

## **Bristol Selectboard Meeting**

**November 21, 2011**

Selectboard Attendance: Chairman Joel Bouvier, Carol Wells, Sharon Compagna, Alan Huizenga and John "Peeker" Heffernan. Town Administrator Bill Bryant and Town Clerk Therese Kirby. Filmed for NEAT TV by Mary Arbuckle and reported for the Addison Independent by Andrew Stein. Also attended by: Slim Pickens, Kelly Hamshaw, Scott Hamshaw, Representative Dave Sharpe, Representative Mike Fisher, Bunny Daubner and Bruce Duncan.

1. Joel Bouvier called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Representatives Dave Sharpe and Mike Fisher were here to update the Selectboard on the upcoming 2012 Legislative session. The good news out of Washington was the passing of legislation to fund the damage left after Hurricane Irene. Dave is on the Joint Fiscal Committee and the Government Accountability Committee and Mike is the Chair of the Healthcare Committee. The topics discussed were landfill recertification, safe routes to school sidewalk, bridges, reapportionment, E-Waste, and the Prince Lane project. The Selectboard is very concerned about streamlining red tape in State government, as the over abundance of paperwork and requirements is becoming a costly burden to Towns. The Selectboard thanked Dave and Mike for their time.

2. Public Forum: Bruce Duncan was here regarding a perceived breakdown in public civility especially around the gravel issue facing Bristol. He feels the situation is lacking leadership and would like to see the process for giving public opinion made easier and more welcoming. He is offering his services on resolving conflict with civility and would donate his time. Bunny Daubner agrees with Bruce and likes the idea of someone like Bruce facilitating this situation. Slim Pickens wants to know if the Planning Commission even wants public input. He feels that there have been polls, hearings and input given and yet people still feel they are not being heard or represented. Joel Bouvier received a tape of the Planning Commission meeting that has been reported on in the newspaper and commented on via the front porch forum. He feels until all of the Selectboard members watch the tape the Selectboard is unwilling to comment on it publicly. The Selectboard will be holding at least two public meetings on the proposed Town Plan and Joel is hoping to hear all sorts of input from the public. Bunny would like to see a more welcoming atmosphere when people come before the Planning Commission to give comments. The Selectboard thanked Slim, Bunny and Bruce for their time.

3. Sharon Compagna moved to appoint Dave Cobb per recommendation of the Energy Committee for a two year term expiring March 2013. Carol Wells seconded. So voted.

4. Discussion regarding water system leaks and repairs. There was a leak located on the logging road headed to the reservoir, another near the old Bristol High School and Lance Perlee is investigating another possible leak coming down the mountain from the reservoir towards the Lord's Prayer Rock. The Selectboard agreed with Bill Bryant, that

the Town should pay for repair of the leak and catch basin in the old high school alley. Alan Huizenga suggested the Town get an easement from EPJ Properties, the owners of the old Bristol High School for the water line crossing their property.

5. The Selectboard signed an accounts payable warrant for \$1,677,564.60.
6. Sharon Compagna moved to accept the minutes of November 7, 2011 with the addition of a motion after executive session. Carol Wells seconded. So voted. (Alan Huizenga abstained as he was not present for the 11/7/11 meeting.)
7. Therese Kirby updated the Selectboard on the audit process and the school tax payments.
8. Selectboard Roundtable: Carol Wells wanted to thank volunteers for helping to make garland and Ken Weston for his donation of the greens. Cool Yule will be starting next week, so Carol will be putting out calendars and fliers. Sharon Compagna mentioned a street sign post was down on West Pleasant Street. Road Foreman Peter Bouvier will be removing the post and replacing the sign. Peeker Heffernan said the HUB is working on finding the fire occupancy for their building. He gave Jim Lockridge Labor and Industry Fire Marshall Joe Bernard's phone number to find out what the occupancy for the HUB is. Joel Bouvier is concerned about the number of street lights that are out. Bill Bryant suggested he write down pole numbers and report them to Jen Stetson. She will call CVPS to report the outages.
9. Town Administrator's Report: Bill Bryant heard back from FEMA and the Town will likely be receiving money to cover the damage done during Hurricane Irene to the Eagle Park handicap accessible fishing pier. VLCT PACIF will be paying approximately \$2,000 for a claim filed for the springhouse in Lincoln that was also damaged in Hurricane Irene. The Town Report will be printed for \$1,650 by Reprographics. They printed it last year and once again had the lowest bid. Vermont Local Roads will be recognizing our Road Crew in the December edition of their bulletin. Robert Volk of Valley Roofing came to repair some slates on Holley Hall and Bill received an estimate from him to do more repair work on the tower in the spring.
10. Carol Wells moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel, real estate negotiations and a legal issue involving the Town where premature general public knowledge of the subject matter would clearly place the Town at a substantial disadvantage. Peeker Heffernan seconded. So voted. The Selectboard met in executive session from 8:35 pm to 10:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Therese Kirby  
Clerk