

Selectboard Members Present: Chair John "Peeker" Heffernan, Sharon Compagna, Joel Bouvier and Alan Huizenga. Others Present: Town Administrator Bill Bryant, Town Clerk Therese Kirby, filmed for NEAT TV by Mary Arbuckle, Fred Baser, Shawn Oxford, Brett LaRose, Diane Cushman, Jim Quaglino, Sue Kavanagh, Chico Martin and reported for the Addison Independent by Xian Chiang-Waren.

1. Peeker Heffernan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Fred Baser, Town and School Moderator, was here planning for Town Meeting and reviewing the articles on the Warning. Fred asked the Selectboard their opinion on where to have the discussion regarding the proposed Bristol Fire Department Facility bond vote that will take place via Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 5, 2013. Bill Bryant noted there will be two open houses at the Bristol Fire Department. The first open house is to be held on Wednesday, February 13 from 6 to 8 pm and the second on Saturday, February 19 from 9 to 11 am. There will also be a public hearing at the Selectboard Meeting scheduled for February 25, 2013 at 7 pm and another on Monday, March 4, 2013 during Town Meeting. Fred Baser said agreed to allow Assistant Fire Chief Brett LaRose to use five minutes to give the history of the Bristol Fire Department project to the voters. Bill will email a copy of the warning to Fred to help him prepare for Town Meeting. The informational meetings for the Bristol Police Department will be held on February 25, 2013, the next scheduled Selectboard Meeting, then again at 6:00 pm on Town Meeting March 4, 2013 at 6:00 pm.

Fred Baser and Shawn Oxford spoke with the Selectboard regarding investing the money from the Landfill Closure reserve fund. Fred had spoken with Bill Bryant regarding this idea previously and Bill invited him to discuss this topic with the Selectboard. He went through a presentation with the Selectboard. Fred urged the Selectboard to challenge the State on their closure requirements. Bill said there does not appear to be any State restrictions on what the Selectboard can do with the closure funds and if the Selectboard would like to look into this further, they can instruct Bill to place it on a future agenda. The Selectboard thanked Fred and Shawn for their time.

2. Planning Commission Chair Chico Martin was here regarding the Planning Commissions thoughts on the proposed fire facility review process. The PC passed a motion to request from the Selectboard that they be more involved with vetting the project. Alan Huizenga said the motion the PC passed was three fold. They want the Selectboard to grant them authority to review the project and to authorize them to conduct at least two public hearings and to request the Selectboard clarify the bond vote on March 5, 2013 is to purchase the land and to fund a design. Chico said it is an offer of assistance and if the Selectboard does not want to accept their assistance, they are well within their rights to do so. Peeker Heffernan said he is confused by the PC's request, as the Selectboard does not have permission from the voters to move forward and wants to know if this offer from the Planning Commission is for before or after the vote. Chico said the PC's review process would begin after the vote. Bill Bryant explained the Selectboard hired an architect for \$3,000 only to see if the facility size they need could be placed on the lot. Bill believes once an architect is hired, that person could go to the PC for their input on their design. Chico stated a few years ago members of the Bristol Fire Department came to a PC meeting and stated the PC did not need to put regulations against building a fire facility in the High Density Residential District in the Town Plan, as they assured the PC they would not go against the

neighbors wishes. Alan Huizenga said he is against granting special authority over this project to the PC as it would set a precedent. Chico said having the PC conduct site plan review, frees up the ZBA to handle other permits. Bill explained once the design is complete a zoning permit will need to be issued and the ZBA will rule on issuing the permit. Chico said the public response so far is that the Town could potentially vote through something the neighborhood does not want and he feels that is where the PC could come in and work with the neighbors during the site review. Alan said the Selectboard welcomes comments on the project. Peeker feels this project, in conjunction with input from residents, has the potential to create a fire station everyone is proud of. Bill stated the Selectboard knows of six lots the Bilson house could be moved to as no one wants to destroy the house. The Selectboard thanked Chico for his time.

3. Final review of the Route 116 South Stoplight bridge plans. Vtrans stated planned construction will take place during the summer of 2013 to the spring of 2015. Joel Bouvier moved to authorize Chairman Peeker Heffernan to sign the project review sign-off sheet for the plans dated January 18, 2013 submitted to the Selectboard. Sharon Compagna seconded. So voted.

