

Bristol Selectboard Meeting

July 2, 2012

Selectboard Attendance: Chairman John "Peeker" Heffernan, Joel Bouvier, Alan Huizenga, Carol Wells and Sharon Compagna. Town Administrator Bill Bryant and Town Clerk Therese Kirby. Filmed for NEAT TV by Joanna Etka. Also attended by:

Virginia Bukowski, Jim & Cathy Quaglino, Bob Blaise, John Burbank, Bill Gibbs, Josh Otey, Chris & Dorothy Perkett, Peter Bouvier, Karen Wisell, Wayne Johnson, Michael Zaini, Kristen Underwood, Randy Crowe, Bonnie Crowe, Nicole Crowe, Emily Crowe, Jim and Nancy Skidmore and Donna Bailey.

1. Alan Huizenga called the Selectboard meeting to order. Carol Wells moved to appoint Alan Huizenga as acting Chair. Sharon Compagna seconded. So voted. John Burbank, Virginia Bukowski, and Karen Wisell were here regarding the Selectboard's letter advising these residents the Town would like to stop winter maintenance of their private drive off from East Street. John Burbank spoke regarding the history of the maintenance of their private drive off from East Street. He had a decision from a previous Town Attorney, as well as newspaper articles regarding the discussion at that time. (Peeker Heffernan joined the meeting at 7:07 pm.) John Burbank, Virginia Bukowski, and Karen Wisell would like the Selectboard to rescind their decision to stop maintaining their road. Bill Bryant outlined one possible solution of the Selectboard deciding to make this a highway and start that process so the Town can receive State aid and ask the residents to give them a turnaround via easements. Discussion of the resident's recollection of the history of the road and the Town's maintenance to it. Peter Bouvier described the difficulty of turning around with the plow on due to the narrowness of the 11' wide lane. John Burbank acknowledged the difficulty for plow drivers and these residents do appreciate all the Town Road Crew does for them. This issue came up 14 years ago and both the residents and the Selectboard would like to see this issue settled. Bill Bryant, Alan Huizenga and Peter Bouvier will look at the road together and come back to the Selectboard with a recommendation. The Selectboard thanked John, Virginia and Karen for their time.

2. Peeker Heffernan welcomed Officer Randy Crowe, Bonnie Crowe, Emily Crowe and Nichole Crowe on behalf of the Selectboard. Randy is being promoted to Sergeant by the Bristol Police Department. Chief Kevin Gibbs asked the girls to pin Randy's Sergeant stripe's on his collar and his wife Bonnie pinned on Randy's new badge. Kevin gave Randy the oath of office. Randy thanked the Chief and the Selectboard.

3. Wayne Johnson and Michael Zani of Two Buds SOUPERlative, LLP were here regarding their proposal for selling food at Bartlett Falls. They have a food trailer that received excellent marks on their recent health inspection. They plan to get their ingredients no further than 50 miles from where they serve it, as they support the farm to table initiative. Alan Huizenga asked what hours they would like to operate. Their idea is to operate all day when the weather permits. They are even considering a breakfast option and will provide free water all day; they would encourage people to bring their own containers. They are also offering to monitor Bartlett's for garbage and will be sure to clean up any waste their customers leave behind. They are looking to operate at Bartlett's, focus on catering and participation in festivals. They would like permission to operate 6 am to 6 pm through foliage season weather permitting. Joel is concerned about traffic issues. Wayne and Michael said they would like to park on the first pull off on the right headed to Lincoln. Alan wanted to know what they sell. They said breakfast sandwiches, kielbasa, pulled pork, black bean burger, cold salads, hot and cold soup, burger, hot dogs, French fries, and no alcohol. Their menu will fluctuate depending on what is available locally. Alan moved to conditionally approve Two Buds SOUPERlative, LLP from now until November 2012 pending a 30 day review. Sharon Compagna seconded. They will be back on August 13, 2012 for their 30 day review. So voted.

4. Joel Bouvier moved to authorize the Three Day Stampede to use the Town Streets for their Road Race on July 29, 2012 starting at 8 am. Alan Huizenga seconded. So voted.

5. Review of the proposed changes to the draft Town Plan for submission and for review and comment from the Planning Commission. Alan Huizenga moved to forward the final Selectboard changes as revised to the Planning Commission. Sharon Compagna seconded. So voted. Pecker Heffernan would like to schedule the next hearing. Bill Bryant suggested waiting until July 30, 2012 before setting the hearing date.

