

Selectboard Members Present: John "Peeker" Heffernan, Sharon Compagna and Michelle Perlee. Also present: Town Administrator Therese Kirby, filmed for NEAT TV by Mary Arbuckle, reported for the Addison Independent by Zach Despart, Kevin Harper, Peter Bouvier, Darla Senecal, Brett LaRose and Amos Martin.

1. Peeker Heffernan called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm. Sharon Compagna moved to appoint Peeker Heffernan as temporary Chair. Michelle Perlee seconded. So voted.
2. Kevin Harper shared with the Board that he recently purchased the old Nelson Memorial property as well as another property owned by Carl Nelson. He said he was dealing with Peter Nelson, who was great to work with. Kevin said he and David Blittersdorph created Stoney Hill Properties LLC. Kevin, as managing partner, is interested in having a conversation with the Town about possible uses of the property, access to the Town property behind his, and a possible right-of-way agreement to allow Town water to go to Lover's Lane. He also believes the land he just purchased was third on the site selection committees list. That being said, he is interested in siting the fire house on the lot with the road frontage. He is more interested in the Town's land behind the land he just purchased. He is open to a land swap. He is also open to designing and building the fire house, with the Building Committee's assistance, and possible leasing it to the Town in a lease to own situation. He feels there are several options available to the Town that could potentially make it easier on the tax payers. He would like to meet with the Planning Commission, to understand how his land and the Town's land fits into the current Town Plan. In renovating Bristol Works, that has brought 100 full time equivalent jobs to Bristol. He would like to create another campus, as he already has requests for space. He would like to see a committee of Planning Commission and Selectboard members to possibly meet and think about the benefits to the Town. Therese Kirby will have Eric Forand reach out to him to schedule an appointment for him with the Planning Commission and to give Kevin the zoning information of the properties. The Selectboard thanked Kevin for his time and the offer.
3. Road Foreman Peter Bouvier was here to discuss his proposed 2015/2016 budget. Peter said he would like to see the Board increase the appropriation to paving before they increased the budget to sidewalks. He said there are 18 miles of black top in Bristol and with the current budget; he can only pave a half mile per year. He also discussed with the Board how the Town currently seeks approval for trucks. When the truck was approved at Town meeting, Peter ordered it immediately and still did not get it until September. He feels since the voters already vote to approve the appropriation to the capital fund, they do not need to vote to approve a specific vehicle. Peeker agreed. He said it is just the way Bristol has always done it. There was discussion of how to inform voters. Therese Kirby thanked Peter for all the support he has given her since she took over as Town Administrator. He is always patient and helps the office staff understand work being done to roads so they can be in a better position to answer the questions that come from residents. Darla Senecal also thanked Peter for all he does for the Recreation Department. The Selectboard thanked Peter for his time.
4. Recreation Director Darla Senecal was here to discuss her proposed 2015/2016 budget. Darla explained the Recreation Department has started working with Bristol Elementary School who has been a recipient of a "21st Century Grant". This grant allows BES to provide free afterschool classes, as well as free transportation home. These grants are awarded for a five year period. She spoke with a Selectboard member from Monkton who is trying to advocate for them to increase their appropriation to the Recreation Department. Marcy "Matlok" Mayforth also said how affordable classes at the pottery studio are as compared to Middlebury and other surrounding Towns. Overall, expenses are down. Peeker asked how rugby worked out last year at the HUB. Darla said they had 15 kids sign up and played 5 games, all of which they lost, but they had fun learning and playing. Darla said the Recreation Department is planning more events and will be hosting the LC Jazz band on January 31st. The new program is out and bigger than ever. People can sign up by coming in, calling 453-5885, or going to www.bristolrec.org. The Board thanked Darla for her time.
5. During budget work time, the following topics were discussed:
 - a. Decreasing the size and number of trash barrels on the Town Green. This currently represents a safety hazard for the Road Crew, as disposal of needles combined with the size/weight of the bags is a problem. People are also stuffing their household trash into the barrels. Therese will

let the Recreation Department know that anyone scheduling events on the park is to be made aware they need to “pack in –pack out” and dispose of their own trash.

- b. Therese would like to put the mowing out to bid this year and the Board agreed.
 - c. The Board wanted to know what the miscellaneous revenue was made up of in the water fund. Therese later looked and saw it was a reimbursement to the Town for damage done to their waterline near the reservoir.
 - d. The Board will ask Joel at the 1/19/15 meeting if the bomag has been scheduled to be scraped yet.
 - e. The Board wanted to know why the Police Town Contract was \$10,765 in 2013/2014. Therese said it was a deposited into that line in error; it should have been deposited to Town Response revenues.
 - f. Discussion of the 2013/2014 general fund undesignated fund balance and articles to include in the warning.
6. At 8:18 pm, Michelle Perlee moved to go into executive session to discuss negotiating or securing a real estate purchase or lease option pursuant to 1 V.S.A § 131 (a)(2), as Michelle, Peeker and Therese need to update the Board on their recent negotiation meeting with the Recreation Club. Sharon Compagna seconded. So voted. Executive session adjourned at 8:40 pm. The meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm. No motions were made.

Respectfully Submitted,
Therese Kirby
Town Administrator