

Selectboard Member's present: Chair Joel Bouvier, Sharon Compagna, Michelle Perlee, and John "Peeker" Heffernan. Also present was Town Administrator Therese Kirby, Town Clerk Jen Stetson, filmed by Mary Arbuckle with NEAT TV, and Darla Senecal, Koran Cousino, Ron LaRose, Ken Weston, Dana Kamencik, Benjamin Deppman, George Vince, Louise Vince, Kelly Laliberte, Kristen Underwood, Peter Diminico, Scott Hamshaw, Matt Ham-Ellis, Ken Johnson and Chris McGrory-Klyza.

1. At 7:05 pm Chair Joel Bouvier called the meeting to order.
2. Darla Senecal and Koran Cousino joined the Board to discuss the Harvest Festival 5K and the Tot Trot sponsored by the Recreation Department, but organized by the Starksboro Cooperative Preschool. Darla said this activity happened last year and Starksboro Cooperative Preschool donated \$300 to the Recreation Department in return for their sponsorship. The preschool requested they be covered under the Town's insurance for this event. Sharon Compagna moved to allow the Harvest Festival 5K and Tot Trot on September 20, 2014. Peeker Heffernan seconded, so voted.
3. Ron LaRose joined the Board to update them on the Scouting Salute to Veteran's parade on November 1, 2014. They are planning to name one or two Grand Marshall's for the parade in hopes of using the Coach. Ron understands the use of the Coach is weather permissible. He will have a backup plan for the Grand Marshalls if they find they can't use the Coach. Peeker Heffernan moved to allow the use of the Coach for the Scouting Salute to Veteran's Parade weather permitting. Sharon Compagna seconded, so voted.

Ron was also here on behalf of the American Legion for permission to post a small sign under the breach of the cannon facing the Veteran's Memorial. The proposed size of the sign is 12 inches by 18 inches. Sharon would be in support of a smaller sign 8.5 inches by 11 inches because that is similar in size to what they have agreed to let the peace garden have. The Board discussed mounting the sign. Joel Bouvier suggested they make two separate plaques for the pedestal requested. One placed on the top of the pedestal and one on the pole of the pedestal. Sharon asked about the coloring. Ron explained the pedestal will be green and the sign will be a green background with black writing. Michelle Perlee moved to authorize the Legion to put up a pedestal with an 8.5 inch by 11 inch sign on the top of the pedestal and a 5 inch by 8 inch sign on the pole of the pedestal. Peeker Heffernan seconded, so moved.

4. Sharon Compagna moved to authorize Jen Stetson to sign a catering license for Two Brothers for a wedding event on September 20, 2014. Michelle Perlee seconded, so voted.
5. The Board discussed the Turn the Town Teal campaign proposed by Bristol resident Theresa Masterson-Derry. Therese Kirby explained it is to raise awareness for ovarian cancer. She would like to tie ribbons to lamp posts and put up posters throughout Town. She would be responsible for putting all of it up and taking it down. Sharon Compagna moved to authorize Joel Bouvier to sign the Turn the Town Teal Campaign. Michelle Perlee seconded, so voted.

6. George Vince, Benj Deppman and Ken Weston joined the Board. Benj Deppman discussed the boundary line discrepancy between the Estate of Catherine Bailey's property and the Town. He explained the new proposed boundary agreement with the understanding the Town would be able to turn the plow truck around in the driveway. Therese Kirby said Town Attorney Kevin Brennan reviewed the deeds and State Statute 24 Section 1061(C)(1) gives authority to Selectboard's to deal with Town Highway property issues. Peeker asked if all of the rights were the same as before. Therese Kirby explained this would prevent the Town from ever widening the road. George Vince said this shouldn't affect the Town's right of way to the reservoir. Joel is concerned with the future ability to turn around in the driveway if it is blocked by cars. Therese had asked Kevin Brennan about this, and he said this agreement would become part of the deed and the Town could take action to remedy the situation if needed. Sharon Compagna moved to authorize Town Agent Fred Baser to sign the Quit-Claim deed and accept a Quit-Claim from the Estate of Catherine Bailey. Peeker Heffernan seconded, so voted. The board thanked them for their time.

7. Kristen Underwood, Peter Diminico, Scott Hamshaw, Matt Ham-Ellis, Ken Johnson and Chris McGrory-Klyza joined the Board. The Conservation Commission is recommending the Board use Conservation Reserve Funds to help the Nature Conservancy purchase the Middle Forest property which is currently owned by Jason Bacon. The Board has previously used Conservation Reserve Funds to help with funding to maintain the conservation of the property. Scott Hamshaw said the Watershed Center had been fundraising. Sharon Compagna moved to authorize the expenditure of Conservation Reserve Funds up to \$5995.35 to help purchase the Middle Forest. Peeker Heffernan seconded, so voted. The Board discussed the recent resignation of Conservation Commission members Howie McCausland and Nate Bouvier. The Conservation Commission is planning to post their vacancies on Front Porch Forum.

