

**Town of Bristol, VT
Selectboard
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, December 23, 2024**

Members Present: Ian Albinson, Peeker Heffernan, Michelle Perlee (Vice-Chair), Jessica Teets
Staff Present: Sharon Lucia (Town Clerk)
Others Present: Jill Marsano (VTUMS)

I. Call to Order. Ian Albinson called the meeting to order at 6:11 pm.

1. Review agenda for addition, removal, or adjustment of any items per 1 VSA 312(d)(3)(A).

No adjustments were needed.

2. Overview of Zoom meeting operation and procedures: rules for participation, mute microphone, recognition by Chair, etc.

II. Public Forum.

Nobody requested time to address the Board.

III. Regular Business

1. Continued review of proposed amendments and revisions to the Bristol Water Use Ordinance.

The Board continued their review of the draft Ordinance; most of the comments and suggested edits were resolved during the meeting. Additionally, the Board discussed/agreed upon the following, with associated edits made to the document during the meeting where possible:

- The use of copper vs plastic for water lines
 - The expense that requiring copper pipe incurs on those installing or replacing lines
 - The use of grant money may sometimes dictate what materials must be used
 - The difficulty of locating plastic lines, even when a tracer wire is in place
 - If plastic is permitted, Jill indicated that she would no longer be willing to be required to mark out service lines
 - Plastic couplers should not be used; they always fail
 - PFAS implications from the use of PVC, HDPE, or other plastic materials
- It was agreed to include the specifications outlined as an Appendix, to allow for more streamlined adjustments going forward as further decisions are made regarding the materials to be used/required for water lines
- Removal of Section 6.3 was agreed upon
- Section 8.8 – it was agreed that this text should simply point to the source requirements/rules, which will be included in an Appendix; Steve Palmer will be consulted regarding what source documentation to put in place
- Section 9.2 – it was agreed to set a time limit of two years for construction to take place following approval; this will be added to the permitting section
- Discussion regarding Fire Department use of the system; Peeker noted they plan to install a dedicated line for filling tankers
- No painting of any part of the water system, including the meter, will be allowed
- Fees and fines will go in an Appendix
 - A fine for opening or connecting to a hydrant will be included
 - Sprinkler system standby fees for neighboring towns will be researched

- The surcharge language relates to homeowners failing to provide access for the water operator
- Jill assisted with determining what drawings should be included in Appendix C
- Some additional suggestions for inclusion were presented by Ian
 - Jill noted these need to be compatible with the Water Supply Rule
 - Some sections were added to for clarification
 - Removed what Jill felt wasn't allowed or appropriate
 - Added discretion for Water Operator where beneficial and allowable
- Section 15.9 re appeals of Water Commission decisions was removed
- Additions to Appendix A were discussed and amended
- Noted that expanded enforcement procedures will be reviewed by Kevin Brown

IV. Other Business.

1. Correspondence/reports received were reviewed.

No correspondence was available for review.

V. Executive Session re personnel matters per 1 V.S.A. §313(a)(3).

MOTION: A motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters per 1 V.S.A. §313(a)(3) passed unanimously.

The meeting entered Executive Session at 7:56 pm and returned to open session at 8:28 pm. Upon returning to open session, no action was taken.

VI. Adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Chamberlin, Recording Secretary