

## Bristol Selectboard Meeting

June 25, 2012

Selectboard attendance: Chairman John “Peeker” Heffernan, Alan Huizenga, Carol Wells, Joel Bouvier and Sharon Compagna. Also attended by Town Administrator Bill Bryant, Andrew Stein (reporting for the Addison Independent), Mary Arbuckle (filming for NEAT TV), Kris Perlee, Bill Sayre, Sue Kavanagh, Andrew Jackson, Jim Lathrop, John Moyers and Willow Wheelock.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. The primary purpose of this meeting was to complete the Selectboard’s review of the draft town plan in light of comments received at its public hearing on May 14<sup>th</sup>. The Board continued through its review of those comments and then went through possible changes/corrections to the draft plan that Board members noted. There was considerable discussion about some of the changes indicated below. A number of other comments and sections were discussed, but in which no action was taken to make a change. The members of the public present were allowed to engage in the discussion throughout the meeting. The changes discussed and agreed upon this evening and to be added to four other changes made at the last two meetings, are as follows:

Page 60, bullet point re. Tasks, delete words in (*italics*): “Tasks. Describes a specific action to be taken to support one or more policies and achieve the community’s long term goals (*,and/or policies.*)”

Page 60, bullet point re. Goals, change word “community” to “Town” to read: “Goals. Expresses the long range community vision relative to one or more issues or topics. This is a statement of achievement to which the (*community*) Town aspires.”

Page 3, bullet point re. Policy, middle sentence, change word “this” to “the town” to read: “In certain settings, such as during Board of Adjustment hearings or Act 250 proceedings, policy statements should serve as the basis for determining a project’s conformance with (*this*) the town plan.”

Page 3, bullet point re. Policy, last sentence, delete word “alone” to read: “While other sections of the plan, in particular the narrative sections and goal statements, provide useful context for understanding the policies, it is the policies (*alone*) that serve as the final statement regarding the town’s position.”

Page 15, first paragraph under section Roads and Highways, delete words in (*italics*) and add underlined words: “Bristol’s major transportation routes include Vermont Route 116, Vermont Route 17, and the (*Burpee/Bristol Monkton Road to Vermont Route 116*) Town’s class 2 highways.”

Page 15, fifth paragraph under section Roads and Highways, first sentence, add underlined words to read: “Portions of (*T*)these road systems were the subject of a recent study, “Northwest Project – Bristol Recommendations” by the Addison County Regional Planning Commission.”

Bottom of Page 15, top of page 16, add “Hinesburg” to sentence to read: “Addison County Transit Resources (ACTR) provides local bus service to Middlebury, (*and*) Vergennes and Hinesburg.”

Page 1, first paragraph, second sentence, change population number to read: “It’s a fitting description of this quintessential mountain town of approximately (3,800) 3,900 residents and 23,362 acres.”

Pages 5 & 6, Figures 2 & 5. Request Planning Commission to try to find more recent data from 2010 US Census if possible in a timely fashion for completion of the revisions for further public hearings.

Page 11, third paragraph under section Current Status and Concerns, second sentence, delete words in *(italics)* and add underlined words to read: “Another needed improvement on this property *(is)* was the recent replacement of the *(current)* salt shed to provide a functional and environmentally safe structure.”

Page 12, Figure 10, add bullet re. Road Department to read “\* Road Department. This department maintains the local roads, streets and sidewalks throughout Bristol.”

Page 16, second paragraph, **Maintenance**, delete references to project that are no longer accurate to read: “A bridge on Route 116, 2 miles south of the village, has a stop light to control access to the one-way temporary bridge and is planned to be rebuilt by the state AOT *(in 2012 2013, and includes 1.03 miles of construction and two other small bridges).*”

Page 17, third paragraph, delete in its entirety as no longer accurate: “*(In addition, public parking is allowed at a state “Park and Ride” area located at the eastern junction of Route 116 and Route 17, although its use is limited and is undeveloped.)*”

Page 19, first bullet point under **Other**, delete in its entirety as review already completed: “*(\* A review and listing of the so-called “ancient roads,” using the procedure that was established by the state legislature in 2006.)*”

Page 20, second paragraph, second sentence, change to past tense as follows: “Safe Routes to School grant money was *(will be)* used to add new sidewalk to Pleasant Street and Liberty Street to complete the sidewalk system to the high school.”

Page 25, Policy #6, change word as follows: Identify and pursue incentives for retrofitting buildings to increase energy efficiency with assistance from the Bristol Energy *(Commission)* Committee.”

Page 25, Task #4, delete repetitive typographical error as follows: “Make educational materials available for homeowners, builders, businesses and nonprofits concerning clean energy and *(energy and)* energy efficient technologies, including materials for the Vermont Energy Star Homes program and Home Performance With Energy Star residential energy audit program.”

Page 29, Polies #1, insert comma as follows: “Capitalize on the interest in leisure time activities within area<sub>2</sub> region and state.”

Page 33, second paragraph under Small Businesses in Bristol, insert a middle sentence to the paragraph to read: “The Town currently maintains an active revolving loan fund for use by local businesses.”

Page 33, Policies #5, insert BDCP to list of programs as follows: “These programs include the Small Business Development Center in Middlebury, the Vermont Women’s Business Center, the Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity, Bristol Downtown Community Partnership, and the Addison County Economic Development Corporation.”

Page 35, first paragraph under Historic Resources, delete words in *(italics)* and add underlined words to read: “Almost none of Bristol’s present landscape *(remains from that)* is the same as that which existed when the first town planners in the 1700s laid out the....”

