Selectboard Meeting June 3, 2013

Selectboard Attendance: Chair Sharon Compagna, Brian Fox, John "Peeker" Heffernan, Alan Huizenga and Joel Bouvier. Also attended by: Town Administrator Bill Bryant, Town Clerk Therese Kirby, filmed for NEAT TV by Mary Arbuckle, Gerald Heffernan, Reg Dearborn, Jim Quaglino, Kris Perlee, Anne Friedrichs, Dwight & Debbie Irish, Kaitlyn Gomez, Jason Hartman, Torin Kearns, Cassie Fancher, Haley Krampetz, Tony Sawyer, Jared Danyow, Kate McGowen, Peter Meyer, Mike Bromley, Darla Senecal, Sylvia Coffin, Gerry Slager, Matthew Ham Ellis, Michelle Perlee, Mary Orvis-Baker, Liz Hermann, John Elder, Bob Donnis, Sanderson and Erin Wheeler and Shawn Oxford.

- 1. Sharon Compagna asked the Mount Abraham Union High School Sociology Class to start their presentation, since they were not requiring any action from the Selectboard she did not require a quorum to start. The students were here tonight to present an idea they have worked on regarding outdoor day destination areas as an action to offset teen drug use.
  - Outdoor gear store Kaitlyn Gomez & Jason Hartman outlined what an outdoor gear store could provide for the Town of Bristol.
  - River access Torin Kearns & Cassie Fancher outlined how promoting access to the river and adjacent trails could bring the community together around healthy, environmentally friendly activities.
  - Interactive history trail Haley Krampetz & Tony Sawyer outlined their recommendations for creating a history trail around the ruins of the old coffin factory.
  - River Recreation Jared Danyow outlined his recommendations for creating riverside recreation areas and holding fishing tournaments, family swim days to create a positive community use.
- 2. Sharon Compagna called the Selectboard meeting to order at 7:30 pm. The Selectboard interviewed the following candidates for the Fire Facility Site Selection Committee: Peter Meyer, Michelle Perlee, Slim Pickens, Matthew Ham-Ellis, Gerry Slager, Michael Bromley, Mary Orvis-Baker, Liz Hermann, Shawn Oxford and Therese Kirby. The Selectboard asked each candidate why they wanted to be on the committee, how they feel they work with others and if they could be objective of all sites. Bill Bryant said Willow Wheelock, John Moyers and Diane Cushman were unable to attend this meeting tonight, but did submit applications. Brian Fox would like to decide how many people to put on the committee; either seven or nine. Joel Bouvier feels they could use nine. Alan Huizenga will remain the Selectboard member on the committee and agrees with nine members. Alan would like to come back to this issue at the June 17, 2013 meeting after reviewing the applications again, now that they have interviewed the candidates and decide who to appoint at that meeting. The other Selectboard members agreed. Brian wanted to know if they should decide the make-up of the committee tonight. Sharon Compagna would like to see four fire fighters, four residents and one Selectboard member. Bill Bryant feels the committee would be charged with evaluating each listed site and writing a report on why each site would or would not be adequate in order to narrow down the list. Peeker Heffernan feels regarding the design, the community input will be on the outside of the building, not on the functionality of the inside. The Selectboard agreed to appoint a nine member committee with 4 firefighter, 4 residents and one Selectboard member.
- 3. John Elder was here on behalf of the Planning Commission regarding a proposal for a community development municipal planning grant for the Stoney Hill area business park. The grant would require a \$10,000

match from the Town. John gave a history of the proposed project and noted the deadline for the grant application is August. John will report back to the Selectboard in six weeks. The Selectboard thanked John for his time.

