

Bristol Selectboard Meeting

September 10, 2012

Selectboard Attendance: Joel Bouvier, Carol Wells, 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 Xian Chiang-Waren. Also attended by: Jim Quaglino and Naomi Drummond.

1. Carol Wells moved to appoint Alan Huizenga as temporary Chair. Sharon Compagna seconded. So voted.
2. At 7:00 pm Alan Huizenga called the public hearing on the draft Town Plan to order. Bill Bryant said Brandy Saxton has agreed to reformat the draft Town Plan to include all of the changes that have been approved by the Selectboard. Bill felt the updated copy may be available in a couple of weeks. There were no other comments. At 7:05 pm Joel Bouvier moved to close the hearing. Sharon Compagna seconded. So voted. Carol Wells moved to adopt the prior approved changes to the draft Town Plan. Sharon Compagna seconded. So voted. The Selectboard signed the warning.
3. Sharon Compagna moved to accept the minutes of August 27, 2012 as printed. Carol Wells seconded. So voted.
4. The Selectboard signed an accounts payable warrant of \$59,971.10.
5. Discussion of newspaper of record. Alan Huizenga stated he has been unhappy with a couple of the past editorials in the Addison Independent. Sharon Compagna agrees with Alan and feels they do not have many options for a local newspaper that reaches the five towns. Carol Wells felt the previous reporter had been fair and balanced and reminded others that the editorial is just the opinion of the editor. Joel Bouvier agreed the past editorial was a personal attack and was upset by the tone. Naomi Drummond appreciated Carol's explanation of the difference between an article and editorial.
6. Sharon Compagna moved to approve the request of the Bristol Fire Department for a coin drop on October 7, 2012 with a rain date of October 14, 2012 in front of Merchants Bank on West Street. Carol Wells seconded. So voted. Sharon Compagna moved to authorize Delinquent Tax Collector Therese Kirby to file paperwork to take Joseph Bodington to small claims court to collect his delinquent property taxes Carol Wells seconded. So voted. Sharon Compagna moved to accept the errors and omissions list dated September 7, 2012 as prepared by Lister Claire Scribner. Carol Wells seconded. So voted. Sharon Compagna moved to approve the asset capitalization policy. Carol Wells seconded. So voted. Therese Kirby thanked Val Hanson, Cale Pelland and Peter Bouvier for their help emptying out the basement of Howden Hall and relocating documents, chairs and a table to the storage building. It was greatly appreciated.
7. Selectboard Roundtable: Sharon Compagna spoke with David Brynn about his concern that New Haven's slope from their gravel pit is getting close to the high school. Alan Huizenga and Peeker Heffernan had made contact with New Haven and will follow up with them. Bill Bryant said various sections of the pit are owned by Bristol, New Haven and Ferrisburgh. Discussion of the house concert announced on front porch forum. Carol Wells wanted to encourage people to come to the second

Community Forum sponsored by the Bristol Police Department on Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at 7:00 pm at Holley Hall. Joel Bouvier noted the school bus' are traveling Pine Street instead of using North Street. Bill said he would send the school another letter asking them to use the North Street route due to safety concerns.

8. Joel Bouvier moved to approve the Bristol Downtown Community Partnership's request to hold a 5K on Saturday, October 27, 2012 pending approval from the Police Chief. Carol Wells. So voted.

9. Town Administrator's Report: Peter Bouvier received a proposal for installing a concrete floor in the salt shed addition. He would like \$3,600 to pay for the floor and supplies from the capital building fund. Carol Wells moved to approve the expenditure of \$3,600 from the capital building fund. Sharon Compagna seconded. So voted. Bill Bryant said Jim Lockridge was asked by the Vermont Health Department to speak at a meeting regarding the PREP program, as they were impressed by his teaching techniques. Ryan Krushenick has been hired by the Pathways program to run a music program at the Hub during school days. It will not conflict with the Hub hours or his job with the Town. The digging to be done on High Street to replace the water line seems to run mainly on one side of the road. The water line has significantly deteriorated and will be replaced with a 2" plastic pipe. This will allow for an overlay on High Street and eliminate the need to grind the road first. Discussion of a drop inlet at the bottom of High Street.

10. Sharon Compagna moved to go into executive session two real estate matters/negotiations involving the Town where premature general public knowledge of the subject matter would clearly place the Town at a substantial disadvantage. Carol Wells seconded. So voted. The Selectboard met in executive session from 7:50 pm to 9:01 pm, with Kevin Gibbs present for a portion of that time.

Respectfully Submitted,
Therese Kirby