

Attendance: Chair John "Peeker" Heffernan, Carol Wells, Sharon Compagna, Joel Bouvier and Alan Huizenga, Town Administrator Bill Bryant, Town Clerk Therese Kirby, filmed for NEAT TV by Mary Arbuckle, Road Foreman Peter Bouvier, First Assistant Fire Chief Brett LaRose, Jim Quaglino, Landfill Manager Kris Perlee, Recreation Director Darla Senecal, Jim & Claire Lathrop and Police Chief Kevin Gibbs.

1. Bill Bryant announced a purchase and sale agreement has been signed between the Selectboard and Lee and Alan Bilson. Their property is located a 2 Garfield Street and this property will be used to expand and remodel the Bristol Fire Department. There will be a bond vote at the March 5, 2013 Town Meeting Day Election for the purchase of the land and the architectural fees. Assistant Chief Brett LaRose was here to update the public on the project and efforts that will be made by the Facility Committee and Selectboard to inform Bristol Residents about the project before Town Meeting Day. The Facility Committee is chaired by Brett LaRose and made up of firefighters Lance Perlee, Peter J. Ryan, Chris Griggs, Kevin LaRose, Selectboard members Sharon Compagna and Alan Huizenga and Town Administrator Bill Bryant. The plan is to remove station two, the building behind the Fire Department, and build a new addition off from the historic building and remodel the inside of that one. It is the desire of the Committee, Selectboard and Firefighters to keep the historic building and a unanimous decision of the 33 members of the Bristol Fire Department supports that. Brett is looking forward to the support of the public. There will be two open houses at the Bristol Fire Station on North street on Wednesday, February 13, 2013 from 6 pm to 8 pm and on Saturday, February 16, 2013 from 9 am to 11 am. On Thursday, January 17, 2013 at 7pm there will be a special Selectboard meeting with Asher Nelson of Vermont Integrated Architecture. Asher will present his preliminary design to the public and Selectboard at that meeting. Brett has spoken with Mary Arbuckle of NEAT TV and she is going to film an open house so people who can not attend can see the current state of the Fire Department's buildings. Bill estimated the March 2013 vote will be for \$350,000 to \$400,000, with the actual number to be determined later this month. The purchase price of the Bilson property is \$250,000 with the additional for design/architectural costs. The Selectboard thanked Brett for his time.

2. Road Foreman Peter Bouvier met with the Selectboard to discuss his proposed FY 2013-2014 budget. Bill Bryant said this proposed budget is up approximately 2% and that includes adding back \$5,000 to the capital equipment fund appropriation the Selectboard had reduced a couple of years ago. Bill noted the employer contribution to VMERS will be rising from 6.25% to 6.75% in July 2014. Peter stated he lowered several line items, created a budget new line item for road striping and raised his fuel line items. As Bill mentioned, Peter would like to see the \$5,000 added back into the equipment fund so he can continue to purchase equipment in the future without borrowing money. The Selectboard discussed the long range equipment plan with Peter. The Selectboard thanked Peter for his time.

3. Landfill Manager Kris Perlee met with the Selectboard to discuss his proposed FY 2013-2014 budget. The landfill is losing revenue because people that used to bring tires and construction debris are going elsewhere because it is cheaper and private haulers are becoming more affordable and it is convenient for people. There was a discussion regarding rates, ways to increase revenue and the future closure of the landfill. Kris received a quote for \$2,400 from Lincoln Applied Technology to monitor the methane levels per year. Discussion of Lincoln doing it for one year then us taking it back over. Alan Huizenga moved to approve hiring Lincoln Applied Technology for one year at a rate of \$2,400. Sharon Compagna seconded. The Selectboard said if the methane rates remain at zero then they would consider having Kris go back to monitoring after the one year period. So voted. The Selectboard thanked Kris for his time.

4. FY 2013-2014 budget work session. Bill Bryant explained how he budgeted health insurance, but noted as Obama Care or Schumlin Care are implemented, this projection could change. Bill believes it could lower the Town's health care cost but we will have to wait and see how the final details are crafted. Discussion of the general fund budget. The Selectboard would like the Town to reapply for a tree grant. Bill will speak with Jen Stetson about that. Gerald Heffernan created a display on the history of Bristol that is hanging in the hall way downstairs in Holley Hall. Carol Wells wanted to be certain that if the coach house gets repaired this year it is going to come out of the capital building fund and Bill said yes.

5. Alan Huizenga moved to approve the minutes of 12/17/12 as corrected. Sharon Compagna seconded. So voted. The Selectboard signed an accounts payable warrant of \$108,126.

6. Therese Kirby explained her computer crashed and she needs a replacement. The tower will cost \$436 and she would like permission to take that money from the Martha Parker fund. Sharon Compagna moved to authorize Therese Kirby to spend \$436 out of the Martha Parker fund. Carol Wells seconded. So voted.

7. Selectboard Roundtable: Sharon Compagna wanted to thank all of the people who arranged Bristol's Best Night as it was a great time. Peeker Heffernan thanked the residents who adopted fire hydrants and shoveled them out. He would like the Water Department to get the remainder of the hydrants shoveled out.

8. Town Administrator's Report: Bill Bryant wanted to remind residents the Highway Department is not picking up Christmas Trees in the village anymore, but they can be taken to the Landfill for free. Bill also updated the Selectboard on the upcoming budget session schedule and he let them know he sent a letter to the Vermont Public Service Board in support of the Vermont Gas project per their direction.

9. Sharon Compagna moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters involving the appointment, employment or evaluation of public officers or employees and legal matters/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. Bill Bryant said they would be discussing a property negotiation regarding South Street Bridge with Jim and Claire Lathrop as well as meeting with Darla Senecal, Therese Kirby and Kevin Gibbs regarding salaries affecting their budgets. So voted. The Selectboard met in executive session from 8:53 pm to 10:50 pm.

Alan Huizenga moved to increase the hourly rate of Officer Josh Otey to \$19.75 based upon the positive six month review of his employment with the Bristol Police Department, said raise to be effective for the payroll to be processed on January 25, 2013. Sharon Compagna seconded. So voted. The meeting adjourned at 10:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Therese Kirby, Clerk