

**Bristol Selectboard Meeting**

**October 22, 2012**

Selectboard Attendance: Chair 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 Joanna Etko. Also attended by: Jim Quaglino, Adam LaPerle, John Moyers and Kris Perlee.

1. Carol Wells moved to appoint Alan Huizenga as temporary Chair. Sharon Compagna seconded. So voted. Alan called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. John Moyers was here to voice his concerns regarding the Selectboard designating the private drive between Mountain Street and Prince Lane as a public road. The Town placed a street sign there last year and he took it down, as the sign did not note the drive was private. Adam LaPerle, owner of Bristol Beverage and 21 Prince Lane, has a right of way over the drive for access to his business and for his customers to use. John is concerned the drive is a safety hazard due to the line of sight when entering Mountain Street. He does not like that Google maps show his private drive looking like a public road and they have that information to due to 911. He would like all access to the Shaw’s parking lot off from Main Street to be signed as Prince Lane. He does not want his private drive signed at all. Sharon Compagna wanted to know who plows the drive. John said he does and he and Adam LaPerle have a good working relationship regarding the drive. They take turns having the drive graded during the year. Joel Bouvier does not think putting a sign at the end of where the private drive meets Mountain Street will increase traffic over the drive as people have used it for years. The Fire Department has used the drive when they responded to fires on Main Street. Joel also stated he would like a sign further up on Mountain Street that says hidden drive ahead. Peeker Heffernan feels John would be better off if the drive was marked private. Bill suggested moving the smaller Prince Lane sign on Mountain Street at the end of the private drive and have a separate sign that spells out private way placed on the same post. Carol would also like to see the sign say one way in. Alan and Bill said they cannot do that, as Adam LaPerle has rights for both ingress and egress. Kris Perlee wanted to know if there had been any accidents where the private drive leads to Mountain Street. John said not that he knows of. Adam LaPerle wanted to know why there were not Prince Lane signs on both ends of the private drive, and that is what is driving this conversation. He wants to be sure that his business is identified with Prince Lane. Joel Bouvier moved to move forward with the October 8, 2012 minutes and place a Prince Lane and private way sign at the end of the private drive and place a hidden drive street on Mountain Street. Sharon Compagna seconded. Discussion. Alan wanted to be sure they were not setting a precedent by adding the additional “private way” sign as he believes there are a significant amount of private drives in Bristol. So voted with 3 yes and 1 no.

2. Alan Huizenga moved to approve the driveway access permit for Amanda Dickerson off from Carlstrom Road authorizing Bill Bryant to sign the permit subject to Road Foreman Peter Bouvier’s recommendations. Joel Bouvier seconded. So voted.

3. Review of VLCT Internal Controls Checklist with the Town Treasurer. Therese had sent a memo with an attached copy of the checklist for the Selectboard to complete before the meeting. The Selectboard and Therese went over the checklist together and discussed the need for a Fraud Risk Assessment. Therese will prepare materials for that and distribute them to Department Heads for a meeting later this year.

4. VTrans High Risk Rural Roads report for Burpee Road was submitted to the Selectboard for their review. VTrans identifies roads around the State that have higher rates of accidents and come up with low cost recommendations that could be made to make the roads safer. Some of the suggestions are changes in signage and adding line stripes.

5. The Selectboard signed an accounts payable warrant of \$180,623.24.

6. Sharon Compagna moved to approve the minutes of October 8, 2012 as corrected. Alan Huizenga seconded. So voted. (Carol Wells abstained as she was not present for that meeting.)

7. Therese Kirby said if any residents still need to register to vote, the deadline is October 31, 2012 by 5 pm. The ballots are also here so voters can come in and vote early or request an absentee ballot be sent to their homes by stopping by or calling the office. Polls will be open from 7 am to 7 pm on Tuesday, November 6, 2012. Property taxes are due Monday, November 5, 2012. She also informed the Selectboard that five properties were slated for tax sale on December 4, 2012 at 9 am.

8. Selectboard Roundtable: Sharon Compagna wanted to know if anyone was planning on attending the wellness retreat in Stowe on November 16, 2012. Alan Huizenga wanted to thank Doug Corkins for repairing the band stand.

9. Town Administrator's Report: Bill Bryant reported on the following topics: siphons on the septic system, Vermont River Conservancy and Kristen Underwood will be present at the November 5, 2012 Selectboard meeting, the Conservation Commission had asked to meet with the Selectboard on November 5, 2012 regarding the gravel pits near MAUHS. Bill has met with Superintendent David Adams and David Brynn and they are walking the property on October 29, 2012. The Selectboard would like Bill to postpone the meeting with the Conservation Commission until November 19, 2012 as Alan Huizenga will be away on November 5, 2012. Alan reiterated that the high school is not being actively undermined by the gravel pit. He suggested Bill ask Ken Weston to accompany him on the October 29, 2012 walk.

There is a spring that comes down Deerleap by Melissa Deas house on Spring Street Extension and it crosses the road behind Anne Wallace and David Gusakov's house. It is not municipal water as Lance Perlee tested it today. The pipe flows into a catch basin into Mountain Street. Bill is trying to find out if it is a municipal pipe or private drainage. The Selectboard does not believe it is the Town's responsibility and asked Bill to look into it further. Taylor Allred worked at Memorial Park and completed the guiderail construction and repair for his Eagle Scout project and Bill felt it looked good and is much safer than it was. Martin's Hardware gave Taylor a nice discount and the Town appreciates that. Carol Wells moved to reimburse Ben Allred \$271.37 with the hope that the American Legion will reimburse the Town of Bristol at least \$50. Sharon Compagna seconded. So voted. Bill showed the Selectboard Ed Hanson's photos of the Howden Hall basement now that he has finished gutting it. He also reminded residents that Christmas Trees may be taken to the landfill at no charge and the Town Road Crew will not be picking up Christmas Trees this year. The Red Cross is offering supplies to municipalities that might open a shelter during a disaster, so Bill is working with Tim Boutin of ACRPC, as Bristol does not have the storage for supplies. Bill wanted to thank Sergeant Randy Crowe for dealing with a littering offense and Bill noted someone posted a thank you on front porch forum for Randy's assistance to a motor vehicle operator.

10. Sharon Compagna moved to go into executive session discuss 2 real estate 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 9:15 pm to 10:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Therese Kirby