Bristol Selectboard Meeting **January 30, 2012**

Selectboard Attendance: Chairman Joel Bouvier, Sharon Compagna, Carol Wells and John "Peeker" Heffernan. Town Administrator Bill Bryant and Town Clerk Therese Kirby. Filmed for NEAT TV by Mary Arbuckle and reported for the Addison Independent by Andrew Stein. Also attended by: Bunny Daubner, Tom Pollak, Dave Rosen, Carol Clauss, Bruce Duncan, Kevin Gibbs, and Darla Senecal.

1. Joel Bouvier called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Carol Wells moved to go into executive session to discuss two personnel matters involving the appointment, employment or evaluation of public officers or employees. Sharon Compagna seconded. The Selectboard met in executive session from 7:00 pm to 7:45 pm and were joined by Police Chief Kevin Gibbs and Recreation Director Darla Senecal. No motions were made.

2. At 8:00 pm during public forum, Carol Clauss spoke about the petition she helped pass regarding the Supreme Court decision to in essence make corporations people and give them the ability to spend unlimited amounts of money via super packs, thus giving them undue influence over elections. This petition is currently labeled Article 17 on the warning and is a non-binding referendum. Dave Rosen spoke on the process of creating a Constitutional Amendment. Tom Pollak supports the idea of placing this petition on the warning so there can be a discussion at Town Meeting. Bunny Daubner feels the idea of a corporation being a person is ridiculous. The Selectboard said this issue is listed as Article 17 and they will leave it on the warning for discussion at Town Meeting. Bruce Duncan circulated a petition regarding civility in local government and that is currently labeled as Article 18. Bruce showed a clip regarding "interdependence" and how we are all connected. The Selectboard agreed to leave Article 18 on the warning for discussion at Town Meeting also.

3. Fiscal Year 2012/2013 budget work session. Carol Wells moved to accept the police budget of $343,728 with the amount to be raised by taxes of $303,628 and the police warning. Sharon Compagna seconded. The Selectboard will hold two public informational meetings for discussion of the police budget on February 27, 2012 at 7:00 pm at Holley Hall during a Selectboard Meeting and March 5, 2012 at 6:00 pm before Town Meeting. The police budget will be voted on by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 6, 2012. So voted. Sharon Compagna moved to authorize the Town Clerk to sign the Resolution Certificate regarding the bond voted on the South Street Bridge. Carol Wells seconded. So voted. Peeker Heffernan moved to adopt the warning for the special town meeting for the bridge bond vote to be discussed on March 5, 2012 with a vote to be held via Australian ballot on March 6, 2012. Carol Wells seconded. So voted. Discussion regarding the equipment purchasing schedule. The general fund budget has an increase of $96,600 over last year due to 37,180 stormwater bond payment, 10,000 audit, 5,000 elections, 8,000 paving, and changes in enrollment for employee health insurance coming onto the policy and the increase in appropriation requests from several groups. Peeker Heffernan moved to accept the following for inclusion in the March 2012 Town Meeting Warning: the general fund proposed budget amount is $707,770 with $505,970 to be raised by taxes; the proposed highway fund operating budget is $776,628 with $674,728 to be raised by taxes; the proposed arts, parks and recreation department budget is $226,187 with $148,087 to be raised by taxes. Carol Wells seconded. So voted. Sharon Compagna moved to accept the proposed landfill, sewer, water budgets for presentation for public hearing and publication in the Town Report. Carol Wells seconded. So voted.

4. The Selectboard signed an accounts payable warrant of $517.46. Sharon Compagna moved to accept the minutes of January 23, 2012 as printed. Carol Wells seconded. So voted. Therese Kirby updated the Selectboard on her conversation with Abby Freidman at VLCT regarding Bristol's participation in VLCT's pilot test program regarding internal controls and participating in a fraud risk assessment. The Selectboard gave their support to the process. Therese will contact Abby tomorrow and let her know Bristol would like to move forward.

5. Selectboard Roundtable: Carol Wells is concerned regarding the intersection of Lover's Lane and Stoney Hill. She wondered if it was possible if in the spring the road crew could repaint the lines and possibly light the intersection. She had heard from citizens who travel that route and are concerned regarding the safety of the intersection.

6. Town Administrator's Report: Bill Bryant is testifying at Montpelier tomorrow regarding a $1.00 per tire fee for disposal. Bristol has two illegal tire dumps and Bill will testify about how hard it is to clean these up. Also, the Toner lawsuit is moving forward and the environmental judge is requesting the Town participate in mediation. That will happen later in February.

7. Sharon Compagna moved to go into executive session for one personnel matter involving the appointment, employment, or evaluation of public officers or employees, to discuss one legal issue and one real estate matter involving the Town where premature general public knowledge of the subject matter would clearly place the Town at a substantial disadvantage. Peeker Heffernan seconded. So voted. The Selectboard met in executive session from 9:51 pm to 10:35 pm. Carol Wells moved to revise

the proposed Revolving Loan Fund loan terms for Scentsations, LLC to be as follows: $8,900 principal; 4% interest; a term of 60 months; with collateral to consist of a mortgage on the house of Steven & Erin Heffernan. The mortgage will be in third position after a first mortgage and home equity loan. A recent appraisal indicates significant equity which will be confirmed prior to closing. Bill Bryant will be authorized to sign the closing documents. Sharon Compagna seconded. So voted.

Respectfully Submitted,
Therese Kirby
Clerk