- 4. Sanderson and Erin Wheeler were here from the Bobcat Café regarding their request for sidewalk seating and an outdoor consumption permit. They are requesting three tables for two and will be roping the area off per DLC requirements. Bill Bryant said the sidewalk is made up of a 4' and 5' tile of concrete before the brick and curb. Erin explained patrons cannot transport alcohol from the bar to the tables, as a wait staffer would do that. Erin's plan is to have the hostess monitor the area. Alan Huizenga wanted to know when they would use it. She said it would be on a case by case basis. Sharon Compagna is concerned about the existing outside seating as it affects handicap accessibility when chairs are not pushed in and round tables are used. Brian Fox moved to approve the outdoor consumption permit for one year. Peeker Heffernan seconded. Discussion. So voted.
- 5. Bob Donnis was here on behalf of the Energy Committee regarding the village-wide LED streetlight conversion project. Joel Bouvier would like to see increased wattage at the North Street/Fitch Avenue crosswalk. Alan Huizenga moved to approve the recommendations made by the Energy Committee on May 30, 2013. Brian Fox seconded. So voted. The Selectboard appreciates the job done and gave Bob approval to finish the project. The Selectboard thanked Bob for his time.
- 6. Dwight and Deb Irish were here regarding their driveway access application for a Lower Notch Road 4.5 acre building lot. The site distance is 30' short of the standard, but as long as they cut brush and agree to the other caveats on the permit, Road Foreman Peter Bouvier agrees the Selectboard could issue the permit. Joel Bouvier wanted to know if hidden drive signs should be posted. Peeker Heffernan moved to approve the permit based on the Road Foreman's conditions. Alan Huizenga seconded. So voted.
- 7. Joel Bouvier moved to approve the July 3, 2013 fireworks display. Brian Fox seconded. So voted.
- 8. The Selectboard discussed the request of Marie Noyes and Olive Babcock to have another street light placed on Basin Street. The lights currently on Basin Street are spaced as far apart, on average, of other street lights in Town. They are concerned about illegal activity in their area. Bill Bryant encouraged them to contact the Bristol Police Department and they have the right to put up whatever outdoor lighting they would like on their property. Brendan Gallivan, another Basin Street resident, does not feel it is necessary, based upon the Energy Committee's study and conditions on similar streets. Joel Bouvier suggested some tree trimming around existing street lights on Basin Street could help with the illumination and new LED bulbs will be installed. Joel Bouvier moved to deny the request due to no power pole in the vicinity, but authorized the Road Foreman to trim the trees. Brian Fox seconded. So voted.
- 9. The Selectboard reviewed the list of Town projects that Bill Bryant had drafted per Peeker Heffernan's request. Therese Kirby suggested they share the list with Department Heads to see if they have things they would like to add, that they would like Selectboard guidance on. Brian Fox would like a status column next to each item and the responsible party.

- 10. Bill Bryant updated the Selectboard on the water system leak detection project. Rural Water has been here to help Lance Perlee identify leaks. He did locate the following leaks: near the hydrant on Elm Street, South Street and the line running from the reservoir to Rocky Dale Road. Simon Operational Services is bringing in three staff members late at night to shut down parts of the system for a few minutes to see if they can locate leaks in a specific area. In the meantime, Lance will be cleaning out and testing all valves to be sure they are all operational. He needs assistance with checking lines and flushing hydrants. Bill would like to hire Will Elwell as Lance's assistant at a rate of \$10.00 per hour to be paid from the Water Department. Alan Huizenga is still waiting to see the report from Mark Simon regarding the service lines they were listening to. Peeker Heffernan wanted to know if they could follow the old waterline from Plank Road to Pine Street to be sure if it is capped. Alan wanted to know if they listened to all of the curb stops on Pine Street. Alan Huizenga moved to approve the hire of Will Elwell for up to 100 hours over the summer on a temporary part-time basis. Joel Bouvier seconded. So voted.
- 11. Alan Huizenga moved to approve the minutes of May 20, 2013. Joel Bouvier seconded. So voted. The Selectboard approved an accounts payable warrant of \$54,760.20. Therese Kirby informed the Selectboard the auditors would be here on June 24, 2013 for their annual pre year end closing visit.
- 12. Selectboard Concerns: Joel Bouvier said there is a leak on the southeast corner of the Fire Station roof, a pedestrian would like the Selectboard to work with Tom Wallace to extend the current crosswalk through one parking space, repairs to the Coach House will be starting on June 10 and Billy Roleau, who has pulled the coach for many years, is suggesting the Selectboard pay to have the wheels on the coach replaced for \$750 to \$1,000. The Selectboard authorized Billy Roleau to get a quote. Sharon Compagna wanted to know if Kris Perlee was going to get the fountain working this summer. Kris said yes, it would be working before the Fourth of July. Joel Bouvier said he had a pump to loan. Alan Huizenga wanted to know when GMP is going to transfer the lines on East Street. Bill Bryant will look into that.
- 13. Town Administrator's Report: Alan Huizenga moved to hire KAS to complete a new closure estimate for the landfill. Brian Fox seconded. So voted. Bill Bryant reported on the following topics: the tower installation on Coffin's Hill, Linda Booska's dog complaint, concerns regarding utility poles on Munsill Avenue, Recreation Club/Hub septic issue, letter from Ron LaRose re: tree and sidewalk issue and Jim Booska has a red oak in the Town's right-of-way that needs to be cut.
- 14. Alan Huizenga moved to go into executive session to discuss 2 legal matters (Lathrop/Folino zoning appeal and negotiations with Bristol Works regarding the police facility) and 1real estate negotiation (Joe Piasecki tax appeal) involving the Town where premature general public knowledge of the subject matter would clearly place the Town as a substantial disadvantage. Brian Fox seconded. So voted. The Selectboard met in executive session from 10:06 pm to 11:05 pm. No motions were made and the meeting adjourned at 11:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Therese Kirby