

Bristol Selectboard Meeting

July 16, 2012

Selectboard Attendance: Chairman John "Peeker" Heffernan, Joel Bouvier, Alan Huizenga and Sharon Compagna. 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: Jim Quaglino, Sergeant Randy Crowe, Peg Martin, Kristen Underwood and Derek Larsen.

1. Peg Martin of the Addison County Dental Center (ACDC), a 501c3, was here regarding the proposal for a community development grant application for locating a dental practice in Bristol. She was here to update the Selectboard on their progress. Peg is the Chair of ACDC; they have fundraised over \$100,000 and have received grants from Bernie Saunders and Vermont Community Development. They were going to be located in Middlebury, but since Bristol Internal Medicine is relocating to Bristol Works it leaves the Mulholland's building vacant on Park Street. Since ACDC is moving to Bristol they lost their Vermont Community Development Grant as it was specific to Middlebury. Now they need to reapply and the grant money would come to the Town of Bristol who would have to pass the money to ACDC. In order for ACDC to reapply they will need a resolution from the Town of Bristol saying they would accept the money. ACDC is offering to cover any costs that Bristol would incur. ACDC is also considering hiring a consultant that would be available to assist the Town. Alan Huizenga noted an email from Community Development staff that said if a Town has a revolving loan fund we may be required to make a 25% contribution. Sharon Compagna asked if it is a loan or an outward payment. Peg did not know the answer but would find out and let Bill Bryant know. Bill wanted to know when the letter of interest was due. Peg said there is a rolling application period and ACDC is looking to apply in December. Peg thinks ACDC might be looking for something from the Town in September with more details to be provided later. ACDC is planning to apply for \$300,000 to be used to purchase dental equipment only. The Selectboard thanked Peg for her time.

2. Public Forum: Kristen Underwood of the Conservation Commission was here to request \$500 for the Eagle Park fishing platform project from the Conservation Reserve Fund, to plant native perennials along the slope to hold the soil. RockyDale gardens will provide the plants for cost and volunteers will plant the perennials. They would also like an additional \$500 for materials to build a kiosk to be placed at Eagle Park. Alan Huizenga moved to approve up to \$1,000 for materials to build a kiosk and to purchase perennials. Sharon Compagna seconded. So voted. The Selectboard thanked Kristen for her time.

3. Sharon Compagna moved to set the fiscal year 2012/2013 tax rates as residential homestead tax rate \$2.1514, residential homestead tax rate in police district \$2.4242, non-residential tax rate \$2.1594 and the non-residential tax rate in police district \$2.4322. Alan Huizenga seconded. So voted.

4. Vermont Land Trust is requesting a letter of support for the Farr and Fuller properties who are seeking funding to complete their project. This is not a finalized agreement. Alan Huizenga moved to approve the letter drafted by Bill Bryant dated July 17, 2012 in support of the Fuller & Farr projects with the discussed changes. Sharon Compagna seconded. So voted.

5. Discussion of the Landfill and Recycling Program budget separation. Landfill Manager Kris Perlee and Bill Bryant wrote a memo to the Selectboard outlining their idea for clarifying recycling expenses that should be running through the landfill or general fund budgets. Alan Huizenga moved to modify the accounting by transferring metal pile income into the landfill fund and transferring the expense of tire removal from general fund to the landfill fund. Sharon Compagna seconded. So voted. Sharon Compagna moved to authorize the treasure to move a \$25,000 landfill charge from Landfill Capital Equipment to the landfill fund, for the purchase of the bulldozer. Alan Huizenga seconded. So voted

6. Discussion of Bristol Police responding to poor behavior at Town Parks. This involves swearing, inappropriate conduct and similar actions. Two officers recently responded to issues on the Town Green involving some of these actions. Discussion of a 30 day no trespass order, allowing the Police Department to issue them and if they would be appealable to Bill Bryant or the Selectboard. Derek Larsen of West Street wondered if it would be possible to put signage up on the park letting people know what the expectations are for behavior and consequences. Peeker Heffernan explained the Selectboard has avoided putting signs on the parks. Derek said people may feel this is public property and not be civic minded so they might not understand reasonable behaviors. Jim Quaglino does not want to see signs up and feels once people start talking to people the problem will clear up. Peeker feels the no trespass order will allow the Police to get out and talk to people, while giving them a tool to do the type of community policing people are looking for. Alan moved to authorize the Bristol PD to issue 30 day no trespass orders for all Town properties in accordance with the town's trespass ordinance; trespass orders to be reviewed by the Town Administrator after they are issued and subject to appeal to the Selectboard. Sharon Compagna seconded. So voted.

7. The Selectboard signed an accounts payable warrant for \$94,147.11.

8. Alan Huizenga moved to approve the July 2, 2012 minutes as amended. Sharon Compagna seconded. So voted.

9. Sharon Compagna moved to approve the catering license for N.D's for a July 28, 2012 wedding reception. Alan Huizenga seconded. So voted. Per the Selectboard's July 2, 2012 request, Therese Kirby spoke with Officer Josh Otey regarding the rate the Bristol Police Department would be reimbursed by the U.S. Marshall Service. She sent an email to Chief Gibbs and Sergeant Crowe outlining the discussion and the Selectboard's understanding of the agreement.

10. Selectboard Roundtable: Sharon Compagna appreciates all the tree trimming that is going on by the Town Road Crew and homeowners. Joel Bouvier wanted to know when the paving on the back of the park is going to take place. Bill Bryant believes Peter Bouvier was going to coordinate a couple of small patch jobs with a local contractor. Alan Huizenga wanted to thank Peeker Heffernan and Lance Perlee for the work they did on the corner of Munsill Avenue and Pine Street capping and removing old water lines. This has helped decrease the run time on the water pumps.

11. Town Administrator: Discussion of Two Buds Souperlative and Hubert Dumas' property. Alan Huizenga would like Bill Bryant to send a letter to the food cart regarding the possible issue and asking them for a proof of insurance.

11. Sharon Compagna moved to go into executive session regarding one personnel matter involving the appointment, employment, or evaluation of public officers or employees and one real estate negotiation involving the Town where premature general public knowledge of the subject matter would clearly place the Town at a substantial disadvantage. Alan Huizenga seconded. So voted. The Selectboard met in executive session from 8:35 pm to 9:40 pm.

Joel Bouvier moved to promote Officer Josh Otey from part-time to full-time status at the rate of \$19.00 per hour effective with the pay period beginning 7/20/2012 and subject to a six month probationary period and review. Alan Huizenga seconded. So voted. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Therese Kirby