Town of Bristol, VT
Selectboard
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, July 13, 2026

Members Present: Ian Albinson (Chair), Joel Bouvier, Peeker Heffernan, Michelle Perlee
Members Absent: Jessica Teets
Staff Present: Eric Cota (DPW Foreman), Gregory Faust (Town Administrator), Colby Gile (DPW Assistant Foreman), Sharon Lucia (Town Clerk and Treasurer), Bruce Nason (Police Chief), Kris Perlee (Assistant Town Clerk and Treasurer)
Others Present: Louise Brynn, Martha Chesley, M Davi, Jackie Fefee, Peter Hewitt, Jill Marsano (VTUMS), Michael Miller, NEAT

I. Call to Order. Ian Albinson called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

1. Review agenda for addition, removal, or adjustment of any items per 1 VSA 312(d)(3)(A).
Two items were added to the Consent Agenda, and the amended agenda was approved.

II. Public Forum.
Bruce Nason provided a report format for review, to provide information on the nature of calls responded to by the Police Department. He noted that he will also be doing a monthly report of active cases. Bruce spoke of some specific recent incidents, noting the extended length of backup times experienced as well as the length of time required to resolve incidents, which is sometimes up to several hours. He also noted the minimal number of officers on staff, indicating that it may become necessary to discontinue around-the-clock coverage.

Peter Hewitt read a letter expressing his interest in ensuring that Bristol is a close-knit town, and providing suggestions for social activities in town.

III. Consent Agenda.
Some clarifications regarding the Bond Anticipation note were provided.
A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of the items listed below, passed unanimously.

- Approve of past meeting minutes (6.22.2026)
- Authorize warrants in the amount of $746,446.07
- Approval of Access Permit #26-704 on Carlstrom Road (Parcel #060280.21)
- Bond Anticipation Note – Bristol West Water Line Replacement Project (for signature)
- Approve 2026 Local Emergency Management Plan
- Authorization for Town of Bristol to bid at the Tax Sale being held on July 14, 2026

IV. Regular Business

1. Resident Concern – Lord's Prayer Rock Park.
Louise Brynn expressed concern regarding the safety of bikers and pedestrians along the route adjacent to the Rock, and offered some suggestions for increasing safety, including moving the Rock away from the road. Ian noted the existence of a draft management plan for the Park, which includes a narrative of past discussions regarding this matter. The Selectboard has a long history of concerns and options to deal with the rock, and none have panned out or been pursued. The Selectboard agreed to work with the conservation commission on their plan and agreed to have Public Works get the paint and that a new coat of paint should be applied to the corner of the rock, to increase visibility and safety.

2. Policies & Ordinances Updates – Procurement Policy (Meeting 2 – Second Reading).
Changes had been made, based on the Board's previous review of the Policy. Board members noted that they will read the new draft and provide further feedback. It was discussed that the Personnel Policy will be reviewed next, and that this is a broad document which will take some time to review and finalize.

3. Selectboard Roundtable.
Joel raised the possibility of a Board road trip; Eric noted that he will join. The Board will set a date for this.

Joel noted some sidewalk trimming that was needed. Plans were made for approaching this matter.

Joel offered kudos to John and his crew for recent streetside tree plantings.

Michelle asked about service line replacements; Greg and Ian clarified the logistics of the payments for replacement of non-copper service lines.

Michelle asked about plans for a radio communication tower; Greg offered assurance that there would be further conversation about this matter.

Peeker acknowledged that the Fourth of July was exhausting for the Police Department, noting that the size of the force needs to be increased. Greg indicated that reopening contract negotiations would be a necessary first step.

Ian thanked Dylan and all others involved in the recent skate park renovations.

Ian noted that the Library asbestos abatement has been completed, and thanked the staff for their cooperation in the related logistics.

4. Town Administrator's Update.
Greg noted that:

- The Holley Hall project is progressing; some estimates have been received; the work will likely be completed by early September.
- Solar permits are in place; work continues on clarifying mowing logistics and responsibility.
- July 20th Munson will recommence water line work.
- Doug Corkin has resigned from his position as Lister.
- Remediation of the fire-damaged property at 58 East Street is underway, with a related sidewalk closure this week.

V. Other Business.

1. Correspondence/reports received were reviewed.
There was nothing of note to report on.

VI. Adjourn.
The meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Chamberlin, Recording Secretary