

Bristol Selectboard Meeting

February 27, 2012

Selectboard Attendance: Chairman Joel Bouvier, Sharon Compagna, Alan Huizenga, Carol Wells and John "Peeker" Heffernan. Town Administrator Bill Bryant and Town Clerk Therese Kirby. Filmed for NEAT TV by Mary Arbuckle. Also attended by: Kevin Gibbs, Randy Crowe, Jim Quaglino, David Lawyer, Darla Senecal, Ken Marcelle, Rick Ceballis, Scott Mullin, Matthew Mullin, Zac Calcagni, Kyle Conner, Jackson Mount, Maxx Vick, Heather Simson and Ryan Krushenick.

1. Joel Bouvier called the Public Informational Hearing regarding the fiscal year 2012-2013 Bristol Police Department Budget to be voted on via Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 6, 2012, to order at 7:00 pm. The second informational hearing will be held at 6:00 pm On Monday, March 4, 2012, before Town Meeting. The proposed budget is a 3.2% increase in the amount to be raised by taxes over last year's budget. Police Chief Kevin Gibbs talked about the additional funding he requested in part-time labor since they are no longer a four officer department. He plans on using part-time labor to cover some day shifts so he can accomplish his administrative duties (i.e.: paper work, meetings with other police agencies, reviewing reports, etc.). Kevin explained there is no longer a local dispatcher, so the Police Department is using the Vermont State Police to dispatch them 24/7. Kevin explained how dispatching works and how to contact the duty officer or another officer. Bill Bryant reminded people the Town report will be available on our website, at the Town Office, the Lawrence Memorial Library, and the Bristol Landfill. The Selectboard thanked Kevin for his time. The public hearing ended at 7:20 pm.

2. Discussion of the purchasing process for the new dump truck and review of the bids received for the sale of the 2003 International. The Town of Middletown Springs was the high bidder at a price of \$27, 234. Article 8 in the Town Meeting warning was printed as requesting \$115,000 now the Road Foreman Peter Bouvier would like that to be amended from the floor to \$125,000. The reason for the change is the type of truck has changed. The Selectboard and Road Foreman Peter Bouvier would like to purchase a 2013 International 4300. It would be a little bit bigger, with better accessibility to work on the engine with the plow equipment on, a heavier truck, with air brakes versus hydraulic brakes. Peter also feels the heavier duty truck will last 10 to 12 years versus the 9 years out of the current truck. This new low profile truck is still approximately \$30,000 less than a larger truck. Peeker Heffernan moved to accept the bid of Middletown Springs for \$27, 234 subject to the passing of Article 8, with the transfer to take place on April 17, 2012. Carol Wells seconded. So voted.

3. Discussion of monthly methane gas monitoring at the Bristol Landfill. Kris Perlee solicited a bid from Lincoln Applied Geology to monitor the meters. Alan Huizenga wanted to know if Kris looked into replacing the meter. Bill Bryant said no. Peeker Heffernan agrees with Alan that Kris should price meters. Carol Wells wanted to know if Lincoln Applied Geology was going to train Kris. Bill said no, just take over the monitoring. This monitoring is required as part of the Solid Waste Implementation Plan. Joel Bouvier asked Bill to bring this topic back to them next month after Kris looks into it further.

4. Sharon Compagna moved to renew the annual contract with the Addison County Humane Society at a cost of \$500. Alan Huizenga seconded. So voted.

5. Sharon Compagna moved to accept the minutes of February 13, 2012 as corrected. Alan Huizenga seconded. So voted.

6. Joel Bouvier called the Public Informational Hearing regarding the South Street Bridge bond proposal to be voted by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 6, 2012, to order at 7:30 pm. The current cost proposal from the State of Vermont to build the new bridge is \$2,350,000. \$235,000 is Bristol's 10% share. In case of cost over runs during construction, the bond vote is warned for a "not to exceed" \$300,000. Bill Bryant noted the dimensions of the new bridge versus the existing bridge and explained several of the differences. There is a bulletin board designed for display at Town Meeting and is currently displayed at the Town office, showing the new design and the specifications. There will be a second public hearing during Town Meeting on Monday, March 5, 2012. The public hearing ended at 7:40 pm.