4. Sharon Compagna moved to sign the annual certificate of highway mileage to be submitted to VTrans for state aid funds. Joel Bouvier seconded. So voted.

5. Joel Bouvier moved to approve the request of Carolyn Knight's Daisy Girl Scouts to hold a cookie sale on the Town Green on Saturday, March 9, 2013 from 9 am to 11 am. Alan Huizenga seconded. The Police Chief has been informed. So voted.

6. Alan Huizenga moved to approve the request of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society Green Mountain Getaway Bike Ride August 3 & 4, 2013 to use local roads. Sharon Compagna seconded. The rides will start at UVM and end back in Burlington. The riders stop at the Town Green for a rest stop, and this is a bike ride and not a bike race. They also have medical support personnel that ride with them. So voted.

7. Alan Huizenga moved to approve submission of the Hub Teen Center's grant application to the National Gardening Association for \$500 or \$1000 worth of gift cards at Home Depot to assist the HUB with the community garden. Sharon Compagna seconded. So voted.

8. The Selectboard signed accounts payable warrants for \$109,719.60, \$28.31, \$323.25 and liquor/tobacco licenses for the Bobcat Café and Champlain Farms.

9. Sharon Compagna moved to approve the minutes of January 28, 2013 as printed. Joel Bouvier seconded. So voted.

10. Therese Kirby informed residents that the Town Meeting Day ballots for Tuesday, March 5, 2013 have arrived and anyone who would like to request an early voting ballot may do so by calling the Town Office. She asked the Selectboard for permission to close the Plank Road Business Park Study Fund #035 and transfer the balance of \$317.15 into the Capital Building Fund #041 and to close the Carter Tire Fund #013 and apply the \$259.48 balance to 33 Carterville Drive delinquent property taxes. Sharon

Compagna moved to approve the request of the Treasurer regarding the fund closings and transfers. Alan Huizenga seconded. So voted.

11. Selectboard Roundtable – Joel Bouvier questioned the \$5,600 bill from Choinere’s to repair the landfill’s bulldozer and asked about a \$350 bill to hire a band to perform at the HUB. Peeker Heffernan explained the work done on the bulldozer and Bill Bryant explained there would be a band performing for a dance at the HUB on February 23, 2013. Sharon Compagna received complaints regarding private plow companies leaving snow in the sidewalks. Bill said there is a State Statute that prohibits that and if residents see companies doing that, he encourages them to contact the Town Office with the name of the company and Bill will send them a letter.

12. Town Administrator’s Report – Bill Bryant reported on the following topics: the road crew was involved in an accident when they hit a vehicle with the corner of their snow plow; all information has been passed to VLCT regarding the claim, Jim and Claire Lathrop agreed to the revisions to the South Street Bridge and have indicated they will sign the easements, Peeker Heffernan signed the request to keep Bristol on the list for potential funding for our sewer project, discussion of the future Selectboard meeting schedule, update on the Capital Building Fund balance and possible expenditures, Bill presented a map of high crash locations shared by Adam Lougee of ACRPC, discussion of the Vergennes and Hinesburg proposed Police Facilities versus Bristol’s proposed 2300 square feet of rental space at Bristol Works for the Bristol Police District, Bill meets with NRCS tomorrow in Middlebury regarding any assistance they may provide regarding the gravel pits on Stoney Hill, Saunders erosion control plan is coming along (Alan Huizenga said Kristen Underwood called him and said they are looking for stumps and root balls) and Bill is joining the Addison County Dental Center on Thursday, February 14, 2013 to present their Community Development grant in Montpelier. In 2016 Vermont Gas is hoping to bring natural gas via the VELCO right-of-way to Bristol and they would like to meet with the Selectboard. Bill reminded the Selectboard this infrastructure is taxable and Vermont Gas told him they expect to pay Monkton \$200,000 a year in taxes, so this could be large tax revenue for Bristol.

13. Sharon Compagna moved to go into executive session to discuss one personnel matter involving the appointment, employment or evaluation of a public officer or employee, two legal matters and one real estate negotiation regarding the rental contract with Bristol Works regarding the Bristol Police Department 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 8:50 pm to 9:40 pm.

Alan Huizenga moved to authorize the Chair, Peeker Heffernan, to sign a letter of intent regarding possible rental of space at Bristol Works for police facilities. Sharon Compagna seconded. So voted. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Therese Kirby