

Bristol Selectboard Meeting

August 31, 2011

Selectboard Attendance: Chairman Joel Bouvier, Alan Huizenga, Sharon Compagna, Town Administrator Bill Bryant and Town Clerk Therese Kirby. Filmed for NEAT TV by Joanna Etko. Also attended by Chris Rockwood, Steve Barsalou, Brenda Barsalou, Officer Randy Crowe, and Gary Kessler via telephone.

1. Joel Bouvier called the Special Selectboard meeting to order at 6:32 pm. They were here to discuss the change in the Green Mountain Stage Race. The race is scheduled for Sunday, September 4, 2011. Bill Bryant said as a result of the state wide flooding the routes of the Green Mountain Stage Race have been forced to change. Gary Kessler, race organizer, called Bill on August 30, 2011 to discuss possible changes in Bristol. Gary's proposal is to have the bikers leave Mount Abraham Union High School (MAUHS) on Sunday, go down Stoney Hill, probably turn right onto Burpee Road, then start racing when they reach Monkton Road. Joel Bouvier pointed out the only change Gary is now proposing is to leave MAUHS and go down Stoney Hill instead of using Carlstrom Road, Hewitt Road and then onto Route 116. Chris Rockwood was glad to hear the race would be leaving MAUHS and heading directly out of town. Chris wanted to be sure the race was not looping around and coming back into Town via East Street. Gary Kessler's proposal said the racers would be leaving MAUHS in waves from 8 am to 10 am. Officer Crowe felt there should be an officer at the end of Airport Drive stopping traffic to let each wave of racers go through. Discussion of placing Officers at Airport Drive, Lover's Lane, Daniel's Four Corners, Burpee/Monkton Road and Plank Road. The Selectboard spoke with Gary Kessler via the telephone. Alan Huizenga wanted to know how many bikers would come back to get their cars. Gary Kessler said he could not estimate that. He feels the majority would have their cars moved by crew members or family. Gary said flaggers would stop traffic at Lover's Lane until the wave of bikers passed, bikers will be behind the pace car until they hit Monkton Road, they will not be racing. Officer Crowe would like the bikers to be required to stay in their own lane behind the pace car. Discussion of using Sawyer Road onto Hardscrabble Road.

Sharon Compagna moved to approve the Green Mountain Stage Race on Sunday, September 4, 2011 under the following conditions: the bikes will park and organize at MAUHS, beginning at 8 am they will leave in waves of riders with a lead vehicle and a pace car, the racers will proceed down Stoney Hill at a speed of 15 mph, the racers will then head north on Burpee Road from Daniel's Four Corners, all waves will be out of MAUHS by 10 am and no starts will be allowed after that time, the pace car will drop off and allow the race to begin once past the Boss' Corner intersection (Burpee Road/Monkton Road/North Street), bikes will remain in the right lane at all times in Bristol, the lead car will not exceed the posted speed limits in Bristol, a police officer and vehicle will be posted at Airport Drive, Lover's Lane, Daniel's Four Corners, the Burpee Road/Plank Road intersection, and Boss's Corner. The alternate route approval is continuing west from Daniel's Four Corners intersection on Route 17 west into New Haven. If the route returns to Bristol the bikers should remain on Hardscrabble Road north to Monkton Road and not utilize Monkton Road in Bristol. A police officer and vehicle would be required at the Hardscrabble/Lower Hardscrabble Road intersection in addition to the officers and vehicles stated previously. Alan Huizenga seconded. So voted. The Selectboard thanked Chris Rockwood, Brenda and Steve Barsalou.

2. Bill Bryant updated the Selectboard on flood damage. Peter Bouvier and the road crew are working hard repairing all of the roads. Peter Bouvier took FEMA around today to look at the damage. Bill asked the State for a bridge inspection of the Hewitt Road Bridge, as a precaution after the flood. The driveway to the Town leach field on Basin Street was washed out and will need to be repaired. The storage building at the bottom of Basin Street also sustained damage. Alan Huizenga would like to see the storage building rebuilt somewhere else on Town property. Bill also updated the Selectboard on the account numbers created to keep track of all expenditures due to the flood in hopes of receiving money back from FEMA. The Town water system is still on a boil water order. The Town would like two clean samples back before lifting the voluntary boil water order. We are hoping it will be lifted on Thursday, as the first samples preliminary result was clean. The spring house in Lincoln was pushed off the spring and Bill will contact

the forest service to find out when their road will be rebuilt. Bill is also wondering if it needs to be replaced or if there is another option to cover the spring. Bill updated the Selectboard on the damage the parks sustained. Reports from at least four private home owners with personal property damage. People should be contacting 211 to report their property damage. Sharon Compagna was disheartened to see someone tore down No Parking Signs, traffic cones and barricades at the bottom of Lincoln Road, then threw them over the bank into the river. Bill commended Lance Perlee and P.J. Ryan who crossed South Street Bridge during the storm to shut off the pumps at the pump house, thus lessening the impact of the storm on the water system. The Selectboard and Bill thanked all emergency and non-emergency people who helped out during Hurricane Irene.

Alan Huizenga moved to adjourn at 8:00 pm. Sharon Compagna seconded. So voted.

Respectfully Submitted,
Therese Kirby
Clerk