

Selectboard Meeting

April 27, 2015

Selectboard Member's present: Chair Brian Fox, Sharon Compagna, John "Peeker" Heffernan and Michelle Perlee. Also present was Town Administrator Therese Kirby, Town Clerk Jen Myers, Jim Quaglino, Julie Clark, Jennifer Finch, Laura Stone, Carolyn Carlson, Patti Coburn, Liz Tracy, Police Chief Kevin Gibbs, Joe Gay, Gail Butz, Richard Butz, Sally Burrell, Greg Edwards, Amy Bell, Katie Flagg, John Moyers and Merle Knight.

1. At 7:00 pm Brian Fox called the meeting to order. He said Joe Gay from Casella will be added to the agenda at 7:30.
2. Jennifer Finch, Laura Stone and Carolyn Carlson from Vermont Agency of Transportation joined the Board to present the new bridge to be constructed over Baldwin Creek as well as discuss concerns. The bridge would have an entire deck replacement and they would do this using one lane traffic. Julie Clark mentioned a concern about being able to see oncoming traffic and her concern about the aesthetics of the bridge railing. This project is slated for construction for the summer of 2017 or 2018. Michelle Perlee asked about how they will gain the extra foot of width. Carolyn explained how they add more width. Michelle asked if they will need any right of ways. Jennifer explained they have a wide right of way. Jen Myers asked if they will pave additionally to the North or South of the bridge while this construction is taking place. Jennifer said they would be coordinating that. The Board thanked them for their time.
3. Patti Coburn, Greg Edwards and Amy Bell joined the Board to discuss the Agency of Transportation Highway Safety and Design regarding the Maintenance Agreement between the State of Vermont and the Town of Bristol for the intersection project. Therese Kirby expressed the concern of cost for maintenance and replacement costs of the lighting. Patti explained the life span of some of the parts. Therese said she met with Dick Hoskings today to discuss the difference between a Town Highway and State Highway. Amy said they receive monetary compensation per mile for owning State Highway. Giving this section of road back to State would mean they would lose this money. They also discussed the drop-inlets along this road and when they could replace those. Brian Fox mentioned that Peter Bouvier said it doesn't cost what they are paid yearly to maintain that road. Peeker is concerned that right now it doesn't cost that, but to replace the drop-inlets later will be expensive. Therese and Brian noted it was not the State's fault the Town had not set aside the money received for maintaining this section of road. Patti explained the agreement states they are allowing the State of Vermont to be here and they will not remove any of the construction once the project is complete. Peeker said they didn't ask for the lights. Sharon Compagna moved to sign the maintenance agreement between the State of Vermont and the Town of Bristol for the Intersection Project. Michelle Perlee seconded, so voted.
4. The Board invited Joe Gay of Casella Waste Management, John Casella Jr., Jeff Chase and Bob Steadman of Casella Construction to discuss the closure plan for the Landfill. Therese Kirby handed out a new estimated closure costs provided by LE Engineering. Joe explained the process of how Casella became involved. Casella considered different ways they could use their resources to help close the Landfill. Joe explained they found a way they could fill the Landfill and cap it at the same time. They would need minimum capacity for 23,000 tons of the 55,000 tons available to make this worthwhile. Casella would take the Landfill over and put 23,000 tons in there as quickly as possible and cap as they go. This could happen as long as legislation changes. Casella Waste would pay the town to take over the Landfill; the Town in turn would pay Casella Construction to close the Landfill. Therese explained there is slope stabilization that needs to take place. Peeker said the new closure estimate is \$742,000, this does not include the south slope stabilization. Casella Construction estimates \$804,000 as the closure costs, which would include the stabilization of the south slope. It would take approximately 6-8 months to fill the Landfill with 23,000 tons, which would also bridge the gap to be able to fund the closure. Joe explained the difference between the trucks that would be used to bring tonnage into the landfill. Sharon discussed the concerns of the public. Sally Burrell asked if Casella owned the Coventry facility.

