

Media correspondence — Joleil Whitney, WCAX

August 19 to 20, 2026. Media inquiry MI-002, converted to records request RR-003.

1. Received — Wednesday, August 19, 2026, 12:58 PM, to the Town office

From: Joleil Whitney <Joleil.Whitney@wcax.com>

To: town@bristolvt.org

Forwarded by the Administrative Assistant to the Town Administrator at 1:16 PM, and by the Town Administrator to all five Selectboard members at 3:08 PM.

Hello!

We received a tip that a member of the town has written a letter to the selectboard, requesting the removal of the Lord's Prayer rock on Route 116. Can you provide any other information about that letter, and if you're planning to take up the issue at an upcoming selectboard meeting?

Thanks,

Joleil Whitney

WCAX Assignment Manager

(802) 652-6397

2. Sent — Wednesday, August 19, 2026, 3:33 PM, cc Town Administrator

From: Ian Albinson <ialbinson.sb.bristolvt@gmail.com>

To: Joleil.Whitney@wcax.com

Hello Joleil,

Thanks for reaching out. I am the Selectboard Chair and the point of contact on this.

The letter is a public record and is already posted on the Town website, in the materials for the Selectboard's August 10 meeting.

On your second question, the Selectboard has taken no action. The letter was received and filed as correspondence. There is no proposal before the Selectboard to alter, move, or remove Lord's Prayer Rock, and nothing on the subject is scheduled for an upcoming meeting.

The Town has also received a number of other letters and emails on the subject since August 10. Those are public records as well. They have not been posted yet, since they came in after that meeting, and they will go into the Selectboard's next meeting packet. I am glad to send you copies in the meantime. Just say the word.

Agendas, minutes, and meeting materials are posted at <https://bristolvt.org/2026-meetings/>.

Regards,

Ian

3. Received — Wednesday, August 19, 2026, 3:50 PM

From: Joleil Whitney <Joleil.Whitney@wcax.com>

To: Ian Albinson

Hi Ian,

Thank you for getting back to me! Out of curiosity, what is the process for a proposal to be heard before the Selectboard? Would a member of the public need to draft a petition? Forgive my ignorance of Selectboard procedures.

I see the initial letter, if you can send over the other ones you received as well, that would be great.

Thanks again for the helpful context,

Joleil

4. Sent — Thursday, August 20, 2026, 7:23 AM, cc Town Administrator

From: Ian Albinson <ialbinson.sb.bristolvt@gmail.com>

To: Joleil.Whitney@wcax.com

Hello Joleil,

Happy to answer both, and no apology needed. It is a fair question.

On process. No petition is required for the Selectboard to take something up. There are three ordinary routes. Anyone may speak during Public Forum at the start of any regular meeting, which is reserved for non-agenda topics, five minutes per person. Anyone may write to the Selectboard, which is what the correspondents here have done, and every letter is included in the meeting packet and goes to all five members. And anyone may ask the Town Administrator or me to place an item on a future agenda. Agendas are set by the Town Administrator and the Chair in the days before each meeting.

Petitions are a different mechanism. Those are used to place an article before the voters at Town Meeting rather than before the Selectboard, and they carry their own signature thresholds and filing deadlines under state law. Nothing about this subject requires one.

On the correspondence. Attached is everything the Town has received.

Regards,

Ian

Complete correspondence file produced, all seven items.

Transcript prepared August 21, 2026 from the Selectboard Chair's email. Messages reproduced verbatim. Signature blocks and quoted reply text repeated in the original have been collapsed for readability; no message has been omitted. Prepared for the August 24, 2026 Selectboard packet.