

Town of Bristol, Vermont
Selectboard Meeting Minutes of
Thursday, July 14, 2022

Selectboard Members Present: Chair Ian Albinson, Joel Bouvier, Peeker Heffernan, Michelle Perlee, Darla Senecal.

Staff Present: Town Administrator Valerie Capels, Public Works Foreman Eric Cota.

Others Present: Lucy, Bet-Cha Transit driver.

I. Call to Order. Ian Albinson called the meeting to order at 6:05pm aboard a Bet-Cha Transit bus.

II. Regular Business.

1. Road Trip with Public Works Foreman Eric Cota. The following locations were visited and matters discussed:

- On the way to Lincoln Road, Drake Smith Road was discussed. The question was asked whether it could be reclassified to a Class 4 road by September. Valerie noted it may need to go through the highway reclassification process and may require a survey if one does not already exist. The Selectboard reiterated its intent to give residents a year to make other arrangements.
- Lincoln Road was last paved in 1998. Planned paving has been rescheduled pending repair of the washouts. The shoulder washouts and a crumpled guardrail at the turnoff were observed. Valerie noted that she is in the process of getting the contract together so that SLR Engineering can begin the design process.
- From West Lincoln, Atkins Road was followed to Briggs Hill. Briggs Hill Cemetery was observed, though not visited. The Town is responsible for four cemeteries and this is one of them. Tree removal may be needed. The question was asked whether a grant through the Vermont Old Cemetery Association might be an option. Valerie will look into it. New driveways were noted. Eric briefly pointed out the steep slide that threatens to undermine the road. Down at the Route 116 intersection, the suggestion was reiterated that removing the top rail of the metal bridge will improve the sight distance and visibility. Michelle noted that two lights are still out on the bridge.
- Memorial Park was visited and Selectboard members walks down to closed bridge. It was noted that closure fencing needs to be reinforced.
- Upper Meehan Road: the logging on Clark's property was observed. Meehan Cemetery was visited. Stones need to be straightened and the fence needs repair. The question was raised why does the Town own it?
- On to Mountain Street near its intersection with Route 116, the width of the east side sidewalk was observed. It is approximately 3 ½ feet wide now. Approaches to widening it including changing the width of the road and moving the fence. Replacement of other sections can be done incrementally.

- Joel wanted to see the work done at 96 Mountain Street by VTUMS, but it was not evident.
- The tree at Meadow Lane: Eric received a quote to take the tree down for approximately \$3,000. Joel suggested he get a quote from Heritage Tree Service and other tree service providers.
- Joel suggested adding on to July 25 agenda an item for the Selectboard to vote to reduce the village speed limit to 25 miles per hour.
- Varney Cemetery on Hardscrabble Road was visited. The fence needs to be replaced—at least that section along the road. Many of the stones also need to be uprighted or straightened.
- There was a side trip to Queen Bee's for creemees, courtesy of Peeker.
- On Lower Hardscrabble Road, the location of the requested guardrail that has not yet been installed was briefly reviewed. The completed road repair was noted.
- Lovers Lane to South Street: the West Street slope repair project could briefly be seen.
- North Street, the Fuller Development, and a right-of-way off of North Street were visited to observe the open lots where several new housing units are planned. Joel emphasized that a 8" main should be required to serve those units in addition to a new hydrant. Peeker concurred.
- Munsill Avenue was traveled where it was noted that four more housing units are planned in that area.

From there, the bus returned to Holley Hall.

III. Adjourn.

At 8:50pm Michelle Perlee moved to adjourn the meeting. Joel Bouvier seconded. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Capels, Town Administrator