Selectboard Meeting June 8, 2015

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, Joseph Brown reporter with the Addison Independent, Jim Quaglino, Amos Martin, Bill Elwell, Fire Chief Brett LaRose, Tom Wallace, Terry Farr, Matt Sharpe and Liz Herrmann.

- 1. At 7:01 pm Brian Fox called the meeting to order.
- 2. Tom Wallace joined the Board to discuss the water issue he had at the Creeme Stand in April. Therese Kirby said Tom Wallace discussed his bill with Craig Brown, after their discussion Craig adjusted the bill. Tom is also concerned with the placement of equipment in the winter that damaged the pavement while the Town repaired a culvert. Therese and Road Foreman Peter Bouvier discussed this and they estimated that replacing the pavement in that area was about 2 tons. Tom feels the whole expense was not his problem; he is looking for \$2,000. Joel Bouvier said there were many water users that had frozen water lines this winter and they had to pay to be thawed. Peeker explained Craig Brown said the pipe ran from the curb stop to the Creeme Stand and he hooked the line and pulled it out of the curb stop while digging. Therese clarified there was no mistake in the billing. Tom said no. Michelle Perlee moved to pay \$1650 towards the Creeme Stand repair. Sharon Compagna seconded, four in favor(Heffernan, Fox, Compagna, Perlee), one opposed(Bouvier). Sharon Compagna moved to authorize Treasurer Jen Myers to send a check for \$1650 to Brown's Welding. Michelle Perlee seconded, so voted.
- 3. Bill Elwell and Liz Herrmann co-chairs of the Fire Facility Committee joined the Board to discuss the findings of the Committee. They submitted a final report to the Board that will be available on the Town website. Bill Elwell explained the process the Fire Facility Committee had gone through to make decisions about designing proposed Fire Station. Bill expressed his appreciation of the entire committee and felt because of the experience between the fire fighters and community members it allowed the committee to work efficiently. Therese Kirby thanked the committee for the work they completed in such a short period of time. Liz said using the Pacheco Ross Study from 2008; the price is comparable to today's numbers. Peeker Heffernan said the value of the land is more than just the site of the fire station. It allows access to the Town's adjacent 30 acre property on Stoney Hill. Peeker said the land swap was going to be too difficult to undertake and this will allow for one vote dedicated to this project. Therese also explained the different grants associated with the Town property that also prohibited the land swap. Bill explained the work done to create a building for the future, while also using the help of Efficiency Vermont. Michelle Perlee asked about the difference from the initial cost. Therese explained the \$2.8 million includes the soft costs. Bill explained the discussion to remove the windows above the bay doors. Liz said there are some other nice options such as translucent insulated panels. Bill said they took out the epoxy floor. Michelle asked the pros and cons of not having the floors epoxied. Therese said Tom Barden explained chipping the floor would be very easy which would also allow water in it. Joel Bouvier is concerned with using a sealing and that being slippery. Terry Farr said it is a higher expense to have the floor epoxied, but it would be a non-skid surface and would prevent dust. Joel asked if there was an alternative to a sheet rocking the ceiling. Bill said yes, a committee member suggested using exposed steel beams instead of the sheetrock, which the architect couldn't give a finalized quote, but it would be a significant increase. Liz said more of this information will become available as the architects start working on the construction drawings. Michelle asked about the door

between the antique bay and the bay for the apparatus. Bill said it would be similar to a sliding barn door on a track. Joel asked what elements of this project aren't part of the bond vote. Bill said the paving of the road and the building of the road and the sidewalk. Therese said Peeker and Peter Bouvier had estimated it would cost \$45-50,000 to build the road, \$25-30,000 to pave the road and the fire fighter access road, \$15-30,000 for flashing beacons on Stoney Hill and West Street, \$15,000 to pay Tom Barden to be clerk of the works and \$25,000 for the sidewalks that will lead to the business park. Joel is concerned with tax payers not only paying for the bond, but also paying for the contributions to the capital accounts. Peeker said they could borrow from the RLF with the sale of the 2 acre lot paying this back. Therese look into creating a Line of Credit after the bond vote passes. Joel asked why we don't increase the cost for Tom Barden to minimize the use of Kevin Harper. Therese explained Kevin's developer fee was always going to part of the cost. Michelle said Kevin Harper needs to own the land to obtain the USDA grant for the water line. Joel asked if the bond passed when the payment would begin. Therese said it would be one payment in March or April after Stoney Hill Development receives a Certificate of Occupancy from the State. Joel asked about the sales tax on materials considering this will be a municipal project. Therese said she will discuss that with Naylor and Breen. Bill explained Kevin is fronting this money, knowing that if something comes in over budget he would have to pay for that. Joel asked how many hours per week Tom would work. Therese said his hours consisted of overseeing the project and verifying the different materials being used.

Bill explained the discussion the committee had on May 12th regarding the options for 32 North Street. The committee re-discussed these options on May 26th, at this time the committee decided it was best to sell the building with no caveats. Bill explained there was no public survey done and this was solely based on a discussion by the committee. The Board thanked the committee for the time and effort put in to making this project come together so quickly.

