

**Town of Bristol, Vermont
Selectboard Meeting Minutes of
Monday, February 07, 2022**

Selectboard members present: Chair Pecker Heffernan, Vice-Chair Ian Albinson, Michelle Perlee and Darla Senecal.

Members Absent: Joel Bouvier

Staff present: Town Administrator Valerie Capels, Board Clerk Sharon Lucia; Police Chief Bruce Nason; Public Works Foreman Eric Cota; Recreation Director Meridith McFarland; Fire Chief Brett LaRose

Others present: Jim Quaglino, Linda Andrews, Ben Skolozdra, Elizabeth Blair, Diane Cushman

I. Call to Order. Chair Pecker Heffernan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Review agenda for addition, removal, or adjustment of any items per 1 V.S.A. §312(d)(3)(A). There is no additions or deletions.
2. Overview of Zoom meeting operation and procedures, rules for participation, mute microphone, recognition by Chair, etc.

II. Public Forum.

Linda Andrews invite Selectboard to the informational session on retail sale of marijuana on the ballot. Its to help people make an informed decision. The meeting is Thursday (2/10/2022) at 7 pm and will be a zoom only meeting. Darla will send out link to the Selectboard. Dave Silverman (attorney and high baliff) will be guest speaker and Greg Newman will be speaker as well.

III. Department Head Roundtable

Meridith McFarland explained the camp registration opened February 1 and are 90% full. Few more openings in Clay camp in March and April. Holley Hall rental revenue is about \$100 from goal. The Town Report looks wonderful. Michelle asked if these numbers are normal or limited because of COVID. Since 2019 we started putting the camps in the rec department.....river camp, mountain bike camp.

Bruce Nason – continue to learn our new statewide database system. A few challenges but we’re working through them. Working with speed signs – change sayings. People are noticing the changes on signs. On West St from 2/1 until today 4 pm we downloaded \$22,530 vehicles rode through that sign incoming and outgoing. average speed in and out is 25 mph and fastest. East street sign outgoing maximum is 66 (additional statistics). Josh has been setting these up for us. North Street speed sign is still being worked on.

Eric Cota – tomorrow morning will continue snow removal. The two new guys faired well and they are getting there for their first big storm. The village truck went down Friday morning with bed chain. Mike and Josh got that fixed it up. Mike did sidewalk

snowblowing Friday and Saturday then went through with the plow. Eric went out Sunday and sanded them. Eric plans to go out this week with the sidewalk snowplow to clean the layers off. Ian asked about upgrading Kubota with that new piece of equipment be better than what he uses now. Eric said it will depend on what we get for equipment. Over the weekend Josh was plowing the village and the children are out playing on the snowbanks and he almost buried him but he popped up before Josh got there and was able to stop. Maybe Bruce or Sharon could put something out to public. Ian thanked Eric and his crew for the amazing job they did.

IV. Regular Business.

1. Authorization to replace the 2000 Ford F-350 per the Equipment Committee's recommendation.

Heritage, G Stone and Key Chevrolet – equipment Viking and Iroquois. Lucky's never returned his call. \$3000 different between 350 and 450 so committee felt he should go with 450. 2 yard sander. 450 truck from G Stone, equipment from viking. Truck will be ordered. Timeline for G Stones 4-8 months depends on production line (cab and Chasis); once we get to Viking they can have the equipment on in 30-35; if he orders tomorrow we may have by end of November. Grand total \$33,200 (equipment) and \$53,230 for truck. 10 ½ foot plow folded in V-position it will scrape the pavement so Eric wants 9 ½ so this won't happen. Price will be lowered a little. Truck will have 5 years 100k miles on cab and chasis (not specific – assume its drive train) Viking has a year warranty on their stuff – if its 2 years down the road and its their workmanship they would still honor it. If its someone else's equipment they wouldn't cover. Looked at salt dawg plow and sander and they're nice. Valerie explained that the dealer isn't prepared to provide a trade in so far out. They don't want the truck to trade in. The used ones are almost priced as much as new ones. Private sale would work but we want to get an estimate of what it would be worth. Eric thinks we get maybe \$2,500 in private sale. Bed is aluminium – this was Danny Sargent's recommendation. Talked about putting in a spray in bedliner in the bed and also undercoating to preserve it. Pecker asked what's Vikings comment is on spray in bedliner. Eric didn't ask. The undercoating definitely should do. He might add a couple more lights on it. Eric will check with G Stone on color of cab to see if it could be delivered earlier.

Michelle Perlee made a motion to buy cab and chasis from G. Stone and equipment from Viking up to \$89,000. Ian seconded. So voted.

2. Consider readoption of Bristol's Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Plan.

Valerie forwarded an email VT Community Development office and they explained that it is only during the project itself and funded – did not support changing the language. Michelle checked the statute and is okay with it.

Michelle make a motion to adopt the Anti-Displacement and Relocation Plan. Ian seconded. So voted.

3. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding update.

No new information from VLCT and Treasury. First meeting is March 7 for the committee. Valerie will send out Agenda. Michelle asked if anyone declined their appointment. Valerie said no.

4. Review and approval of the August 23, September 13, and December 13, December 20, 2021, and January 3, January 10, January 17, and January 24, 2022 meeting minutes.

Michelle approve December 20 minutes with changes. Ian seconded. So voted.

5. Authorize accounts payable warrant and any liquor licenses. \$41,798.40

6. Selectboard roundtable.

Peeker Heffernan. None.

Ian Albinson. Town Report is done. Ian apologized for removing Mark Bouvier's credit on Fred Baser picture. Work on town signs have begun and reach out to designers who will give us proposals. Hopefully have something to present in about three weeks. Talked to his Dad about the physical sign and what needs to be done. Not sure what the current signs are made of so any information would be great. Posts look good but would scrape and paint them. First meeting for Bike/Ped committee about a week ago. The minutes and video is on the website. Next meeting is 2/24 at 7 pm. Question about the delinquent tax has increased. What can the SB do? Should we look at it?

Joel Bouvier.

Michelle Perlee. Revolving Loan Fund documents can we send to SB for review.

Valerie.....

Darla Senecal. Thank DPW crew for their work on storm.

7. Town Administrator's report.

Nothing to add to written report only about Green Mountain Engineering; Munsill St scoping meeting the week of February 21; kick off meeting held after airport drive sidewalk scoping study after town meeting; Michelle asked about Above and Beyond - should we nominate a person – need to prepare letter NLT 2/23/22 nominations.

V. Other Business.

1. Correspondence, reports, correspondence received.

- Bristol Budget Status Report through January 31, 2022

- E-mail Bristol Fire Department Mini Pumper chains alert dated February 3, 2022
- Letter American Legion Above and Beyond dated January 27, 2022
- ACRPC Newsletter for February 2022

VI. Adjourn.

Michelle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

_____ Ian seconded. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon A. Lucia
Board Clerk

Valerie Capels
Town Administrator