doesn’t solve the problem because as one vehicle is being pulled away, another is queuing up to take its place and tickets don’t effect the ‘one day swimmer’ or the out-of-state swimmer. Residents and board members were concerned that more signs might later impede snow removal and might encourage parking completely on the paved portion. Also of concern is directing people to use the school lot since there have been some recurring issues including but not limited to alcohol consumption, littering, nudity and general public nuisance. All were in agreement that the bottom line is public safety; getting the vehicles off the road, and children and dogs out of the road. Thomas said historically troopers do not handle parking issues but he would be willing to commit to certain things if the town stepped up and did the same; for example more delineator posts and signs indicating parking was available at the school. The Board will continue this discussion and make further decisions.

- Fire Chief Mike Gervia met with the Board to update the new officer’s roster. He remains the Chief with Alex MacDonald as Assistant Chief, Mo Nadeau and Jeff Garfield as captains. Gervia will be trying a new dispatch system since currently if a firefighter is outside of Richmond in any direction, they can’t receive calls. Gervia has the equipment for the new system and dispatch will be \$100 per month with a two-month trial period before the town commits. Gene motioned: “To approve the new paging system for 60 days to see if it works better than the current one.” Dan seconded. All were in favor, motion passed. Gervia also reiterated the need for repairs to the station. All were in agreement that heating costs have risen for the station drastically over the last few years and something needs to be done. Deb will look for any grants available for this.

- The Board again reviewed the proposed flood by-laws. David motioned: “To approve the new flood regulations.” Seconded by Gene. These regs are the minimum allowable by the state. There was no further discussion and the question was called. RJ, Dan, Gene and David in favor, Ron opposed. Motion to accept carried. RJ motioned: “To have the town send a letter to VEM and FEMA requesting these agencies use temperance and support when dealing with appeals and exemptions from town residents.” Dan seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.

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- The Board reviewed the Citizens Advisory Board notes.
- Ron motioned: "To accept the minutes from July 12." Gene seconded. All were in favor, motion to accept passed.
- A walk up over the new Notch Road project will be scheduled in the next week or so. RJ motioned: "To approve sending ½ of the final amount due to Dirt Tech now and the balance after the walk through." Gene seconded. All were in favor, motion passed. Gene will also contact Pike in the morning to see when the shoulders will be finished.
- The Board discussed whether a third part time person might be valuable on the road crew since the town was left short when one member was hurt. This discussion will continue at a later date. The Board would like the road foreman at the next meeting.

The Board entered Executive Session at 7:30 and returned to the regular meeting at 7:40.

No other business needed to be brought before this Board at this time. Gene motioned to end the meeting, seconded by Dan. The meeting closed at 7:45pm.

Attest:

Deborah La Rivière
Town Clerk

Minutes are unofficial until approved. These minutes were read and approved by the Bolton Select Board on August 02, 2010. _____ For the Board.