

Bristol BPAC Meeting Minutes

2024-04-25

Call to Order: 7:03 P.M. via Zoom. Meeting was recorded.

In Attendance:
Christian DaBica
Brad Cameron
Dustin Corrigan
Tanya Bashaw

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- I. 7:03 PM: Review/approval of the March 28, 2024 meeting minutes - APPROVED
- II. Public Forum
 - a. Jessica Teets (JT): Update on Select Board meeting, they are going to approve the budget for paving Pine Street. Inquired about money for applying striping for pedestrian lanes, was informed that money is not included with this budget. CD-response: we have been under the impression that money had been budgeted separately for this initiative, will need to seek clarity to confirm that a budget for this initiative exists, especially since a vendor had been selected to perform this work. JT: timing around June-August. CD: reached out to Valery (Town office) to inquire about progress of Pine Street and was connected him with Eric Cota (Town road). Was informed May-June would see first steps to undertake Pine Street repave.
 - b. BC: Witness to reckless driving accident at corner of Pine / North street. Highlighted how Pine Street is epicenter for pedestrian / vehicle interaction. Potential for new members to join group based on neighbors who want safer pedestrian solution for Pine Street. CD: asked brad to share photos of wreck to highlight where the crash happened – right where people wait for the bus.
- III. Quarterly Initiatives
 - a. CD: Needs to wait for full attendance to achieve quorum for items to vote on for select board approval. Sidewalk on airport drive – JT: continuing to get a bid for this initiative. Mixture of school / town / rec department / private property, budget need to be sourced with agreements to do work between all parties, everyone on board, now moving on to bidding.
- IV. Grants
 - a. CD: When requests are submitted with grants it helps progress initiatives forward through approval with Select Board. Seeking state / national grants. JT: going to meet with Susan Grasso to inquire about process for applying for grants. VTrans is offering grants, and we would like to involve her to understand approach.
 - b. JT: Select Board is still considering village speed limits, which will not require grants. CD: inquired about status of the speed limit vote. JT: it's still on the agenda, but has not been resolved yet, committee would need to ask for that to formally be reviewed again, was reviewed in two meetings year prior: first meeting was overwhelmingly in favor with high attendance, second meeting was less attended but was meet with more resistance (commute times were referenced as area of concern). Board decided to have a 3rd meeting to review, still pending.

- c. CD: asked about enforcement period of new speed law if passed. Further research is required around changes in town speed limit. JT: areas concerned are East / Main / West Street which will need to involve State, the rest of the town can be enforced by town. Police Chief would like a “period of education” to help motorists adjust to new changes before handing out fines. Mike Winslow in charge of transportation for Addison County has done a study to record average speed, areas of exceptions would be for vehicles backing up into road.
- d. Jim (public guest): Suggested the group review processes. Sited necessity to perform traffic study, and there would be some time limits in being able to enforce speed changes / understand State Highway zones. JT: Mike Winslow has began the process of the traffic study – he is the expert. CD: Our role is to support the effort, but ultimately the responsibility falls to the Select Board to enact changes regarding speed limits.

V. Other Business

- a. CD: Follow up on Human Powered Parade with Rec Dept. May 18, route will be published, starting at HUB. Seeking 1–2 volunteers to help at crucial intersections. Event will start at 10AM, with BMX event at 10:30AM, 10:45 volunteers needed at street corners to prepare for parade. Details to be emailed to group.
- b. CD: Will forward draft community survey from Susan for group to review. Heavy on demographics, and lighter on use (which was our main interest in survey) to help provide objectivity in deciding new initiatives.
- c. CD: Structures inquired at police station were bus stops, they have been starting to install (near Shaws).
- d. CD: Asking Jessica how to get new members to join. JT: have folks email Valerie to start that process. CD to review list and proceed accordingly.

VI. Adjourn – 7:29 PM