



**Selectmen's Meeting
January 3rd, 2018
MINUTES**

Selectmen Present: *Chad Hanna, Terry Lowd, Paul Yates*
Also Present: *Chris Hall (Town Administrator); Clyde Pendleton, Sandra Lane, Laurie Mahan (Parks Commissioners); Lara Sargent (Parks Director); Chuck Hanson (Vice-Chair, Budget committee); Don Loprieno; Page Lockhart.*

The meeting was called to order by chair Hanna at 7.00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Yates, seconded by Hanna, to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 20th. Passed 3 – 0.

Matters Arising from the Minutes:

Public hearings will be scheduled as follows:

- Bristol Mills Dam Advisory Committee, hearing on Wright-Pierce Report, 7 pm on Tuesday January 30th at the School Gym if available.
- Sign Ordinance, and other Ordinance Amendments; joint hearing of Selectmen and Planning Board, 7 pm on Wednesday February 14th in place of regular Selectmen's meeting.

Old Business (out of order):

Colonial Pemaquid: Don Loprieno, for the Friends of Colonial Pemaquid, presented a legislative Resolve which had been approved for introduction by the Legislative Council, sponsored by Senator Dow and co-sponsored by Representative Devin. This would, if passed, direct the Bureau of Parks and Lands to negotiate a lease of the Colonial Pemaquid State Park to the Friends.

The Friends requested a letter of support from the Selectmen, to be read into testimony at the hearing scheduled for January 16th. It was moved by Yates, seconded by Lowd, to express the Selectmen's support for the Resolve, and sign a letter to that effect. The motion passed 3 – 0. Administrator Hall had prepared a letter which Selectmen signed.

2018 Warrant: Hall presented an updated draft for the 2018 Town meeting Warrant, incorporating a number of additional articles from the previous draft: articles to allow a vote on the proposed solar energy array, and establish a reserve fund for the same; to accept land from the Bristol Mills Village Improvement Society; and to consider a new Electronic Sign ordinance and amendments to the Shoreland Zoning and Land Use Ordinances.

Hall also sought confirmation, which was given, that he should attempt to offer a budget which would maintain a stable level of taxation. He noted that the School budget would likely see a reduction in their Surplus carryforward which would require a \$125,000 increase in taxation for the school budget; Hall hoped much or all of this could be found by reductions in other areas and by increase Excise Tax collection; and by the increase in tax collections from new construction.

Hall reminded Selectmen that the Reappointment of the Treasurer and Tax Collector positions were due as of January 1st. It was moved by Yates, seconded by Lowd, to appoint Christopher G.L. Hall for a three year term ending on December 31, 2020. Motion passed 3 – 0. Selectmen signed a Certificate of Appointment to that effect.

Matters Referred from Other Town Bodies:

Parks and Recreation Commission: The Commissioners presented their concerns about the costs and level of interest in Olde Bristol Days, in particular their concern that the organization of Olde Bristol Days not be taken on by the Parks Director as had been discussed at the time that position was created. They also hoped that either the fireworks display could be cancelled, or else the Town pick up their cost, which had been borne by Parks until now.

After considerable discussion it was agreed to try to organize a scaled-down Olde Bristol Days on August 11-12, along the following lines:

- Continue with Fireworks on the Saturday night, with the chicken barbecue and bands on that evening before the fireworks;
- Continue with the Sunday boat races but no music or entertainments;
- Continue with Rock The Harbor as a fundraiser;
- Assume that the car show and road race are self-organizing and will continue;
- Discontinue the Parade and Saturday events, including the crafts tents, unless volunteers come forward to organize them.
- Hall will look into advertising for and hiring a part-time person to coordinate events, publicity and fundraising from March to August;
- The fireworks vendor and Pete Collins' band will be asked to hold the date for August 11.

The Commissioners also asked if the Transfer Station had agreed to receive Parks debris from the beach without fees. Hanna reported that he had missed the previous Transfer Station meeting but the matter is “on the table” but unresolved.

Chuck Hanson had prepared, and circulated, graphs showing the considerable financial success of Parks and Recreation for the year 2017, with a surplus in the region of \$70,000 as opposed to a very small loss in 2016.

Regular Business:

Selectmen reviewed and signed the accounts payable and payroll warrants for the Town, Parks, Fire & Rescue and the Transfer Station.

There was no correspondence reported, and no Public Comments offered.

Notice of forthcoming public meetings:

Notice was given of the following forthcoming meetings:

- The Planning Board meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 4th, is now rescheduled due to inclement weather to Thursday, January 11th at 7 pm at the Town Hall.
- The School Board meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 4th, is similarly rescheduled: this will now take place at 5.30 pm on Tuesday, January 9th, at the Bristol Consolidated School library.
- Shellfish Committee: Monday, January 8th, 6 pm – Town Hall
- Bristol Mills Dam Advisory Committee Tuesday, January 9th, 6 pm – Bristol Town Hall
- The Parks and Recreation Commission will meet on Thursday, January 11th at 6 pm at the Ellingwood Information Center
- Budget Committee, Tuesday, January 23rd, 6.30 pm – Town Hall: consideration of requests from Non-Profit Service Providers
- Harbor Committee: Thursday, January 25th, 6 pm – Town Hall
- Selectmen will meet each Wednesday this month, i.e. on January 10, 17, 24 and 31, always at 7 pm at the Town Hall.

NOTE THAT THE TOWN OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on Monday, January 15th, in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

A motion to adjourn was proposed at 8.15 pm by Yates, seconded by Lowd, carried 3 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Hall
Town Administrator