6. Discussion of the Vermont Land Trust's request for a letter of support for the Farr and Fuller conservation projects funding. This issue was tabled.

7. The Selectboard signed an accounts payable warrant of \$25,200.17. Therese Kirby said setting the tax rate will be on the agenda for the next Selectboard meeting. There are preliminary year end numbers out but require 60 days before those will be finalized, per GASB standards.

8. Sharon Compagna moved to approve the minutes of June 4, 2012, June 18, 2012 and June 25, 2012 as written. Carol Wells seconded. So voted.

9. Selectboard Roundtable: Joel Bouvier would like to know if the fire hydrant on Elm Street is the only one slated to be replaced this summer. He would also like the Fire Chief to give a list to the Water Department of the hydrants tested after Hurricane Irene. Carol Wells thanked everyone responsible for participating in burying the time capsule and celebrating the 250th Anniversary.

10. Town Administrator's Report: Sharon Compagna moved to sign the engagement letter of \$17,500 with Sullivan & Powers for the 2012/20123 audit. Alan Huizenga seconded. So voted. There was discussion of the Recreation Club shutting off access to parking on the Recreation Field which is Town Property on Front Porch Forum. Alan Huizenga congratulated the 11 and 12 year olds who won the tournament held last weekend and are headed to the State Tournament. Jim Lockridge thanked the Selectboard for hiring the summer AmeriCorps, but he needs a decision on filling the year round AmeriCorps position. Sharon Compagna moved to authorize Jim Lockridge, Darla Senecal and Bill Bryant to interview candidates and bring their recommendation to the Selectboard. Carol Wells seconded. So voted. Bill Bryant and Sharon Compagna are in the process of gaining temporary construction easements for sidewalks on East Street. The easements require Property Transfer Tax Returns (PTR) and a signature from the Town. Carol Wells moved to authorize Bill Bryant to sign the PTR's as an agent of the Town. Joel Bouvier seconded. So voted. Discussions of the draft driveway access permit application. Alan Huizenga moved to adopt the Selectboard access policy to Town Highways. Sharon Compagna seconded. So voted. Discussion of child who was bite on the face by a dog. The bite occurred on the property of the dog and dog owner. The dog was licensed, leashed and had updated rabies immunizations. Bill sent a letter to the parents of the child as well as the dog owner. Officer Josh Otey would like to participate in the fugitive task force on his days off from Bristol Police Department through the US Marshalls. Josh will be paid by the Bristol Police Department and they will be reimbursed from the US Marshalls. Therese Kirby will get clarification of what percentage of Josh's pay will be reimbursed (overtime rate, fica, medi, retirement, etc). ANR issued a ticket for burning trash to a local resident after complaints had been brought to the Selectboard's attention on several occasions. Discussions of banners over West Street. Asher Nelson of Vermont Integrated Architecture is continuing to work on his presentation of the possible expansion of the North Street Fire Department. Discussion of the reserve capacity of the sewer system.

11. Sharon Compagna moved to go into executive session regarding two personnel matters involving the appointment, employment, or evaluation of public officers or employees, one legal matter and one real estate negotiations involving the Town where premature general public knowledge of the subject matter would clearly place the Town at a substantial disadvantage. Joel Bouvier seconded. So voted. The Selectboard met in executive session from 9:11 pm to 10:20 pm. Kristen Underwood was present for a portion of the executive session.

Motion was made by Alan, seconded by Carol and carried to authorize the town administrator to sign a letter of support to the Vermont River Conservancy for the Saunders New Haven river corridor conservation project,

including commitment of up to \$6,500 from the Bristol Conservation Reserve Fund or other town sources, pending support of use of said funds from the Bristol Conservation Commission.

Motion was made by Carol, seconded by Sharon and carried to approve pay in lieu of vacation time to Pete Bouvier for one week's leave at the equivalent of 80% per the personnel policy.

Motion was made by Alan, seconded by Carol and carried to approve carrying over unused vacation time in excess of the 10 day limit for the new fiscal year for Peter Bouvier in the amount of 4.5 days and Bill Bryant in the amount of one day.

Motion was made by Sharon, seconded by Carol and carried to approve the hiring of Daniel Kirby following his 14th birthday to paint fire hydrants for the Bristol Water Department this summer at the minimum wage. The meeting adjourned at 10:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Therese Kirby