Select Board Meeting August 7, 2017

Selectboard Member's present: Chair Peeker Heffernan, Michelle Perlee, Peter Coffey, Ted Lylis and Joel Bouvier. Also present: Town Administrator Therese Kirby, Board Clerk Tasha Bouvier, filming for NEAT TV by Mary Arbuckle, Fire Chief Brett LaRose, Jim Quaglino, Amos Martin, Peter Lossmann, Brian McCormick, Will DiGravio (Addison Independent), Chief of Police Kevin Gibbs, Lieutenant Bruce Nason, Betsy Blair, Fred Schroder, Matt Bartlett, Nichole Bachand, Ian Albinson, Virginia, Butkowski, John Matson, Katina Ready, John Fay, Diane Saunders, Ash Smith, Melissa Marshall, Peter Abbey, Danny Grace and Debra Grace.

- 1. At 7:01 p.m. Chair Peeker Heffernan called the meeting to order.
- 2. Discussion on draft ordinance Regulating Discharge of Firearms. Peeker Heffernan is not in favor of the current ordinance. He is afraid of the town's liability. Peter doesn't feel we need an ordinance and these two instances haven't been repeated. Ted Lylis feels it is completely unnecessary and no need for it. Peter Coffey doesn't feel this ordinance will get the State Police to the residence any faster or would have changed the outcomes of the two instances. Peeker Heffernan feels even if there is an ordinance it won't prevent someone from discharging a firearm. Michelle Perlee doesn't feel there is a need for an ordinance. Joel Bouvier was impressed with the community discussion and agrees the ordinance won't fix the problem. Maybe the group (Broadview Estates) should have their own ordinance. Kevin Gibbs mentioned once every 2 to 3 years someone comes to him with this type of issue. Peeker Heffernan asked if there was ever a reoccurrence with another person. Kevin Gibbs stated there was a complaint of someone discharging in the village, but it's hard to know where the shot was coming from, so it's difficult to know if it may be the same people. Virginia Butkowski stated during the meeting 2 weeks ago and tonight's meeting there was nothing addressed regarding safety. She feels everyone was opposed to the ordinance on the Board even though the Board had asked Kevin to put this ordinance together. Michelle Perlee said the Board asked Kevin to go through all of the ordinances and create one since the Board didn't have the knowledge. Ted Lylis spoke of three incidents he experienced in his 20 years on Garfield Street. He spoke to the people shooting and they stopped. Kevin Gibbs stated an ordinance will not stop the behavior, but sometimes an ordinance can address something criminal law cannot. Katina Ready asked what the goal of the ordinance is and stated there hasn't been any effort to make changes to the language in the ordinance. Brian McCormick stated the people of Bristol don't want the ordinance. There have been two incidents and none have been repeated. Virginia Butkowski stated there are dozens of towns in Vermont that have ordinances and none of them have been sued. Therese Kirby asked if the Town should have safety zone signs at the office for people to come by and take. Joel Bouvier suggested maybe having a link on the website. There was no motion to pass the ordinance.
- 3. Public Forum: Ash Smith who lives on South Street is putting together a petition for Lathrop Lumber Mill for hours of operation. There seems to be trucks coming in and out 24/7 which is

disruptive to the residence that live on South Street and near the Mill. Ash Smith is asking if there is a time frame they have to abide by. Therese Kirby advised he needs to speak with the Zoning Board Administrator, which is Eric Forand. Ash Smith just wanted to mention that he is trying to raise the issue. He understands they are a business, but they are taking deliveries 24/7. The sound is bothering the majority of people he is speaking with. Brian McCormick is fed up with the dogs. Nicole Bachand West Brook Estates why is the speed limit 50 instead of staying at 35 by the store on route 116. Peeker advised it is a state highway and the State says what the speed limit is for this road.

