

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, Joanna Etko filming for NEAT TV, Jim Quaglino, Gaen Murphee with the Addison Independent.

1. At 7:00 pm Brian Fox called the meeting to order.
2. The Board discussed joining the Addison County Solid Waste Management District and the vote to be held on August 25, 2015. Therese Kirby said there were questions from residents about using the Addison County Solid Waste Management District. She will make an information sheet regarding the common questions residents had about the changes and the use of the ACSWMD which will be posted on Front Porch Forum and our website. She went over each question and answer with the Board. A brochure was sent to residents to explain and notify them of the vote to join ACSWMD will take place. Therese said she spoke with R & L Rubbish and they were satisfied with how Saturday went, the quantity of trash was less than expected, but are hopeful that will increase over time. Joel Bouvier went for two hours and he thought it went well and the overall opinion of the residents using the service was positive. Therese said the scale and the bull dozer are out for bid right now, with bids due on September 4, 2015, which will be discussed at the September 7, 2015 meeting.
3. The Board discussed the 2015/2016 tax rate. Therese explained the education tax rate had decreased and the overall tax rate was up by less than half a percent. Peeker stated the Homestead tax rate will be \$2.3471, the Non-Residential tax rate will be \$2.3101, the Police District Homestead tax rate is \$2.6489 and the Police District Non-Residential tax rate is \$2.6119. Sharon Compagna moved to approve the tax rate as a municipal rate of \$0.6682, the police district rate of \$0.3018, residential school \$1.6789 and non-residential school \$1.6419. Michelle Perlee seconded, so voted.
4. The Board discussed the Municipal Policies and Codes. Michelle asked if this is a requirement for the Community Buildings and Grounds grant. Therese said yes. Sharon Compagna moved to adopt the Municipal Policies and Codes. Michelle Perlee seconded, so voted.
5. The Board discussed the draft policy of frozen water lines. Peeker Heffernan is concerned with water lines that are galvanized or a ½" copper line as we will not be able to use the machine to determine where the problem may be. They decided to purchase a 100' electrical snake to deal with this issue. The Board discussed not abating any water bills when this policy was in effect. Michelle is concerned with making a suggestion to homeowners to run their water outside via a spigot so their septic would not freeze. It was determined a suggestion was a courtesy not a requirement. The Board agreed the Town would not privately contract with homeowners to thaw their lines after we purchase a thawing machine. Therese will update the policy and make changes for the policy to be reviewed again at the August 24, 2015 meeting.
6. Sharon Compagna moved approve the grant application to the 2015 Buildings and Grounds grant program for up to \$25,000 to build the road to the new fire station with a 50% match in funding required. Peeker Heffernan seconded, so voted.
7. The Board discussed the offer from the New Haven River's Angler's Association to paint markers on storm drains. Therese said they want to stencil in front of each storm water drain on the road. These markers are used to inform the public regarding where water from the storm drains go, to help keep pollutants and litter out of the storm drains. She spoke with Road Foreman Peter Bouvier and he is in

favor of this as it would help them when they were plowing. Sharon Compagna moved to authorize the New Haven River Angler's Association to stencil in front of the storm drains pending they provide a proof of insurance and the Town will not be responsible for maintaining this in the future. Michelle Perlee seconded, so voted.

8. The Board discussed the quotes for cameras. Therese said the quote provided is to purchase and install cameras on Holley Hall and the bandstand. She met with Oscar Gardner regarding placing a camera on the hall and on the bandstand. They are called PTZ cameras that rotate 360 degrees horizontally and 90 degrees vertically. For two cameras and installation the quoted cost is \$3500. Oscar suggested starting with one camera and adding a second camera later. Peeker asked if they could be installed on the mast arms. Therese said yes, but there is a tree in the way that would prevent them from seeing the bandstand. The Board discussed putting a camera on the Bandstand. Joel asked if they are wireless, and what the furthest distance the camera could be from the base. Therese said they could perhaps put a camera on one of the lights in the park instead. Joel asked how many cameras this could hold. Therese said this system would allow the Town to expand. Joel suggested doing a base bid with an add on for camera's so they could determine the cost of each item. Therese will speak with Oscar again and get a second quote. The Board discussed what they would like the cameras to show. They want to see the Park and Main Street. Therese reviewed the camera policy from before, and felt this didn't apply to this new system because they wouldn't have the ability to focus one camera on one individual; the system pans.

