

Selectboard Attendance: Chair Sharon Compagna, Joel Bouvier, John "Peeker" Heffernan, Alan Huizenga and Brian Fox. Reported for Neat TV by Mary Arbuckle and the Addison Independent Zach Despart. Also attended by: Town Administrator Bill Bryant, Town Clerk Therese Kirby, Police Chief Kevin Gibbs, Sergeant Randy Crowe, Theresa Gile, Kris Perlee and Chico Martin.

1. Sharon Compagna called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Theresa Gile was here regarding her interest in the vacant Lister position. Peeker Heffernan asked Theresa if she was currently appraising properties and she said yes, she has over 3,000 hours of appraisal experience. Joel Bouvier wanted to know what Theresa would do if one of her clients brought in an appraisal she prepared, to grieve their taxes. She said she would recuse herself and let the remaining two Lister's handle the grievance. Joel Bouvier moved to appoint Theresa Gile until March 3, 2014 to the vacant Lister position. Peeker Heffernan seconded. So voted. Theresa is running for the one year remaining balance of Claire Scribner's term at the March 4, 2014 Town Meeting Day Election. Bill Bryant noted the training for the Board of Lister's is starting Monday, January 27, 2014. The Selectboard thanked Theresa for her time and welcomed her to the office.

2. Chief Kevin Gibbs was here regarding his proposed FY 2014-2015 Bristol Police District (BPD) budget for \$365,982. The proposed budget is an increase of 2.88% over last year. Joel Bouvier wanted to know how many hours per week the BPD was patrolling the Town. Kevin said he would need to compile that information for Joel. He does, however, believe it is more than it was six to twelve months ago. The Selectboard discussed several specific line items with Kevin. Discussion of the cruiser replacement schedule and quotations for a new police cruiser. The BPD would like to move toward a six year replacement schedule for cruisers. Sharon Compagna and Kevin thanked Sergeant Crowe for the information he compiled as they felt it was very helpful. Brian Fox would like to see the BPD use the \$1,500 allotted for up-fitting and buy the extended warranty for \$1,800 and up-fit the car themselves. Bill Bryant noted based prices on the following vehicles: \$26,000 for a front wheel drive Dodge Charger, \$29,777 for an all-wheel drive Dodge Charger, \$30,978 for a Ford Interceptor with all-wheel drive and echo boost, \$30,955 for a rear wheel drive V-6 Caprice and \$28,046 for the S.U.V. Ford Interceptor. Once the S.U.V. Interceptor is outfitted for our use, the cost would be \$34,400 at Heritage Ford. Other vehicles quoted would have similar costs to outfit. Discussion of the cost of equipment needed to outfit the car. Alan Huizenga would like the budgeted appropriation to the Police Capital Vehicle Fund increase of \$7,500 to \$9,000 quantified with a vehicle replacement plan. The Selectboard agreed to add an article three to the warning and to transfer \$10,000 from the undesignated fund balance to the Capital Cruiser Fund. Peeker Heffernan moved to award the contract for \$28,000 with the options outlined in Randy's memo to Heritage Ford and include the extended warranty for up to \$35,000. Joel Bouvier seconded. So voted. The Selectboard approved the draft Police District Annual Meeting Warning and set two public hearings for February 24, 2014 and March 3, 2014 at 6:00 pm. The Selectboard thanked Kevin and Randy for their time.

3. Peeker Heffernan moved to approve the American Legion's request to hold the "Scouting's Salute to Veterans Parade" on Saturday, November 1, 2014. Alan Huizenga seconded. So voted.

4. Brian Fox moved to approve the January 13, 2014 minutes as written. Joel Bouvier seconded. So voted with Alan Huizenga abstaining he was not present for the meeting.
5. Discussion of the proposed \$252,950 FY 2014-2015 Water District Budget. The Selectboard increased the revenue line by \$2,500 and added a \$2,500 expense line for highway paving reimbursement.
6. Discussion of the proposed \$35,300 FY 2014-2015 Sewer District Budget. The Selectboard increase the revenue line by \$2,500 and added a \$2,500 expense line for a transfer to the Capital Reserve Fund. Discussion of another possible rate increase in the spring.
7. Discussion of the proposed FY 2014-2015 General Fund Budget. At this point, there is a 2.91% increase over last year. Discussion of moving the \$95,000 paving expense line to an appropriation to the Capital Road Fund. Peeker Heffernan moved to reallocate the 95,000 paving line from the highway budget to the Capital Road Fund. Brian fox seconded. So voted. 3 yes 1 no (Joel Bouvier). The Selectboard agreed to leave the Capital Fire Fund appropriation at \$15,000, to transfer \$5,000 to Capital Fire Equipment Fund, \$5,000 to Capital Road Fund/Paving and \$20,000 to Capital Building from the undesignated fund balance.
8. At 8:00 pm Sharon Compagna called the Public Hearing for the proposed zoning amendment to create a new Bristol Pond Camp District to order. Alan Huizenga wanted to know if there was a map outlining the proposed area. Kris Perlee and Chico Martin, both members of the Planning Commission, showed a copy to the Selectboard. Chico explained current residents of the area had come to the Planning Commission to express their concerns about their properties meeting current zoning regulations. Alan wanted to know how the rest of the pond was affected. Kris said the properties not included in this special zoning district have enough land to conform to current zoning regulations. The Conservation Zone allows development within 100 feet of the shoreline, but this new area does not. It forces residents to create a vegetative zone. Everyone in the area was notified of this proposed amendment by mail and there was large participation of current residents at the public hearings the Zoning Board of Adjustment held. There is currently one year round residence and it is grandfathered under this proposed amendment. If they sell the home, it cannot continue to be a year round residence or have changes made to the current footprint of the home. The Selectboard thanked Kris and Chico for their time.
9. Discussion of the draft Town Meeting Warning.
10. The Selectboard signed an accounts payable warning of \$108,930.82 and they signed liquor licenses for Champlain Farms and Maplefields (R.L. Vallee).
11. Selectboard Roundtable: Alan Huizenga discussed the January 7, 2014 letter he received from Grover Engineering for the Bristol Co-Housing project, estimating the costs for the water portion of the project to be in the mid \$60,000's.

12. Town Administrator's Report: Sharon Compagna is updating the project list and he appreciates that. Bill met with John Moyers regarding the underground fuel tanks and he is open to the idea of the Town removing the tanks and John paying Lincoln Applied Geology to test the soil. There will be more discussions with John to solidify a plan. VTrans was in to discuss an old right of way the Town granted them during construction of the Twin Bridges (near Hubie Dumas' property) and they would like us to sign a maintenance agreement. VTrans will provide us with the history of the transaction and Bill will bring this issue back to a future meeting. The American Legion is looking for possible recipients of their Above and Beyond Award.

13. Alan Huizenga moved to go into executive session to discuss 5 personnel matters involving the appointment, employment or evaluation of public officers or employees involving the Town where premature general public knowledge of the subject matter would clearly place the Town at a substantial disadvantage. Brian Fox seconded. So voted. The Selectboard met in executive session from 8:25 pm to 9:25 pm, with Kevin Gibbs and Therese Kirby joining them for a portion of the session.

Brian Fox moved to adjust the hourly pay for all three Listers to \$15.00 per hour to be effective with payroll on 1/24/2014.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Therese Kirby
Clerk

Attachments:

Notice of Public Hearing
Planning Commission letter to Selectboard
Bristol Pond Camp District proposed bylaw