

ADDISON COUNTY INDEPENDENT

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To: Sharon Lucia, Bristol Town Clerk
Re: Newspaper of Record
From: Angelo Lynn, editor/publisher of the Addison Independent

Dear Sharon and members of the selectboard,

As Bristol decides on which paper to consider as its official “newspaper of record” for the coming year, the *Addison Independent* would respectfully ask to be considered.

Here’s why:

- We are dedicated to covering each selectboard meeting in your town, as often as we can, but at least in reporting in each paper following the meeting. We believe that relaying your work to the public in an upfront and accurate presentation informs and strengthens communities.
- Community weeklies have maintained their strength in the marketplace precisely because they cover hyper-local news and events — the stuff that happens in your backyard and that you want to know. Because of that each page of the *Addison Independent* is read thoroughly.

That’s important when it comes to **public notices**, which are read most thoroughly in community weeklies. And at least some legal notices prefer to be spaced out over weeks, rather than three consecutive days (to be sure folks aren’t on vacation or gone and therefore would miss it.)

- We also offer a competitive price on such notices, therefore offering each town the possibility of saving costs on that expense.

Our hope is that the *Addison Independent* continues to be your town’s “newspaper of record” because we’re the newspaper residents turn to to become informed of town happenings and news; the paper that residents turn to when wanting to promote a particular town event, explore an issue, or champion a friend, neighbor, business or just an interesting person or story; and the newspaper that helps tie the town together and strengthen community bonds. That’s the goal we strive to accomplish, and with your help will continue to do.

Thanks for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Angelo Lynn,
editor/publisher