- 4. Dog Ordinance. Therese Kirby spoke with the lawyer for Joel Bouvier and the lawyer stated since the person keeping the dogs is harboring them he is the owner or keeper of the dogs even though they are someone else's dogs. Peter Coffey moved to accept the dog ordinance. Joel Bouvier seconded, so voted.
- 5. Discussion and motion to adopt Zoning & Planning Director job description and approve newspaper ad. They have to be nominated by the Planning Commission and then appointed by the Board. There were two corrections to the job description. Michelle Perlee moved to accept the job description. Peter Coffey seconded, so voted.
- Joel Bouvier moved to authorize Recreation Director to apply for AmeriCorps volunteer with final approval of candidate by Selectboard, position to be grant funded. Michelle Perlee seconded, so voted.
- 7. Fire Chief Brett LaRose to provide an update on the Homeland Security Grant and POCFF Leave of Absence. Brett LaRose said he is waiting for an update with the Homeland Security Grant. Brett LaRose said the amount is now \$17,000 instead of \$8,000 with no matching funds. Joel Bouvier moved to accept with regret the leave of absence for paid on call fire fighter Justin Jackman who has requested a 6 month leave of absence starting August 1, 2017 to February 1, 2017. Joel Bouvier moved, Michelle Perlee seconded, so voted. Brett wanted to take a minute to thank the New Haven, Lincoln, Starksboro and Bristol Fire Departments and state agencies for all their help with Hogback Mountain fire. Betsy Blair, who is new to Bristol, asked about fire codes. She bought a house with handicap ramps and was told that she wasn't up to fire code. Michelle Perlee advised unless she is going to make her house into two separate units she should be fine.
- 8. Ted Lylis moved to close Fitch Avenue on Saturday August 26, 2017 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for Bristol Cub Scout Pack 543 to hold its annual Soap Box Derby; with Pack 543 to notify Fitch Avenue residents and BPD. Joel Bouvier seconded, so voted.
- 9. Discussion and motion to approve new road name off Monkton Road as "Bittersweet Ridge" and a road off Route 116 South as "Hasseltine Farm Road" or "Hasseltine Road". Therese Kirby will check regarding "Bittersweet Ridge" if there needs to be 2 residences/businesses or 3 to be

- named a road. Michelle Perlee moved to name "Bittersweet Ridge". Peter Coffey seconded, so voted. Joel Bouvier moved to name "Hasseltine Road". Peter Coffey seconded, so voted.
- 10. Discussion and motion to set 2017/2018 tax rate. Homestead tax rate went up to 2.37%. Police District went up to 16.17% and non Police District residents went up 0.62%. Joel Bouvier moved to accept tax rate as presented. Peter Coffey seconded, so voted. Jen Myers asked to waive 3% & 8% if they are late filers for Homestead taxes. Michelle Perlee moved. Joel Bouvier seconded, so voted.
- 11. Michelle Perlee moved to accept People's Bank South Street Bridge line of credit \$150,000 at a 1.6% interest rate. Cannot close out yet because we keep getting bills from the state. Joel Bouvier seconded, so voted.
- 12. Peter Coffey moved to approve minutes of July 24, 2017 with corrections. Michelle Perlee seconded, so voted.
- 13. Liquor licenses: Peter Coffey moved to give special event liquor licenses to Nomadic Chef on August 17, 2017 from 4p.m. to 10 p.m. and Hogback brewing from 4:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at 25 Mountain View. Joel Bouvier seconded, so voted.
- 14. Authorize Accounts Payable warrant 2016/2017 for \$1,495.00 and 2017/2018 for \$61,810.08.
- 15. Selectboard Concerns. Peter Coffey would like to have all Selectboard members on one side. Peter Coffey has been using the sidewalk measuring tool and there are about 35,000 feet of sidewalk. He will put together a 10 year plan for the sidewalks. Ted Lylis showed his disappointment with the West Street road after it has rained. Therese Kirby advised there are not a lot of options.
- 16. Town Administrator Reports. Update on West Street waterline project. Munsil Ave was closed today and Liberty Street will be closed tomorrow. In two weeks they are hoping to have water tests started. Grader is down for repairs until end of week possibly next week. There is a trash problem on the park again. Therese Kirby asked for Officer Otey to have the camera on the park at the bandstand be a little more sensitive, so it could catch the offenders. Landfill will be mowed. Discussion of closing Main Street for Zeno Mountain video shoot. Will is wondering if either date between September 23-28 would work for the Selectboard. Selectboard is asking the hours they will be doing this and what time of day. He isn't sure how long the road would be closed. At the August 21, 2017 meeting the Board will discuss and speak to Bruce Nason. Retirement Open House for Kevin Gibbs. Therese Kirby spoke with Kevin Gibbs and the American Legion Post #19. The Legion is going to donate the hall. The retirement party will be August 31, 2017 from 5p.m. to 7p.m. Therese Kirby will speak with Cubbers about catering.

- 17. At 8:46 p.m. Michelle Perlee moved to enter executive session to discuss the employment of a new Town Administrator, per 1 V.S.A. § 313 (a) (3). Joel Bouvier seconded, so voted.
- 18. The Board came out of executive session at 9:40 p.m. No motions were made. At 9:42 p.m., Joel Bouvier moved to adjourn the meeting. Ted Lylis seconded, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted, Tasha Bouvier