8. Carol Wells joined the Board for a Prince Lane Project update. Currently the sidewalks are complete and the power change from the poles to the underground power will happen this week. Once the power is complete and underground, the old power poles will be removed. Once that is complete there will be landscaping, painting and signage to finish the project. The project is scheduled to be finished the second week in September. Joel asked if the Police Department could enforce the Stop sign coming out of the entrance next to Cubbers. Therese Kirby will ask Chief Kevin Gibbs if he can enforce that without an ordinance. The Board thanked Carol for her hard work and time spent on this project.

9. The Board discussed the Business Card Resolution. Therese Kirby explained this is to remove Bill Bryant as an authorized signer on the resolution and rename Therese Kirby as an authorized signer. Sharon Compagna moved to authorize the Town Clerk to sign the Business Card Resolution naming Therese Kirby as the authorized signer. Michelle Perlee seconded, so voted.

10. The Board discussed a ribbon cutting ceremony for the South Street bridge. Joel Bouvier would like to seed the south east side of the road when traveling south once the guardrails are installed. Joel asked if there is supposed to be a sidewalk on the west side of the bridge. Peeker and Sharon said there won't be a sidewalk because of the weight and the curvature of the road. Therese will speak with Dave Sharpe and tell him Monday, September 8, 2014 at 3 pm is when they would like to have the ribbon cutting.

11. The Board discussed the driveway access permit for Stanley Livingston on Hardscrabble Road. Therese Kirby explained that she and Road Forman Peter Bouvier had discussed this application. The original application asked for a different entrance, but both her and Peter agreed it wasn't a good access point. Peter said the access must be 36' from the center of the road, 40' wide, no culvert is needed, and Stan must follow all MUTCD standards. Joel Bouvier asked if he would need to return for another access permit if he wanted to develop land behind it using the same right of way. Therese said this access permit is specifically for commercial use and he would have to re-apply for a residential access permit. Peeker Heffernan moved to approve the driveway access permit providing the access will be 36' from the center of the road, 40' wide and follow all MUTCD standards. Sharon Compagna seconded, so voted.

12. The Selectboard approved an accounts payable warrant of \$30,751.43

13. Town Clerk Roundtable: Jen Stetson explained to the Board the Town will borrow a Tax Anticipation Note from ourselves with the interest accruing at the current one year Certificate of Deposit rate. Once tax money is collected we will pay off the note. She also reminded everyone tomorrow is the Primary Election from 9 am to 7 pm at Holley Hall.

14. Selectboard Roundtable: Peeker Heffernan has spoken with Justin and Jason Lathrop in regards to the agreement to stabilize the river bank once with the South Street bridge is complete. Therese Kirby had also spoken with Jodi Lathrop regarding this issue. Therese will send a letter to Jim and Claire about completing this work in the spring. Joel Bouvier asked if the Landfill burned on Saturday. Therese said no they put that off for three weeks due to weather. Michelle Perlee reminded everyone the Green Mountain Stage Race is this weekend.

15. Town Administrator Report: Therese Kirby said a resident of Meadow Lane would like to see a "Dead End" sign at the intersection of Meadow Lane and Devino Lane to prevent people from turning around. Therese has spoken with Road Foreman Peter Bouvier and he would be willing to do that. Peeker Heffernan moved to authorize the installation of this sign in compliance with MUTCD standards while also considering the safety for Mary Dearborn's driveway. Michelle Perlee seconded, so voted. Therese explained to the Board about technical difficulties with the water meter reading software. Due to this complication it has forced the Water Department to re-read all of the readers. Therese and Lance Perlee had discussed doing an estimated read, but from past experience this is not the best option. With this taking more time water users will notice their bill higher than usual, but a future read will be shorter making that bill smaller. Peeker asked if they would work with water users if needed due to higher water bills. Therese and Jen said yes. Therese said the playground will be having a community build weekend on September 6th and 7th. If you have questions or are interested in participating, see Darla Senecal in the Recreation Department. Sharon Compagna moved to authorize Joel Bouvier to sign the Town Fair designated voter form, appointing Michelle Perlee as the designated voter. Peeker Heffernan seconded, so voted. Therese has spoken with Dog Warden Cale Pelland who reminded her that the Dog Pound needs to be stained again. Therese discussed reducing the speed limit on South Street and Main Street. The Chief would like to reduce the speed limit to 25 throughout the entire village. Peeker said it would be cheaper to lessen the speed limit throughout the entire village versus getting new signage for just Main Street and South Street. Therese said Bolton Littlefield has submitted his resignation at the Hub effective as of September 4th or September 12, 2014. The department will advertise in the Addison Independent, with Therese Kirby, Darla Senecal and Ryan Krushenick interviewing candidates.

Sharon moved that premature general public knowledge of the Town's negotiation with the Bristol Recreation Club would clearly place this Selectboard at a substantial disadvantage, because the Selectboard risks disclosing its negotiation strategy if it discusses this in public. Peeker Heffernan seconded, so voted.

At 8:43 pm Sharon Compagna moved to go into executive session to discuss the Town's negotiation with Bristol Recreation Club under the provisions of Title 1 Section 313(a)(2) of Vermont Statute. Michelle Perlee seconded, so voted.

Peeker Heffernan moved to come out of executive session at 9:37 pm. Michelle Perlee seconded, so voted.

Sharon Compagna moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 pm. Peeker Heffernan seconded, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jen Stetson
Town Clerk