Joe said yes and explained the process of how the Coventry lined landfill worked. Sally discussed her concerns about increasing the tonnage so quickly and the smell. Peeker explained doing it quickly is safer than it is to wait to do it over time as the cap would allow the trash to be protected. Merle Knight said it would still be covered every day. Casella presented their closure proposal. Therese asked if this proposal was moved forward with would the Town be responsible for covering the trash. John said no Casella's would cover the trash. Richard Butz asked if the Town trash would still be accepted. John said that is a Town decision. The Board agreed they would continue to allow trash until the Landfill was completely capped. After that they would potentially become a drop station for residents. Julie Clark asked about what would happen to the jobs of the employees. The Board hadn't figured that out at this point. Therese asked if the quote included Omya's material or a synthetic cap. John said this was using soil provided hopefully by Heffernan Brothers Aggregate. This would be good, as it would keep business local and it would be less truck traffic. Merle asked how they plan on managing the weight going into the landfill. Joe explained they would manage the weight based on the outbound ticket. Therese said Porter Knight is concerned with commercial waste versus residential waste. Joe explained the difference between commercial and residential versus special waste and said no special waste would go into Bristol's Landfill. Merle asked about the conversion. Joe said it would be about 17 pounds per cubic yard. Merle asked how the Landfill would look after it is capped. Joe explained it would be slightly graded for some drainage. Julie asked where the monitoring wells are now and where would they be. Merle explained where the 5 monitoring wells are now. Joe explained how the current ground water flows in the Landfill. Julie asked if the Town was responsible for any problems that were to arise after the capping of the Landfill. The Board said yes. John Moyers asked the price per ton versus what they are paying the town. Joe said \$17 per ton is their proposed payment to the Town, it is \$80 per ton in Coventry. John Casella, Jr. explained the different costs associated with what happens in Coventry. John Moyers asked if the Board would consider increasing the cost per ton with the idea they could purchase some kind of extra insurance. John Moyers asked if a zoning permit was needed. Therese said no but she would verify this with Zoning Administrator Eric Forand. Peeker said ANR said initially they would have to hold hearings for increased truck traffic. They would have to have an agreement with ANR to make this happen and they would have to allow a certain number of trucks per day. Richard asked about when traffic would potentially occur. Joe said they would discuss this with the Town but it wouldn't be 24/7. Julie asked what the minimum tonnage would be for them to still consider this deal. John said 23,000. Julie asked what will happen when Coventry is full. Peeker said ANR thought all of the trash would go out of state. Julie asked when they can bring the leaves to the Landfill. Therese said they will have this sorted out by July 1, 2015. Therese Kirby read a letter from Porter Knight. The Board thanked Joe, John Casella, Jr., Jeff and Bob for their time.

5. Public Forum: Julie thanked the Board for their work. Sally Burrell said if it doesn't work out with Casella for the Landfill, she thought the community could come up with a creative way to finance. John Moyers said he didn't want the Town to undersell the space in the Landfill.
6. Chief Kevin Gibbs and Liz Tracy joined the Board. Kevin explained her work history. He said she will take over more of the Administrative Responsibilities. Michelle Perlee asked if Lisa Dupoise would still be working. Kevin said she would still help and only be allowed to work 4 hours per work. Currently she has gotten busy with her own business; she might feel less pressure if someone else was her to complete the job. The Board thanked Liz for her time.
7. Michelle Perlee moved to approve the application of the better backroads grant for \$10,000 to repair Upper Notch slope stabilization. Sharon Compagna seconded, so voted.
8. The Board discussed the Solid Waste Advisory Committee's recommendation to join the Addison County Solid Waste District. Therese Kirby explained the process they had been through to get to this point. They recommend joining the Addison County Solid Waste District before the closure of the Landfill. Peeker Heffernan moved to join the Addison

County Solid Waste District as soon as possible. Sharon Compagna seconded, so voted. Peter Ryan and Merle Knight will help Therese apply to become part of the Addison County Solid Waste District. Therese discussed how difficult it would be to become a transfer station. The Solid Waste Advisory Committee recommended establishing a drop-off point in Bristol once the Landfill is closed.

9. Sharon Compagna moved to approve Bristol's Wastewater Annual Inspection Agreement with Green Mountain Engineering for \$800. Michelle Perlee seconded, so voted.

10. Therese explained the updated Local Emergency Operations Plan. Peeker moved to adopt the local emergency operation plan. Michelle Perlee seconded, so voted.

11. Therese Kirby explained the resolution for the VCDP Grant for Stoney Hill. This means the Town agrees we should be applying for the money. Michelle Perlee moved to accept the resolution for the VCDP Grant for Stoney Hill. Sharon Compagna seconded, so voted.

