

Bristol Selectboard Meeting

September 19, 2011

Selectboard Attendance: Chairman Joel Bouvier, Alan Huizenga, Sharon Compagna, Carol Wells, Town Administrator Bill Bryant and Town Clerk Therese Kirby. Filmed for NEAT TV by Mary Arbuckle. Also attended by Ivan & Margaret Hendee, John Moyers, Jennifer Stetson and Ron LaRose.

1. Joel Bouvier called the Selectboard meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The Selectboard welcomed Jennifer Stetson as the new Administrative Assistant. She will start work on Monday, September 26, 2011.
2. Alan Huizenga moved to approve the minutes of August 22, 2011. Sharon Compagna seconded. So voted (Alan Huizenga abstained from voting as he was not present at that meeting.) Alan Huizenga moved to approve the minutes of August 31, 2011. Sharon Compagna seconded. So voted
3. Public Forum: John Moyers would like to see the Selectboard advertise their hearing on the Town Plan really well.
4. Discussion of the Application of Ivan and Margaret Hendee at 31 Main Street for additional sewage capacity allocation for ND's Tavern, and a review of Sewer District user allocations and the average daily flow limits. Carol Wells moved to authorize Bill Bryant to send letters to all sewer district users explaining their permit number and average daily flow numbers for billing purposes. Sharon Compagna seconded. So voted. Carol Wells moved to allocate Ivan and Peg Hendee an additional 165 gallons. Sharon Compagna seconded. So voted. Bill will send a letter to Ivan and Margaret's site tech stating the allocation was granted.
5. Ron LaRose wanted to know the status of the Garfield Street sidewalk repair. Bill Bryant will call Case Street again and ask them to return to Garfield Street to complete the finish work. He also spoke regarding the sandwich boards that are constantly on the corner of the park and his displeasure with them. Ron was here to present a family's question regarding posting signs at the Veteran's Memorial regarding proper uses of the Memorial grounds. Discussion of the need for signage. Ron agreed with the Selectboard to monitor the issue and if misuse or vandalism occurred/continues, the issue will be revisited. The Selectboard thanked Ron for his time.
6. Review of Bids for Safe Routes to School project on West Pleasant Street. There is \$35,000 in funding from the State for this project. The engineering portion committed is \$10,000, leaving \$25,000 for sidewalk installation. The three bidders for the sidewalk construction were David Livingston, Don Weston, and Case Street. David Livingston was the low bidder at \$36,350.48. Alan Huizenga moved to waive any bid informalities and make the awarding of the contract contingent on Dave Livingston successfully becoming a qualified VTrans bidder. Sharon Compagna seconded. So voted.
7. Discussion of August 28, 2011 flood damage at Sycamore Park, the springhouse in Lincoln, Eagle Park and Stop Light Bridge delay.

8. Sharon Compagna moved to renew the \$60,000 note at 2.35% with People's Bank for the 1994 North Street water line. Carol Wells seconded. So voted.
9. Sharon Compagna moved to authorize the Bristol Fire Department coin drop on Columbus Day weekend. Alan Huizenga seconded. So voted. (Joel Bouvier abstained from the vote.)
10. Therese Kirby reminded Bristol residents tax bills had been issued on Friday, September 16, 2011. She encouraged people with any questions regarding their state payment to contact Tax Payer Services, and the number is on the back of their tax bill. She also reminded people that the Town of Bristol does not accept postmarks so they should mail their bills early or drop them in the locked box at Holley Hall. She also informed the Selectboard a bond bank application had been completed for refinancing current USDA loans for water and sewer. The refinancing would save both the water and sewer enterprise funds money.
11. Selectboard Roundtable: Alan Huizenga had the sixth graders from Bristol Elementary at the reservoir last Friday and had a good time explaining our water system and answering their questions. Sharon Compagna, on behalf of the Selectboard, wanted to extend their sympathies to Eric Cota and his family on the loss of their home tonight due to fire. Joel Bouvier wanted to thank the Road Crew, Fire Department, Police Department, Bristol Rescue, and other volunteers for all their assistance during Hurricane Irene.
12. Town Administrator's Report: New Haven River Anglers are cleaning up Notch Brook and would like the Town to waive the fee at the landfill for Saturday, September 24, 2011 if they get the garbage to the landfill. The Selectboard agreed to waive the fees after verification of the location of the clean up. Bill Bryant updated the Selectboard on the following topics: health insurance, Special Police District Meeting will be at Holley Hall at 7:00pm regarding voting the Police budget via Australian ballot, and repairs to the Carriage House. Alan Huizenga moved to authorize Bill Bryant and Peter Bouvier to issue paid leave to Eric Cota as necessary to deal with his family's loss. Sharon Compagna seconded. So voted.
13. Sharon Compagna moved to go into executive session 8:37pm to discuss real estate/legal matters involving the Town where premature general public knowledge of the subject matter would clearly place the Town at a substantial disadvantage. Alan Huizenga seconded. So voted. The Selectboard met in executive session from 8:55 pm to 9:43 pm. Alan Huizenga moved to authorize Kevin Brennan, Esquire to enter an appearance in the matter of Toner vs Bristol. Carol Wells seconded. So voted. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Therese Kirby
Clerk