Page 35, second paragraph under Historic Resources, delete first sentence in its entirety: “*(An occasional landmark was simply razed.)*”

Page 35, same paragraph as above, after sentence reading: “It is presently a Rite Aid drugstore.”, add sentence: “The Bristol Inn Annex however, was preserved and is now located on Mountain View Street and used for housing.”

Page 37, second paragraph in section Scenic Resources, change directional reference as follows: "... the Watershed Nature Center at the (*northeast*) northwest corner of Bristol...."

Page 39, paragraph regarding The Outlook Club, delete words in (*italics*) and add underlined words to read: "The Outlook Club began as a women's book club, known as the Bristol Women's Club, which was formed in 1900 and functioned continually until 2010. (*The club has functioned continually since that date. Today i*) Its purpose (is) was to promote culture and community improvement.

Page 41, fifth paragraph, change reference to Bristol Pond as follows: "The most prominent surface waters in Bristol are (*Winona Lake*) Bristol Pond (also known as (*Bristol Pond*) Lake Winona) and the New Haven River...."

Page 45, second paragraph under Wetlands, change reference to Bristol Pond as follows: "(*Lake Winona (Bristol Pond)*) Bristol Pond (formerly known as Lake Winona) and the surrounding area."

Page 52, third paragraph, next to last sentence insert word "on" as follows: "Zoning district lines will also be comprehensively reviewed and scrutinized based on new geological maps when they become available."

Page 52, second paragraph under **Resource Extraction**, delete paragraph as written (*in italics*) and replace with underlined words as follows: delete "(*The issue of extraction of soil, sand, gravel, and rock has been a difficult one for the citizens of Bristol. Section 526 of the existing Zoning Regulations has variously been interpreted to allow for extraction of soil, sand, gravel, and rock in only limited areas, or throughout the community, assuming certain conditions are met.*)"; and replace with "Extraction of soil, sand, gravel and rock has been a recent contentious issue for the community of Bristol. Section 526 of the current Zoning Regulations is vague on this topic and has been interpreted in two ways: to either allow extraction in only limited areas, or to allow extraction in all areas assuming certain conditions are met."

Page 52, third paragraph under Resource Extraction, second sentence, delete words in (*italics*) and add underlined words to read: "(*There is*) Based on the survey conducted and participation at public meetings, there appears to be public support for the concept that extraction of these resources should be permitted at least in limited areas in Bristol, but only when it can be done in a manner that takes into account public health, safety and welfare, to include such matters as aesthetics, visual and sound impacts, noise, air quality, water quality, size of the excavation area, hours of operation, reclamation plans, traffic and erosion." See also change #3 for other changes to this paragraph.

Page 53, first paragraph, replace second and third sentences, delete sentences as written (*in italics*) and replace with underlined words as follows: "(*In a survey conducted by the Planning Commission in 2006, and a 2011 poll of voters on Town Meeting Day, residents exhibited a strong support for protecting portions of the Village Planning Area, and some closely adjoined properties in the RA-2 zoning district, from new extraction projects. It also ranked new extraction or quarrying among the town's lowest priorities.*)"; and replace with "Information collected by the Planning Commission from a survey in 2006 and a poll of voters on Town Meeting Day in 2011 suggests general support for permitting commercial sand and gravel extraction, with more support for new extraction projects located outside the village area (Survey Question #34). Sand/gravel was also ranked among the lowest of goals that Bristol as a community should pursue (Survey Question #10)."

Page 54, fourth paragraph with heading **Design Review District**, correct date as follows: "The Design Review District was created by ordinance in (*2008*) 2006 in connection with the Downtown Designation process."

Page 40, first paragraph, first sentence, delete words in (*italics*) and add underlined words to read: "a. Design Review Commission (*is*) appointed by the Selectboard was established to review alterations and construction in the designated area, and to make recommendations to the appropriate municipal panel."

Page 59, second paragraph, remove quotation mark after RA5 zoning district, which is a typographical error.

Page 62, Energy Task #4, delete repetitive typographical error “clean energy (*and energy*) and energy efficient...”

Page 63, Land Use Task #1, delete words in (*italics*) and add underlined words to read: “Develop new regulations for extraction, which would include prohibiting commercial extraction throughout the Village Planning Area, as well as in the Rural Conservation Planning Area (Zone), and allowing it elsewhere only with restrictions as discussed.”

It was noted that these changes will be forwarded to the Planning Commission for comment at its July 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Selectboard will formally act on all the proposed changes at a future meeting and then warn additional public hearings before warning the town plan for vote at the November election.

The Selectboard also reviewed Treasurer’s warrants this evening. The Town Administrator asked for motions to approve three additional bills to be added to this end of year warrant. Motion was made by Alan Huizenga, seconded by Joel Bouvier and so voted, to authorize the Treasurer to write a check to purchase trees for planting as selected by Selectwoman Compagna and Bill Bryant for up to \$300 from Rockydale Gardens. Motion was made by Alan Huizenga, seconded by Joel Bouvier and so voted, to authorize the Treasurer to write a check to the State of Vermont Department of Labor and Industry for \$151.25 for a permit fee for the salt shed addition. Motion was made by Alan Huizenga, seconded by Sharon Compagna and so voted, to authorize the Treasurer to write a check to Aaron Thomas, ASA LLC, in the amount of \$817 for propane heat at the Recreation Department Pottery Studio.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
William Bryant, Town Administrator