

Selectboard Member's present: Chair Brian Fox, Joel Bouvier, Sharon Compagna, John "Peeker" Heffernan and Michelle Perlee. Also present was Town Administrator Therese Kirby, Town Clerk Jen Myers, Mary Arbuckle filming for NEAT TV, Lance Perlee, Tom Wallace, Porter Knight and Matt Sharpe.

1. At 7:23 pm Brian Fox called the meeting to order. Brian said there will be an additional item to executive session for tonight; a contract negotiation with Casella.
2. Tom Wallace joined the Board to discuss water repairs at the Creeme Stand. Lance Perlee had drawn a picture for the Board of the water line, the shut off and where the water main is located on West Street. Tom explained the history of winterizing the building and turning the water off and back on in the spring when they re-open. This year when the water was turned back on there was no water; it was suggested by the Town perhaps the water had frozen. He hired Craig Brown to try to thaw the line. He hooked on to the curb stop and tried to thaw it with no success. He then hooked on to a curb stop across the street to try to thaw the line, again unsuccessful. He then had Brown's dig the area around curb stop so they could replace the curb stop. In the process Brown's accidentally pulled the copper line thus creating the need to replace the curb stop. Lance provided a new curb stop and couplings to Brown's for the repair. The Board discussed how the valve worked. Peeker Heffernan said the Town is responsible for the digging to access and repair the curb stop. Peeker also said he spoke with Craig Brown, who admitted to breaking the curb stop. Anything beyond that point would be the property owner cost. The Board discussed with Tom the different costs associated with the thawing and repair. Peeker suggested splitting the thawing costs as we aren't sure if the line was frozen between the curb stop and the main along with paying for a portion of the digging to repair the curb stop. Tom said this delayed his opening about a week. Tom asked what the appeal process is. Therese said if he spoke with Craig Brown who gave him further information he could come back to the Board, if he didn't have further information this would be a final decision that would have to be appealed to small claims court. Peeker Heffernan moved to pay the full thawing (\$950), pay half of the excavator time (3.75 hours at \$110 per hour) and half of the time for a laborer (3.75 hours at \$50 per hour) totaling \$1500. Sharon Compagna seconded. Peeker Heffernan withdrew the motion to wait for an itemized bill from Brown's Welding. Sharon Compagna withdrew her second.
3. Brian Fox opened the Water, Sewer and Landfill Department budget hearings for the 2015/2016 fiscal year. The Board discussed the Water Department budget. Therese Kirby explained the different increase in costs which in turn would require a rate increase in the future. Matt Sharpe discussed some of the research he has done to help decrease electricity costs associated with pumps. At this point in time, he is still gathering information to make a recommendation to the Selectboard. Lance explained the history of the pumps. The pumps are required to be on all the time at full power with the valve partially open; or the pumps can be off. The pumps do have the ability to run a half the amount of power but pumping the same amount of water. Lance said to hook up these features would cost roughly \$10,000. Therese asked if Efficiency Vermont could help pay for this. Matt said they would need information, but potentially they could help. Joel asked if you could pump at full speed with the valve completely open and reduce the time. Lance said no, the contact tank would be run dry. Matt said once they can run the numbers to figure if this would be an efficiency savings, the Town would need to get a quote for the cost to install the variable speed controls on the pumps. Sharon Compagna asked about miscellaneous revenues. Therese said that is a hard number to determine. Joel asked about the bond payments. Therese said this is compromised of three bond payments. Joel moved to adopt the water district budget of \$250,300 for the 2015/2016 fiscal year. Sharon Compagna seconded, so voted.

The Board discussed the Sewer budget. Therese explained they are planning on working on the hatch this summer as recommended by Green Mountain Engineering. Joel asked about the user fees. Therese said they hopefully will meet

their budgeted amount. Joel asked if the restaurants pay more because of the grease traps. Therese said no, but will discuss this with Alan Huizenga and ask how other Towns do it. Joel Bouvier moved to adopt the Sewer District budget of \$37,700 for the 2015/2016 fiscal year. Peeker Heffernan seconded, so voted.

The Board discussed the Landfill budget. Therese said they did increase the sticker fee to \$14.00. All Bristol residents will be required to have stickers to use the dump. Michelle asked about the legal fees and engineering costs. Therese explained this was due to the boundary line adjustment with Mount Abe. The closure plan attributed to the higher costs of engineering. Michelle Perlee moved to adopt the Landfill budget of \$123,192 for the 2015/2016 fiscal year. Joel Bouvier seconded, so voted.

6. Public Forum: Matt Sharpe asked about the Fire Facility plan. Therese said they are meeting tomorrow night, May 19th, at the Federated Church at 7:00 pm. Matt asked if there would be value to discuss an efficiency alternative plan. Therese suggested reaching out to Bill Elwell in regards to when he could contribute to the conversation.

7. The Board discussed the appointment of Deputy Fire Wardens. Therese spoke with Vermont Parks and Forests. They don't encourage the Town to appoint deputies but key people. Therese said the Board doesn't need to appoint key people because Ed Shepard will.

