Selectboard Meeting January 21, 2013

Selectboard Members Present: John "Peeker" Heffernan, Carol Wells, Joel Bouvier & Sharon Compagna. Others Present: Xian Chiang-Waren reported for the Addison Independent, Jim Quaglino, Megan LaRose, Allyson Hoff, Eva Ginalski, Jillian Costello, Emma LaRose, Linda Havey, James Stapleton, Jill Mackler and Caroline Engvall.

- 1. At 7:00pm Peeker Heffernan called the meeting to order. Girl Scout Troop #30237 was here to observe the Selectboard Meeting and to discuss an idea for creating a dog park in Bristol to earn their Silver Award. The Silver Award is a project completed in the community that would continue for years. They have walked Sycamore Park and the Basin Street leach field area; both properties owned by the Town. Megan LaRose said they plan on visiting other dog parks. Peeker suggested they come back and meet with Bill Bryant once they have seen a few parks and have some ideas. Megan wondered if the Town would be on board with helping remove trash from the area. Therese Kirby asked the girls to think about if they would require a proof of rabies and/or proof of licensing. The Selectboard suggested they take a survey of Bristol residents to see if there would be any interest in a dog park, and Therese said they were welcome to leave a survey out at Town Meeting and on the following Election Day. The Selectboard thanked the Girls Scouts and their Troop Leader for coming and for the cookies they gave them.
- 2. Peeker Heffernan, acting as Fire Chief, presented the Bristol Fire Departments proposed FY 2013-2014. Joel Bouvier acted as temporary Chair. The bond payment for engine one has been removed from this budget as it was paid off in December 2012. Peeker is proposing increasing the current labor rate for firefighters from \$8.50 to \$9.00 for hours spent at fire calls. His overall proposed budget is down \$6,000. Joel wondered if they should create a new fund and start saving to pay for fire trucks the way we save for equipment. The Selectboard liked the idea, but due to the proposed fire station bond they would like to wait a few more years. The 1997 engine one is in need of body work and he would like up to \$7,500 out of the Fire Capital Equipment fund to refurbish the truck. Joel and Peeker feel mechanically the truck is in good working order. VLCT has condemned the air reserve tank they use to run the noon whistle and refills air brakes. The price he has for replacing the tank is approximately \$2,500 and he would like that money to come out of the Capital Building Fund. Sharon Compagna moved to authorize the repair of the 1997 engine one for up to \$7,500 to be spent out of the Fire Capital Equipment fund. Carol Wells seconded. So voted with Peeker abstaining.
- 3. Fred Schroeder had been scheduled to meet with the Selectboard tonight, but did not attend the meeting. Bill Bryant reported Fred's concern about speeding on Notch Road. Peeker Heffernan suggested Bill Bryant speak with Chief Kevin Gibbs about patrolling the Notch Road and placing speed carts on that road as part of their Town contract.
- 4. FY 2013-2014 General Fund Budget work session.
- 5. Discussion of warning for March 2013 Town Meeting. Joel Bouvier moved to sign the Resolution of Necessity and the Resolution for Reimbursement for the Bristol Fire Department pending the March 5, 2013 bond vote. Sharon Compagna seconded. So voted.

- 6. Lawrence Memorial Library Trustees Linda Havey, Jill Mackler, Caroline Engvall and James Stapleton were here to discuss their proposed FY 2013-2014 budget request of \$122,128.
- 7. Sharon Compagna moved to approve the minutes of January 14, 2013 as printed. Carol Wells seconded. So voted.
- 8. The Selectboard signed an accounts payable warrant of \$58,239.52 and approved liquor licenses for Gris Gris LLC and Mountain Greens Market.
- 9. Town Administrators Report: August/September 2013 is the when VTrans told Bill Bryant the stoplight bridge construction will start with a completion date of November 2015. The Selectboard needs to approve the plans for the stoplight bridge before February 19, 2013. Peeker Heffernan, Bill Bryant, Jim & Claire Lathrop, GMP, ANR and VTrans met regarding the construction of the South Street Bridge. Carol Wells moved to approve the following grant applications; The National Gardening Association's Muhammad Ali Center Peace Garden Grant for \$500, Kitchen Gardner's International Sow It Forward Food Gardens Grant for \$600 and the United Way of Addison County for \$10,000 to be used for additional labor. Sharon Compagna seconded. So voted.
- 10. Sharon Compagna moved to go into executive session to discuss 1 personnel matter involving the appointment, employment or evaluation of public officers or employees involving the Town where premature general public knowledge of the subject matter would clearly place the Town at a substantial disadvantage. Joel Bouvier seconded. So voted. The Selectboard met in executive session from 10:00 pm to 10:10 pm. The meeting adjourned at 10:11 pm and no motions were made.

Respectfully Submitted, Therese Kirby Clerk