

## **Bristol Selectboard Meeting**

**January 16, 2012**

Selectboard Attendance: Chairman Joel Bouvier, Sharon Compagna, Alan Huizenga and John “Peeker” Heffernan. Town Administrator Bill Bryant and Town Clerk Therese Kirby. Filmed for NEAT TV by Mary Arbuckle. Also attended by: Peter Bouvier, Darla Senecal, Jim Lockridge, Maggie Cyr, Betty Farr, Eric Carter, Kris Perlee, Kevin LaRose, Linda Havey, Sue Driscoll, Caroline Engvall, Moira Garrity, and Jim Stapleton.

1. Joel Bouvier called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Alan Huizenga moved to go into executive session for personnel matters involving the appointment, employment, or evaluation of public officers or employees. Sharon Compagna seconded. So voted. The Selectboard met in executive session from 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm and were joined by Bill Bryant, Therese Kirby, Peter Bouvier and Darla Senecal. No motions were made. At 7:00 pm, Recreation Director Darla Senecal and Youth Center Director Jim Lockridge were here to discuss their proposed FY 2012-2013 budget. Central Vermont Agency on Aging has worked with the Recreation Department to help them offer free classes for seniors. Darla is looking at ways to utilize the pottery studio for classes other than pottery. Discussion of the proposed budget. The Selectboard thanked Darla and Jim for their time.

2. Sharon Compagna moved to approve the minutes of January 9, 2012 as corrected. Peeker Heffernan seconded. So voted.

3. Discussion of the Letter of Intent for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for the village Stormwater projects Bill Bryant submitted. He explained consulting assistance was offered for the cost benefit analysis portion of the application, so he decided to submit a Letter of Intent despite prior hesitation. The Town has two eligible projects at costs of approximately \$250,000 and \$400,000, based on previous consulting work by Green Mountain Engineering. It is still to be decided what project will be submitted. One project would relieve drainage from Mountain Terrace down and the other would relieve drainage issues on the north end of Mountain Street. Both projects will require easements. Alan Huizenga moved to approve the Letter of Intent submitted by Bill Bryant. Sharon Compagna seconded. So voted.

4. Discussion of the draft March Annual Meeting Warnings for the Town, Police District and South Street Bridge bond vote. The Selectboard decided to hold the Police District meeting at 6:00 pm before Town Meeting, which will begin at 7:00 pm.

5. Bristol Recreation Club members Maggie Cyr, Betty Farr, Kris Perlee, and Eric Carter were here to discuss their proposed FY2012-2013 appropriation request. Maggie Cyr is the President of Bristol Recreation Club. She spoke to the Selectboard about the Recreation Club’s desire to become more financially self sufficient. They are reevaluating usage fees for the field and would like the HUB to start paying monthly rent of \$600. The Recreation Club would decrease their appropriation from \$23,000 last year to this year’s request of \$17,000. Betty Farr said the Recreation Club will start working on the new lease for the HUB at their January meeting. Eric Carter said Attorney George Vince is working on the lease with them. The Selectboard thanked the Recreation Club members for their time.

6. Landfill Manager Kris Perlee was here to discuss his proposed FY 2012-2013 landfill and recycling program budget. The Landfill is an enterprise fund and it is the Selectboard's goal for the landfill to become profitable. Eric Carter suggested twice a year the Selectboard should consider dropping the scale fees to match Middlebury to increase revenues. The Selectboard thanked Kris for his time.

7. Lawrence Memorial Library Trustees were here to discuss their proposed FY 2012-2013 budget and appropriation request. They are requesting an appropriation of \$117,611, an increase of \$3,679. They are investing in digital media for people to borrow electronic books and other audio downloads. Visit them at [www.lawrencelibrary.net](http://www.lawrencelibrary.net). The Selectboard thanked the Library Trustees for their time.

8. Discussion of Don Gale's proposal for maple taps at the Lincoln Waterworks property. Since the Town was able to put this property into Current Use, his tap fee covers a majority of the property taxes. Don is proposing to lease some of the land for a sugar house. Bill Bryant will contact Current Use to see if the Town is able to lease property for agricultural purposes since it is enrolled in the Current Use Program. The Selectboard suggested a committee of Bill Bryant, Joel Bouvier, and Peter D. Ryan to meet with Don and to discuss the possibility of a lease agreement.

9. Therese Kirby informed the Selectboard and Bristol voters about the number of ballots at this Town Meeting Day Election on Tuesday, March 6, 2012. It is also the Presidential Primary so voters need to ask for a Democratic or Republican ballot. There will be a Town Meeting Day Ballot, a ballot for Mt. Abe, a ballot for the Hannaford Career Center, and a ballot for residents in the Police District.

10. Town Administrator's Report: Peeker Heffernan moved to authorize the Treasurer to pay the Vermont Municipal Retirement System (VMERS) \$1,285.61 for Ryan Krushenick's retirement retroactive to July 1, 2011, with the stipulation that Ryan signs a promissory note to the Town in the amount of \$755.04 to be paid in full by June 30, 2012. Alan Huizenga seconded. So voted.

11. Proposed fiscal year 2012-2013 budget work session. Fire Chief Peeker Heffernan said he was notified dispatching costs from Shelburne Dispatch are increasing so he needs to adjust that line item in the Fire Departments budget. Bill Bryant told WomenSafe the year their appropriation was increased on the floor would be considered the same as a petitioning that year, they petitioned last year and they are petitioning this year. So next year they will be put on the warning without passing a petition.

12. Alan Huizenga moved to go into executive session for personnel matters involving the appointment, employment, or evaluation of public officers or employees. Sharon Compagna seconded. So voted. The Selectboard met in executive session from 9:04 pm to 10:25 pm. No motions were made and the meeting adjourned at 10:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Therese Kirby  
Clerk