8. Therese discussed the update on the Landfill. Therese met with John Casella, Jr. and the Board will be discussing a contract with Casella Construction in executive session. Porter Knight asked if they asked ANR for more than 1,000 tons but less than 23,000. Peeker said no because they used 23,000 tons as the number they needed to use Casella to help close the Landfill. Therese and John Casella met to discuss how to make this work staying within the 1,000 ton limit. Porter asked what the financial shortfall is. Peeker said roughly \$300,000. Therese explained the confidence both local legislatures had that the Secretary of Administration's offer of \$180,000 would stay in the State's Capital Fund budget. Peeker asked if there has been any update with Addison County Solid Waste. Therese said they did compose a letter to Addison County Solid Waste and she will follow up this week.

9. The Board approved an Accounts Payable Warrant for \$114,932.25. The Board gave the Treasurer permission to pay a bill to Stoney Hill, LLC for \$8,379.11.

10. Michelle Perlee moved to approve minutes from May 11, 2015. Joel Bouvier seconded, so voted (Compagna abstained as she was not present at that meeting).

11. Selectboard Roundtable: Michelle Perlee asked about the Recreation Department budget. Therese Kirby explained they are hoping to reach their budgeted revenues by trying different alleys to get more revenues. Michelle asked what trees we used the tree money for. Sharon said they used that money to take trees down. Michelle asked about the Youth Center water expenditures. Therese said it is related to the leak. Michelle asked about the Library Appropriation. Jen Myers said they get a monthly portion of their appropriation versus one lump sum. Peeker Heffernan asked about writing a speeding ticket and what portion of the finances the Town receives. Brian Fox explained the ticket breakdown from the State. Peeker is concerned with the Police Department doing a patrol outside the village when the Police District could be patrolled more to receive more of the fine money. Therese will speak to the Chief. Michelle asked when they use their discretion to write a ticket or give a warning. Brian said there are no guidelines to this. Sharon Compagna commented on the bridge report and receiving good reviews. She mentioned the list for Harvey Road bridge repair is getting longer. Therese will ask Peter Bouvier about his plan for this. Sharon said there will be no Farmer's Market this year. Sharon asked about the North Street Housing project. Therese said we haven't heard anything. Joel discussed the paving done at the Creeme Stand, he thinks the water will go to the road. Therese said she and Peter Bouvier discussed this and Peter had already spoke to Tom about this. Joel is concerned when contractors trying to

thaw a water line hook on to another building they could cause damage. Peeker said contractors have insurance. Joel would like to discuss as a Board what they will do for future thawing. Therese said there are portions of the water ordinance which could allow them to refuse to thaw water. Therese will draft a policy. Joel would like to further discuss the replacement of a curb stop and only paying a certain amount towards a bill. The Board discussed they don't repair items that aren't the Town's responsibility. Brian asked if Darla found funding for the new screen and projector for the movies on the park. Therese said she had not heard. Brian asked when the power would go to underground at the intersection, as he is concerned they are close to the end of the project. Therese said Cathy from WCVT had contacted her, but she will reach out to her again to ask when they will come complete that. Joel spoke with Mel Holley of Vergennes who confirmed they owned and maintained the lights on Route 7 in Vergennes.

12. Town Administrator's Report: Therese Kirby discussed holding a special meeting for the Selectboard on May 26, 2015. Peeker said if the Fire facility Committee got through the bid tomorrow night, he agreed to have a special meeting. The Board agreed to have a special meeting if the Committee got through the bid. Therese will speak with Bill Elwell to see if this is needed. Therese had gone through the dog pound with Cale Pelland and they made a list of repairs, she will be putting out an RFP this week. Sharon said Snap's is encroaching on the Town's sidewalk with their outside seating enclosed. Therese will contact them.

13. At 9:20 pm Michelle Perlee moved to find that premature public knowledge of the Town's contract negotiation with Casella Construction would clearly place this Selectboard at a substantial disadvantage because the Selectboard risks disclosing its negotiation strategy if it is discussed in public. Peeker Heffernan seconded, so voted.

Michelle Perlee moved to go into executive session to discuss negotiations of a land purchase per 1 V.S.A. Section 313(a)(2) and to discuss contract negotiations with Casella Construction per 1 V.S.A. Section 313(a)(1). Peeker Heffernan seconded so voted.

The Board met in executive session until 10:40 pm. They returned to open session where the following motions were made.

Peeker Heffernan moved to hire Casella Construction at a cost of \$720,000 to close the landfill starting in August 2015 and finishing in October 2015, providing Bristol can join Addison County Solid Waste District and have a drop off location. Therese explained the Town would be able to accept trash until October 1st, 2015 if we have not joined ACSWD before that. She also noted Casella Waste Management would start hauling in the Omya closure material as early as the beginning of June, to reduce the truck traffic on Liberty Street. Casella Waste Management will not be bringing any trash to the landfill. We will close with our current slopes. Michelle Perlee seconded, so voted.

Therese will be preparing an RFP for engineering services required to close the Landfill. The following is a breakdown of the financial aspect of closing.

589,127.18	Current balance of Closure Fund
46,545.00	Amount to be added July 1 from General and Landfill Funds
\$635,672.18	Subtotal
45,000.00	Minus estimate for engineering

\$590,672.18	Subtotal
180,000.00	Addition of Sec. of Administration's MOU
\$770,672.18	Subtotal
720,000.00	Minus payment to Casella Construction
\$50,672.18	Subtotal
50,400	8% Contingency on Construction and Engineering
\$272.18	Balance left for post closure or to put towards any deficit in Landfill Fund

Michelle Perlee moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 pm. Peeker Heffernan seconded, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jen Myers
Town Clerk