9. The Board approved accounts payable warrants in the amount of \$256,700.89 and \$5,583.59.

10. Sharon moved to accept minutes of July 20, 2015 & July 27, 2015. Michelle Perlee seconded, so voted.

11. Town Clerk Roundtable: Jen asked if the Board would waive the penalty for the late declaration of homesteads for residents. This is an additional 5% and 3% that could be imposed on the tax payer, but the Town has always waived this in the past. Peeker Heffernan moved to waive the late filing penalty for homestead declarations. Michelle Perlee seconded, so voted.

12. Selectboard Roundtable: Michelle asked about the alley way. Therese had no information but will email Kevin Brennan. Michelle asked about the Police Department Ordinance with Skateboards and Bikes. Therese said Kevin is contacting everyone to set up a meeting time. Michelle asked about the fire hydrant map to give to Carolyn Knight who is trying to organize Adopt a Hydrant. Therese will ask Lance to give a copy to her. Michelle asked about the new traffic lights. Therese explained the white box is sonar which is supposed to detect the current traffic pattern and change the light only when traffic is coming from an alternate direction. Currently this feature isn't working and the electrician for the project is supposed to come back to address the positioning of sonar. They are also supposed to reprogram the pedestrian walking signal so it doesn't stop traffic every cycle, only when a pedestrians pushes the button. Michelle asked if they can have an advanced green for cars traveling east once the Town owns the light. Therese wasn't sure if they were capable of doing this, but she would ask. Peeker said he and Therese have a meeting with GMP and Waitsfield Telecom tomorrow and was wondering if they could take the wires and poles down through the intersection. Therese said they will discuss that tomorrow. Peeker asked the Board their preference to get power to the new location of the fire station. Peeker said it would be two poles if they went aerial. The Board discussed whether the pole should be removed or not. Peeker explained the 39.5% excise tax GMP has to pay for when they add poles to get the power to the location. They put that tax on the customer, based on the cost to install those poles.

The Board wants to see the costs for the options and will revisit this issue at their August 24, 2015 meeting. Brian recognized Boy Scout Troop 543 in Bristol members Daniel Emmell and Peter Dickerson who obtained the rank of Eagle Scout. Brian asked about the Cross Country trail at the high school. Therese said they do need to re-route the course for this year, but she has already spoken with Athletic Directors Jeff and Mary Stetson.

13. Town Administrator Report: Therese discussed the visit to Memorial Park. She is hoping to work with the Legion to redo the sign. Therese mentioned some of the issues that need to be taken care of. The Board agreed to get the work completed. Therese discussed locating the shutoff on Adirondack view. She would like to dig the line and install a shut off to have for the future. The Board agreed to have a shut off installed. Therese asked about weeding the bricks on Main Street. The Board said to get an estimate. Therese said the Recreation Department was asked to rent the Hub by Mary Johnson for their last week of camp. Therese said the lights on the park need to be adjusted by the electrician, which should also be completed next week. Therese discussed Bristol Youth Sports willingness to take over flag football, middle school football and youth lacrosse. Therese said giving these programs to BYS would leave about a \$300 deficit in the football program. Peeker Heffernan moved to approve turning over flag football, middle school football and youth lacrosse to Bristol Youth Sports. Michelle Perlee seconded, so voted. Therese discussed the future of 32 North Street (the old Fire Station). The Zoning Administrator said the site could be used residentially, but further options after that are minimal. Therese said they will put this for sale around Town Meeting time.

8:42 Michelle moved to go into executive session to discuss the appointment, employment or evaluation of three public officers or employee per 1 V.S.A. Section 313(a)(3). Joel Bouvier seconded, so voted. Jen Myers joined them for a portion of the time.

At 9:17 pm executive session ended. Joel Bouvier moved to hire Wendy Truax as Assistant Town Clerk at a rate of \$14 per hour. Sharon Compagna seconded so voted.

Peeker Heffernan moved to hire Eric Forand at a rate of \$24 per hour to be paid from Flood relief fund, to work on Emergency Planning for up to 13 hours per week. Michelle Perlee seconded, so voted.

The meeting ended at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jen Myers  
Town Clerk