7. Moderator Fred Baser was here regarding Town Meeting 2012. In the warning there is a Special Town Meeting warned regarding the South Street Bridge bond proposal. Fred plans on suspending the rules to allow that discussion. Fred was considering holding this hearing after the Highway Budget vote. Peeker Heffernan explained the Selectboard's thought of holding the hearing after the school break. Fred also wanted to know about the Open Door Clinic's request to add \$1,000 into the appropriation line. Fred explained if the rules are suspended they may add that amount back into the budget, but only if 2/3 of the body allows it. If they do not get a 2/3 majority, the request may not be added. Darla Senecal stated the Open Door Clinic has a very small staff and the person who is in charge of the office only works 24 hours a week. The Selectboard explained to Fred they would be amending article 8 regarding the purchase of a new truck. The Selectboard thanked Fred for his time.

8. Rick Ceballos was here regarding Bristol Best Night. He would like the Selectboard to continue to waive the fee for the Hall rental and the proof of insurance request, by authorizing the Recreation Department to co-sponsor the event. Darla Senecal and the Recreation Department have helped Bristol Best Night advertise the event and he really appreciates that. He explained there are three people that coordinate the volunteers and the event. They are trying to align themselves with a non-profit group so they could have that organization do their books and cover them under their insurance. Carol Wells moved to waive the fee for the hall rental in 2012 for Bristol Best Night. Sharon Compagna seconded. So voted

9. Darla Senecal, Jim Lockridge, and Ryan Krushenick were here regarding the Memorandum of Understanding for van use by the HUB Teen Center and continued discussion of their mission and metrics. The van, owned by Big Heavy World, cost \$2,225 to operate in 2011 and the Town funded \$149 of that. The \$149 came from grant funds, not property taxes. Bill Bryant explained how gas was paid for. Jim said the van has been used to travel to "Skate Day" a national skateboarding day that was held at Burton's facility, the van also went to Maine for a day trip to the ocean, they did a tour of Vermont's swimming holes, transported teens to two concerts in Burlington, and a trip to play paint ball. Joel Bouvier asked how often permission slips were signed. Jim said they are trying to get a new permission slip for each trip. Sharon

Compagna would like to see an emergency contact on the permission slip. Bill Bryant would also like for himself and Darla to be informed when the van travels outside of Vermont. Darla said she and Jim had been discussing how the Recreation Department could use the van for transporting students to camps. Sharon Compagna moved to authorize Joel Bouvier to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between Big Heavy World and the Town of Bristol. Carol Wells seconded. So voted. Jim would like to apply for a grant from the Department of Labor for summer employment for teens. Teenagers receive a stipend and there are no matching funds required. Jim was thinking of applying for three or four students. Alan Huizenga moved to authorize a grant application for up to five eligible youth from the Workforce Investment Act. Carol Wells seconded. So voted. Discussion of a summer AmeriCorps Vista worker for 8 to 10 weeks as a full-time employee. This would require \$600 in matching funds, which will come from a previous grant. Sharon Compagna moved to approve the grant application to the AmeriCorps Vista program. Carol Wells seconded. So voted. Jim felt it would be beneficial for the Selectboard to review the metrics information they handed out tonight and schedule a discussion regarding those materials for a future meeting. Jim would, however, like to discuss the issue of music at the HUB and how they feel it is essential to their mission. Bill Bryant feels the issue is not about having teen music events; it is about the capacity of the HUB and how money is handled at music events. Ryan stated during normal HUB hours there are no people over the age of 20 allowed. During shows they remove that limit, as they want the teens to have the real experience of playing for a larger/broader audience. Ryan said the shows are usually held on a weekend night and teens are booking those shows. Joel Bouvier is concerned about fire safety. Ryan said the Fire Marshall told them their max capacity is 99 people without a sprinkler system. Carol Wells thinks looking into a sprinkler system and writing grants would be a great project to get teenagers involved in. Joel feels the issue of the sprinkler system is a bit premature as the Town and Recreation Club have not signed the new lease agreement. Peeker Heffernan also wants it to be looked at to see if the building is even worth installing a sprinkler system. Joel has read the proposed lease agreement and suggested Jim read it. Darla said the issue was just discussed at last Wednesday's Recreation Club meeting. She, Maggie Cyr (President of the Bristol Recreation Club) and Bill Bryant will be sitting down to discuss the lease and any other necessary agreements. Jim hopes to see the continuation of a cooperative agreement between the Recreation Club and the Town. Jim introduced Bristol's band "Ground Zero" made up of members, Jackson Mount, Matthew Muller, Scott Muller, Zac Calcagani, and Kyle Conner. Darla Senecal is looking for funding for cabaret nights to be held once a month in June, July and August in Holley Hall. Darla is requesting a \$1,200 grant from Bristol Friends of the Arts to help offset the cost of advertising and other costs. Darla is also requesting another grant of \$3,000 from the Bristol Friends of the Arts. This would be for the Summer Community Drama Program of Our Town. The \$3,000 would be used to offset the cost, as costuming alone is \$2000. Carol Wells moved to approve the applications to the Bristol Friends of the Arts for \$3,000 and \$1,200. Sharon Compagna seconded. Attendees would pay an entrance fee/ ticket price for each event. So voted. The Selectboard thanked Darla, Jim, Ryan and Heather for their time.