- 4. The Board discussed increasing the bond to not to exceed \$3.25 million. Brian is concerned with making the bond a bigger number. Therese explained you could borrow the money cheaper from the revolving loan fund than through the bond bank. Peeker Heffernan moved to adopt the resolution. Bill Elwell said the first informational will be Wednesday June 10, 2015, Wednesday, June 17, 2015, Saturday June 20, 2015 open house at the Fire Station from 8 am until noon with coffee and donuts and June 24, 2015 at 7:15 at Holley Hall. Peeker Heffernan moved to authorize a Special Town Meeting Tuesday July 7, 2015. Michelle Perlee seconded, so voted.
- 5. Public Forum: Peeker Heffernan asked Matt Sharpe if he got any information on the water pumps. Matt said they are still working on it. He is waiting for measurements to come back so they can determine if the variable frequency drive is the best option, or to consider a pump that is the right size. Matt said when GMP bought CVPS, they are required to offer energy savings. GMP could offer a 0% interest loan to a municipality. Matt and Efficiency Vermont worked together with the design team and the committee about creating efficiency in the proposed Fire Station. Joel discussed the difference between using certain fixtures in the building. Matt said those things will be identified and they could put incentive towards that. The Board thanked Matt for his time.
- 6. The Board discussed the RFP engineering services for the Landfill. Joel Bouvier asked about the list of engineers. Therese said she created this list with the help of Casella's and Buzz Surwillo of ANR. The Board will be able to award the contract on the meeting at the 22nd. Therese discussed the letter of understanding between the Town and Casella Construction who is already starting to close the Landfill

for \$720,000. They will use Liberty Street to truck in the Omya material. They will load their trucks the night before and leave Brandon by 6 am. Therese discussed the agreement between The Agency of Administration and the Town of Bristol Landfill, this stated we cannot take in additional tonnage and they may provide up to \$180,000. Sharon moved to authorize Therese to sign the agreement between the Agency of Administration and the Town of Bristol. Peeker Heffernan seconded, so voted.

Therese discussed joining Addison County Solid Waste District. The voters will have to agree to join via a vote. This may require another special election. She will know more after the June 18th meeting. Therese is working on an RFP for a location near the Town Garage area for a drop off location. The Board thanked Omya for giving the cover material for free.

- 7. Peeker Heffernan moved to authorize Brian Fox to sign letter agreeing to allow the Lister's to use the Marshall & Swift Cost tables for \$238.81 for the year. Sharon Compagna seconded, so voted.
- 8. The Board discussed the two proposed driveways for Mary Ladue on North Street. Peeker would like to verify the culvert size. Sharon Compagna moved to approve the amended curb cut application by Mary Ladue on North Street with the conditions set by the Road Foreman. Peeker Heffernan seconded, so voted.
- 9. Therese discussed the bid submitted for repairs to the dog pound. The bidder provided an estimate for roof replacement, as it was his recommendation to re-do that. The quote is for \$3,349 with an additional \$1,000 for the roof replacement. Joel Bouvier moved to hire TP Construction for up to \$4349 for dog pound repairs. Sharon Compagna seconded, so voted.
- 10. Joel Bouvier moved to authorize the Bristol Rescue Squad to hold their annual coin drop on July 4, 2015. Peeker Heffernan seconded, so voted.
- 11. The Board signed an accounts payable warrant in the amount of \$86,000
- 12. Sharon Compagna moved to approve the minutes from June 8, 2015 as amended. Michelle Perlee seconded, so voted.
- 13. Town Clerk Roundtable: Jen Myers reminded everyone the Mount Abraham budget vote is tomorrow, Tuesday, June 9, 2015 and the Bristol Elementary School budget vote is Tuesday, June 16, 2015.
- 14. Selectboard Roundtable: Michelle Perlee asked if Pete Bouvier is still trying to get Job Corps to get trees finished. Therese said Job Corps never panned out and she believes they are done cutting. Joel asked if Don Weston is done using the equipment. Peeker said they used them on the park this past week. Joel asked about the crack in the new sidewalk. Therese said Emily did notice it, she said even if it is re-poured it would happen again. Therese is going to speak with her to discuss what they are going to do to fix it and why it will crack again and the best solution to this problem. Sharon asked about the pot holes in front of the Post Office. Therese said this is the Post Office's problem due to the policy the Board passed last fall regarding driveway repairs. Sharon asked about putting a solar farm on the Landfill in the distant future. Therese said it is something to discuss when the Landfill is closed and final grades are determined.

15. Town Administrator's Report: Therese had the mop sink re-installed. The valves will be installed to flush the system 5 days per week. The Hub received the Lynn Von Trapp award which was come with \$1000. She received from the State the Town's uncommitted sewer capacity letter, stating we have 880 gallons per day. After VLCT PACIF visited to review and discuss safety and hazards on Town property they recommend a sign that says "Please keep off," for the cannon. Therese will check with zoning admin to make sure they don't need a permit. The Board agreed to order the sign. Therese asked about selling window stickers. The Board agreed to refund window stickers and coupons. Therese discussed hiring Tom Barden. The Board agreed to wait until the bond passed. She said the alley way is still under research by the owner's title insurance company. Joel Bouvier moved to sign the engagement letter with Sullivan & Powers for \$18,400. Sharon Compagna seconded, so voted. Joel asked about the staffing at the Police Department. Therese said currently they have the Chief, Sergeant Crowe, Officer Marcelle, Officer Worley and Officer Fairbanks.

At 9:07 pm Michelle Perlee moved to find premature general public knowledge of the Town's Option Agreement with Stoney Hill Development LLC, would clearly place this Selectboard at a substantial disadvantage, because we risk disclosing our negotiation strategy. Sharon Compagna seconded, so voted.

Michelle moved to go into executive session to discuss the Town's Option Agreement with Stoney Hill Development LLC under the provisions of Title 1 VSA §313 (a) 1 (A) (F). Sharon Compagna seconded, so voted.

Executive session adjourned at 10:00 pm. No motions were made.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jen Myers Town Clerk