

Bristol Selectboard Meeting

July 30, 2012

Selectboard Attendance: Chairman John “Peeker” Heffernan, Joel Bouvier, Carol Wells, Alan Huizenga and Sharon Compagna. Town Administrator Bill Bryant and Town Clerk Therese Kirby. Filmed for NEAT TV by Shawn Kimball. Also attended by: Naomi Drummond, Chris Bray, Sue Driscoll and Carl Sword.

1. Peeker Heffernan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Chris Bray, candidate for State Senate, was here to introduce himself and reach out to create a partnership on the local level. He read a statement regarding why he wanted to run. He offered to come back to a future meeting if he gets elected and hear what the priorities are for Bristol. The Selectboard thanked him for his time.
2. Naomi Drummond was here with corrections to the proposed Town Plan. She found a few errors regarding places where Addison County Transit Resources (ACTR) is mentioned and she would like them clarified. The Selectboard has agreed to delete a paragraph that Naomi considered “old news” as the expansion has already happened and to clarify other sentences. The Selectboard thanked Naomi for her time.
3. The Selectboard discussed the proposed changes to the Town Plan and received a note from the Planning Commission saying they support the changes. Alan Huizenga moved to accept the July 5, 2012 memo listing the changes the Selectboard is authorizing to the proposed Town Plan plus the ones approved in item 2 above. Carol Wells seconded. So voted. Sharon Compagna moved to hold the next two public hearings on the proposed town plan on Aug 27, 2012 and Sept 10, 2012. Carol Wells seconded. So voted.
4. Carl Sword and Sue Driscoll were here regarding adding a second driveway at 16 Church Street to accommodate the main house and one apartment. Peter Bouvier and Bill Bryant have reviewed and offered recommendations of conditions. Discussion of the recommendations. Alan Huizenga moved to approve the driveway access application with the following conditions: 1-Town install reflector post at drop inlet, 2- Driveway be limited to 10’ wide and no closer than 5’ from the drop inlet, 3- Applicants be required to upgrade sidewalk to 6” thick if damage occurs during construction of apartment or within 18 months whichever is less and 4- remove grass and soil and install good gravel on curb side. Sharon Compagna seconded. So voted.
5. Discussion of a petition from Waitsfield Champlain Valley Telecom to bury utility lines at 593 Upper Meehan Road. Alan Huizenga moved to authorize Waitsfield Champlain Valley Telecom to work in the public right of way to replace buried phone service to the Kowalski’s. Carol Wells seconded. So voted.
6. Alan Huizenga moved to approve sole source purchasing of \$50,000 worth of salt from Barrett’s, \$32,000 worth of sand from Case Street, \$22,000 worth of chloride from All State, and up to \$5,000 worth of gravel from Francis Heffernan Sand & Gravel. Sharon Compagna seconded. So voted.

7. Sharon Compagna moved to approve the minutes of July 16, 2012 as printed. Alan Huizenga seconded. So voted. Carol Wells abstained as she was not present for that meeting.

8. Sharon Compagna moved to authorize the treasurer to borrow up to \$300,000 from the Town's capital funds, with the funds being paid back after the November 5, 2012 property tax payment due date at current c.d. interest rates. Carol Wells seconded. So voted

9. Selectboard Roundtable: Joel Bouvier said the salt shed addition is complete and it cost just over \$17,000. He presented quotes to the Selectboard for two overhead doors if the Selectboard wants the Road Foreman to purchase them this year. Peter Bouvier's recommendation out of the four quotes is Champlain Door at \$3,045. Sharon Compagna moved to purchase the doors from Champlain Door at a cost of \$3,045, with the money coming from the highway department's building maintenance line. So voted. Joel Bouvier said the Bristol Police Department (BPD) put the speed cart out on Pine Street and they received some positive comments on Front Porch Forum. The BPD also gave Joel the data collected by the speed cart to review and he appreciated the BPD's efforts. Carol Wells reminded people of the community forum tomorrow night at St. Ambrose Parrish Hall at 7:00 pm regarding drugs in the community. It will be recorded and aired on NEAT TV. Sharon Compagna had received comments by residents regarding trees blocking street lights. She encouraged them to contact Green Mountain Power with the pole numbers.

10. Town Administrator's Report: Bill Bryant followed up regarding the Selectboard's concern of Don Gale building a sugarhouse and how it would affect the Town's enrollment in current use. Bill spoke with David Brynn who did not feel it would create an impact since it is an agricultural use. Andrew Stein is moving to an online newspaper called the vtdigger.org and leaving the Addison Independent. Champlain Farms is updating their septic system behind the store. Discussion of Hubie Dumas' property lines and Bill's conversation with Ken Weston regarding that property. They feel there is significant proof that Hubie's property line ends at the riverbank where the old road used to be. Peeker Heffernan will contact Hubie to discuss it this week. The Prince Lane Project is moving forward with the Agency of Transportation approving the right-of-way plans. Carol Wells will be moving forward gathering signatures for project easements from property owners. The Road Crew has been out trimming trees and shrubs in the Town's right of way. There have been a couple of concerns from property owners. One of those residents suggested leafletting in advance of cutting. Alan Huizenga does not feel the Town has to notify people when we are trimming are own sidewalks. Carol Wells suggested notifying people via Front Porch Forum and Selectboard meetings when the Road Crew is going to start trimming next year. Discussion of removing a flowering crab tree in front of Autumn Harp. Chris LaBerge of VLCT Pacif performed a site visit of the Town Garage, Park and HUB. The swing sets on the park are out of compliance and there may be some expense on replacing the pea stone, replacing swing chains, changing swing heights, etc. Bill also informed the Selectboard that on July 19,

2012 the upstairs sink in the old bathroom overflowed causing several gallons of water to run into the downstairs utility room. A plumber and electrician were called to inspect the damage and Bill filed a claim with VLCT just in case. There was no significant damage. Eric Cota and Cale Pelland arrived at the Town Office immediately after being called for assistance. They cleaned up the water and set up a fan and dehumidifier. Lance Perlee went upstairs to stop the water flow and find the cause of the leak. Therese, Bill, Jen, Val and the Selectboard thank them for their efforts. Sharon Compagna would like to see faucets that automatically shut off installed in that bathroom and the Selectboard authorized Bill to have that done.

11. Sharon Compagna moved to go into executive session regarding three real estate and one legal matter involving the Town where premature general public knowledge of the subject matter would clearly place the Town at a substantial disadvantage. The Selectboard met in executive session from 8:27 pm to 9:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Therese Kirby