10. The Selectboard signed liquor and tobacco licenses for the American Legion Post #19 and Gris Gris, LLC d/b/a Almost Home. They approved an accounts payable warrant of \$47,340.01 and signed the Certificate of No Appeal or Suit Pending also signed by the Listers. Therese Kirby reminded residents to license their dogs before April 1, 2012 and to vote on Town Meeting Day. Absentee/Early Voting ballots are available now.

11. Selectboard Roundtable: Alan Huizenga said Lance Perlee is currently getting quotes on replacing a 500 gallon per minute pump with a 400 gallon per minute pump for approximately \$6,000. This would make all pumps 400 gallon per minute pumps and thus interchangeable with the plumbing. Carol Wells wanted to know if an informational sheet should be placed on Front Porch Forum, giving an overview of the budget, explaining the \$96,000 increase - \$10,000 increase in audit fees, \$5,000 increase in Presidential elections for next year, \$10,000 increase in paving, \$38,000 Stormwater Bond payment, \$12,000 change in staffing, and \$10,000 increase in outside agencies asking for increases. This change would be an increase in taxes of \$70 to \$75 a year on a \$200,000 home. The Selectboard agreed to present the facts in a posting. Joel Bouvier would like the Selectboard members to talk to our local representatives in hopes of dropping our cost from 10% to 5% for the South Street Bridge, since the road is closed.

12. Town Administrator's Report: The Selectboard agreed on which member would address each article. Kristen Underwood of the Conservation Commission contacted the Army Corps of Engineers regarding the \$140,000 the State is giving to Ducks Unlimited, to see if a river bank may be strengthened to channel some of the water and use the money locally. Bill Bryant will schedule Kristen for a future Selectboard meeting. VLCT Health Trust had a meeting last week. They are currently representing 200 agencies and the high deductible plans like Bristol is enrolled in represents 80% of VLCT's coverage. Bristol, like other municipalities, are moving to high deductible plans and increasing employee's exposure via their deductible. Discussion of a three way stop at Hardscrabble and Lower Hardscrabble Road. Discussion of Vermont Gas Systems and their desire to bring natural gas through Addison County via the Velco line. Sharon Compagna moved to approve Bristol Downtown Community Partnership's (BDCP) request to close the street on Saturday, June 16, 2012 from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, subject to B.D.C.P. contracting with CERT and providing proof of insurance to the Town. Peeker Heffernan seconded. So voted.

13. Alan Huizenga moved to go into executive session for one personnel matter involving the appointment, employment, or evaluation of public officers or employees, to discuss two legal issues and one real estate matter involving the Town where premature general public knowledge of the subject matter would clearly place the Town at a substantial disadvantage. Sharon Compagna seconded. So voted. The Selectboard met in executive session from 10:00 pm to 10:40 pm. No motions were made. The meeting adjourned at 10:42 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Therese Kirby
Clerk