

Bristol Selectboard Meeting

August 22, 2011

Selectboard Attendance: Chairman Joel Bouvier, Alan Huizenga, Sharon Compagna, Carol Wells, John “Peeker” Heffernan, Town Administrator Bill Bryant and Town Clerk Therese Kirby. Filmed for NEAT TV by Mary Arbuckle. Also attended by Brett LaRose, Jim Lockridge, Darla Senecal, Ryan Krushnek, Sarah Parker, and Katrina Hill.

1. Joel Bouvier called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The first appointment was with Assistant Fire Chief Brett LaRose regarding reapplication for a Homeland Security grant for a base radio and repeater station. They had applied for this grant previously, but Homeland Security changed the grant guidelines. Now they are funding the base station and repeater only, not the installation or other essentials. Brett is asking for up to \$4,000 from the Bristol Fire Department Capital fund. He explained to the Selectboard the changes need to be done to conform to the 2013 narrow banding requirements. The amount of the grant application is for \$8,997.00. Carol Wells moved to approve the grant application and to authorize up to \$4,000 from the Fire Department Capital Fund pending approval of Chief Peeker Heffernan. Sharon Compagna seconded. So voted. Brett is also submitting a second grant application via Assistance to Firefighters Grant that does not require matching funds. He informed the Selectboard that due to the timeframe of the grant, he will be submitting that application before the next Selectboard meeting. The Selectboard approved the submission of the application and thanked Brett for his time.

2. Jim Lockridge, HUB Teen Center Director, was here with Heather Simpson the summer AmeriCorps worker. They were here to present a power point presentation on a summer study on measuring program outcomes. The Selectboard thanked them for their time.

3. Carol Wells introduced Katrina Hill from the AmeriCorps Volunteers. There have been a group of AmeriCorps working on various projects this past week, including painting park benches, at the skate park, painting the letters on the Lord’s Prayer rock, a map project at the Town office, and various other projects. She thanked them all for their time.

4. The Selectboard approved a curb cut application from Red Cedar School on Hardscrabble Road for a 200’ parallel parking along the roadside. Road Foreman Peter Bouvier approved the application with nine stipulations. This parking is strictly for dropping off and picking up students, not for special events. No overnight parking would be allowed. Sharon Compagna moved to authorize Chairman Joel Bouvier to sign the curb cut application with the nine stipulations. Carol Wells seconded. So voted.

5. The Green Mountain Stage Race was seeking final approval and permission to use Town highways for their bike race on Sunday, September 4, 2011. Peeker Heffernan moved to authorize Chairman Joel Bouvier to sign the certification to use public roads and approve the route per the map provided. Sharon Compagna seconded. So voted.

6. Discussion of VTrans high risk road report and improvement plan for Plank Road. Sharon Compagna asked if this was going to cost the Town any money. Bill Bryant said no. Sharon Compagna moved to authorize Town Administrator Bill Bryant to send a letter to VTrans accepting the report and allowing them to install the signs with an additional recommendation of two stop signs at the intersection. Peeker Heffernan seconded. So voted.

7. Sharon Compagna moved to approve the minutes of August 8, 2011 as printed. Peeker Heffernan seconded. So voted.

8. Town Administrator's Report: Carol Wells moved to appoint Bill Bryant as delegate to the Town Fair. Sharon Compagna seconded. So voted. Bill updated the Selectboard on the Safe Routes to School project. Road Foreman Peter Bouvier received a final quote for grinding & paving Burpee Road for \$225,000 minus a \$175,000 paving grant from VTrans. Sharon Compagna moved to add the additional foot of surface width recommended by Peter Bouvier. Peeker Heffernan seconded. So voted. Bill received an invoice from VTrans for a portion of our 10% of the South Street Bridge repair costs. He is writing them back to request documentation of what work was done. The Town's share of repair costs to the South Street Bridge will be up to approximately \$225,000. Discussion of financing. Progress at Eagle Park is being made for the handicap accessible fishing pier and Bill updated the Selectboard on the Prince Lane Project.

9. Sharon Compagna moved to go into executive session regarding personnel matters involving the appointment, employment, or evaluation of public officers or employees and legal matters/real estate negotiations involving the Town where premature general public knowledge of the subject matter would clearly place the Town at a substantial disadvantage. Carol Wells seconded. So voted. The Selectboard met in executive session from 8:17 pm to 9:44 pm.

Sharon Compagna moved to approve the hiring of Jennifer Stetson at a rate of \$14.75 per hour as the Administrative Assistant starting September 26, 2011. Peeker Heffernan seconded. So voted. Jennifer will be replacing Lisa Dupoise whose last day as Administrative Assistant is September 30, 2011.

Sharon Compagna moved to approve the hiring of Heather Simpson as the HUB's AmeriCorps worker for the coming year. Carol Wells seconded. So voted.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Therese Kirby
Clerk