12. Therese Kirby explained the expansion of the Water District to include Stoney Hill and Lover's Lane. She will meet with Alan Huzienga to discuss a cost analysis on the impacts of the existing district. Peeker Heffernan said this is something that needs to be done to remove the well head protection area, but this financial cost is not the current water districts problem. Therese explained they would have to hold public hearings and notify properties that would be added. Peeker said when they have the information from Alan they should get their hearing meetings set. He said after meeting with the USDA they concluded Bristol is eligible for up to 75% of funding for Stoney and West Street due to the fact we are below the median income.

13. The Board signed an Accounts Payable Warrant for \$370,900.81.

14. Michelle Perlee moved to approve minutes from April 13, 2015. Peeker Heffernan seconded, so voted. (Compagna abstained)

15. Town Clerk Roundtable: Jen Myers said no word on when the next school vote will be. She did host a tax abatement meeting last week and the decisions have been mailed.

16. Selectboard Roundtable: Peeker said they met with Comcast, GMP and Jeff Weston to discuss the relocation of some telephone poles. The Board would like to request the cobble stone be red because the pattern is different than what is already there. Therese will talk to Jeff Weston. Therese spoke with Peter Bouvier and Jeff Weston and will spend up to \$1,940.18 to remove the old brick in front of Holley Hall and replace it with the colored stamped concrete being used on the rest of the project. Therese will call John Moyers with the date of the meeting where the design was discussed and he will review the meeting. Sharon thanked the Board for the work done while she was gone. Sharon noticed we got tree money again this year. Therese said yes from Ron Kowalski. Brian discussed with the Board the recent Fire Building Committee meeting. They approved the conceptual design of the Fire Station. After the approval the discussion of the Committee became what they wanted to be added on to the bond vote as far as furniture, appliances, etc. The Board agreed they didn't want any of that included in the bond vote, as purchasing these items for would be from budgeted or fundraised money. Therese will ask them to figure out the list of things they need or want. The Board agreed they would not put furniture in the bond vote. Therese asked if any of the donations made specifically for a new fire station could be used for this. Sharon is concerned with a fitness center in the new fire station and the liability that could occur, especially if people were working out alone.

17. Town Administrator's Report: Therese said the Board will meet May 11th and 18th to avoid Memorial Day; they will then meet again June 8th. Therese reminded everyone about the Memorial Day Parade. She discussed the opening on the Conservation Commission. Sharon Compagna moved to appoint Katie Reilly to the Conservation Commission for a 3-year term. Michelle Perlee seconded, so voted. Therese asked about the Energy Committee going to 9 members. The Board agreed they could if they found the extra members to serve. Randy Crowe had a grant increase from \$1200 to \$7800 for Click it or Ticket. Therese spoke to Jeremy from E911, about removing the Prince Lane private road sign from the Mountain Street entrance to the entrance by the National Bank of Middlebury. E911 stated as this is John Moyers private road it should not be marked. The Board agreed to adhere to E911's request. Police Chief Kevin Gibbs will be here on May 11th to discuss two policies he had written. Therese said the paving grant was approved for Burpee Road. The stormwater infrastructure mapping project was complete and she has given a copy to Alan Huizenga and will give a copy to the Fire Department and include in the EOP. Therese read a thank you from the Bristol Historical Society. Peeker Heffernan discussed the issue with the septic at the Library. A new issue arose with the septic and pump there. He called Clark's and asked them to put an alarm on it, and is unsure if this has been repaired or not. Therese will check with Nancy Wilson.

18. At 10:13 pm Michelle Perlee moved to go into executive session to discuss the appointment, evaluation or employment of a public officer or employee per V.S.A. Section 313 (a)(3). Sharon Compagna seconded, so voted. Kevin Gibbs joined them for a portion of this session.

Peeker Heffernan authorized the hire of Liz Tracy as Administrative Assistant for the Bristol Police Department at a rate of \$16.50 per hour for up to 14 hours per week, the start date per the Chief's discretion. Sharon Compagna seconded, so voted.

Peeker Heffernan moved to authorize the hire of Brian LeClair as the Program Manager at the Hub at a rate of \$11.75 per hour with an increase to \$12 per hour after a favorable 4 month review. Michelle Perlee seconded, so voted.

At 10:35 pm Peeker Heffernan moved to adjourn the meeting. Michelle Perlee seconded, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jen Myers
Town Clerk