

Attended By: Chair Sharon Compagna, Joel Bouvier and John "Peeker" Heffernan. Also attended by: Town Clerk Therese Kirby, filmed by Neat TV by Joanna Etko, John Elder, Jim Quaglino, Porter Knight, Kristen Underwood, Brett LaRose and Shawn Oxford. Selectboard member Alan Huizenga was available by phone.

1. Sharon Compagna called the Selectboard meeting to order at 7:07 pm. She called the Public hearing to order at 7:08 pm. The Public hearing was held for the proposed application for a municipal planning grant from the Vermont Community Development Program for \$25,000 for a feasibility study to plan for the development of the Town's Stoney Hill property and other nearby lands. The proposed grant would be matched with up to \$6,250 in local funds. John Elder gave background information on the Stoney Hill property, attempts made to develop the property and why it could be good for the community i.e. local jobs and location. If the Town was awarded this grant, they would need to hire a consultant with engineering and planning experience to investigate the potential of the Stoney Hill property as a location for a business park, outline the water and sewer needs for the site, complete an ACT 250 application for the site and design public forums for public input on the facility. John explained the matching financial needs of the grant have changed. Originally the Town's share was to be \$10,000, but is now 25% of the \$25,000 or \$6,250. John also explained how the bid process would work in regards to hiring a consultant. Public input is appreciated and encouraged. He would like public comments to be in by September 14, 2013. Porter Knight wanted to know how to address comments in writing. John said you could email him at [elder2348@gmail.com](mailto:elder2348@gmail.com). Peeker Heffernan moved to adopt the Resolution for the VCDP Grant Application as previously discussed at their July 29, 2013 meeting. Joel Bouvier seconded. So voted. Joel Bouvier and Sharon Compagna wanted to know if you could file an Act 250 application without knowing what businesses would be in the industrial park. John did not know but would speak with Adam Lougee and the yet to be hired consultant. Joel Bouvier moved to authorize Therese Kirby to write a letter on the Selectboard's behalf, stating they had committed the \$6,250 in matching funds and authorizing Sharon Compagna to sign the letter. Peeker Heffernan seconded. So voted. The public hearing closed at 7:28 pm.

2. Kristen Underwood was here to request the Selectboard waive the bid process for the purchase of \$14,250 of root boles and root wads for the stream bank stabilization project on the Saunder's property. This price includes 60 root wads and 60 root boles. Kristen explained this is a specialty item and she has found only one property owner who has the wads and boles approved by the Fish & Wildlife Department and the Forest Service. The price includes the harvest and transportation of the wads and boles, and is to be paid directly to Susan Smiley. Alan Huizenga wanted to know if the contract had been awarded yet. Kristen said no, the bids are due at 2pm on 9-16-13. Peeker Heffernan recused himself from this discussion and vote, as Heffernan Excavating is one of the bidders. Alan Huizenga moved to waive the bid process for the harvest and transportation of 60 root wads and 60 root boles for \$14,250 to be paid to Susan Smiley. Joel Bouvier seconded. So voted.

3. Brian McCormick was here regarding his concerns about the road signs placed near Red Cedar School and paid for by the Town. Sharon Compagna said the decision was made on July 15, 2013 for safety reasons.
4. Peeker Heffernan moved to approve the request of Scott and Mary Purinton to name the private drive of their 5-lot subdivision, Hillside Drive. Joel Bouvier seconded. So voted.
5. Peeker Heffernan moved to approve the minutes of August 26, 2013. Joel Bouvier seconded. So voted. The Selectboard approved an accounts payable warrant of \$81,759.70.
6. Joel Bouvier moved to approve the Revolving Loan Fund Committees recommendation to loan Michel Mahe/Yves, Inc. the current balance of his note for a 5 year term with a balloon payment due in three years at an interest rate of 4%. Peeker Heffernan seconded. So voted. Peeker Heffernan moved to approve the Revolving Loan Fund Committees recommendation to loan Timmi Moffi/Mountain Greens Market \$40,000 for five years at an interest rate of 4%. Joel Bouvier seconded. So voted.
7. Therese Kirby said 2013/2014 tax bills will be mailed out on September 17, 2013.
8. Selectboard Roundtable: Joel Bouvier said he supports the Bristol Police Department issuing press releases via Facebook; however he would like the Selectboard to consider having the comments go directly to the Police Department and not publicized. Jim Quaglino said Chief Kevin Gibbs has a disclaimer on the page and does remove postings that have inappropriate language and threats. Joel would also like to see the police log in the Addison Independent. Joel is unable to attend the Vermont Gas meeting tomorrow night and wanted to clarify the Selectboard's position. Peeker said Vermont Gas will have to come to the Town to ask permission to bury their lines in the Town's right-of-way and it will be the residents' choice of whether or not they want to hook up. Sharon Compagna said the Selectboard has not given permission or rights to Vermont Gas to do anything; they only want Bristol residents to have access to natural gas if they want it. Peeker agreed with Sharon. Sharon Compagna thanked people for trimming bushes that were hanging over the sidewalk. Sharon will speak to the landlord of Almost Home again, regarding the flowers on the corner of Garfield Street and North Street. They continue to create a traffic hazard.
9. Brett LaRose and Shawn Oxford were here to update the Selectboard on the Fire Facility Site Selection process. Brett said the committee has ranked the eight remaining sites and three of them are on West Street. Shawn Oxford wanted to know if the Selectboard would be willing to sell the riding ring on Liberty Street if the Recreation Club location on West Street remains on the list of possible sites. The Selectboard feels the deed to the ring needs to be read, as they are unsure if they can sell or barter that property. Peeker Heffernan explained that in regards to Peter Nelson's property, there was a piece the Selectboard thought may have been feasible for the Fire Station, but Peter wanted his elder housing in that location. Brett explained they are looking at the Nelson's property with road frontage on West Street. Joel wanted to know if the Recreation Club wanted to leave their West Street property on the list. Brett heard it was a 4 (yes) to 1 (no) vote to leave their land on the list for consideration. Brett said they would like the Selectboard to have further discussions regarding what they are willing to do in

regards to the three sites on West Street. Joel wanted to know if Ed & Sue Shepard's property would be considered without the adjoining Recreation Club property. Shawn and Brett said no.

Brett was also here regarding the request of N.H. Munsill to hold their annual Coin Drop on 10/13/2013 from 8 am to 5 pm on West Street, with a rain date for the following Sunday. Peeker Heffernan moved to approve the coin drop application. Joel Bouvier seconded. So voted. Brett discussed the Bristol Fire Department's request to purchase two sets of turn out gear from the Capital Fire Equipment Fund in the amount of \$3,806.00. This is money that has already been appropriated by the voters. Joel would like to encourage the Fire Chief and Assistant Chief to increase their annual budget to include two sets of turn out gear. Peeker Heffernan said they try to purchase one to two set of turn out gear out of their budget each year. Joel Bouvier moved to approve the request for \$3,806 to purchase two sets of turn out gear using funds from the Capital Fire Equipment Fund. Peeker Heffernan seconded. So voted.

10. Joel Bouvier moved to go into executive session to discuss 1 real estate and 1 contract matter involving the Town where premature general public knowledge of the subject matter would clearly place the Town at a substantial disadvantage. Peeker Heffernan seconded. So voted. The Selectboard met in executive session from 8:40 pm to 9:20 pm, with Therese Kirby joining them for the contract matter. The meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm. No motions were made.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Therese Kirby