



**Selectmen's Meeting  
January 6, 2016**

Present: *Chad Hanna, Terry Lowd, Paul Yates, Kristine Poland*

Also present: *Chuck Hanson, Paul Leeman, Mike Witte, Maia Zewert*

**Fire Chief's Report**

- Paul Leeman was re-elected as chief and there have been a few changes with regard to office holders within the department. A utility vehicle with a plow and toolbox was purchased to alleviate the need to take apparatus on calls. Delivery of the Dodge 450 crew will take place around the second week of February and the vehicle will be housed at the New Harbor fire station. Approximately \$55,000 was taken from the trust fund so that there would be no taxpayer expense. The Samoset Fire Company is able to draw 7% per year and the fund has an approximate balance of \$900,000. All three fire stations have been equipped with generators, funded primarily through a FEMA grant and donations. The chief read from a prepared statement on technology and training. Recruitment and retention of personnel was discussed. There will be an increase in the budget for payroll. Duties within the fire department will be spread out among a number of people in an effort to share the load more effectively. The chief does not support a consolidated fire department because it would adversely affect Bristol's ISO rating. A list of department members and portables will be kept by the radio in the Town Office. Event involvement totals were distributed for informational and planning purposes. The department is using [IamResponding.com](http://IamResponding.com) as an aid to emergency response. The chief described the program which requires an annual license fee. The department recently decided not to be paged out for vehicle/deer accidents unless they are paged out for personal injury by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office. The chief suggested that the Highway Department assist. Mike Witte explained various concerns regarding the dispatch of the deer. Witte reported that he has tagged approximately 30 deer within the past year due to motor vehicle accidents. The chief requested that the Facility Maintenance capital reserve be reinstated. He would also like the department's fuel costs to be reflected in their budget. The idea of subbing out plowing of the Round Pond fire station was discussed.

**Building Permit**

- Larsen, tax map 7 lot 140, 82-15/16, approved.

#### Other Business

- Reviewed and signed a special entertainment permit application submitted by The 1812 Farm.
- Reviewed a memo from the Shellfish Committee requesting that they no longer advertise their monthly meetings. The Selectmen have no objection as long as the committee is consistent with their meeting schedule.
- Reviewed a request from the Twin Villages Alliance for a \$1,000 donation from the Town of Bristol in support of trolley service to the Pemaquid Peninsula for the 2016 season. The Selectmen would require the organization to submit a petition to be consistent with the current process for requests from outside agencies. The request will be forwarded to the Parks Commissioners as they may wish to contribute.
- Reviewed correspondence from Central Maine Power concerning their tree care program.
- A motion was made by Lowd to approve the minutes of December 9, December 16 and December 23. The motion was seconded by Yates and carried. The minutes of December 9 will be sent to Earle Cooper at his request.
- Reviewed and approved disbursement warrants for the week.
- Hanna will contact John Stolecki regarding the status of the vessel Columbia.
- Grouting of the Bristol Mills Dam should be done prior to other dam-related work. The figure for grout work will be included in the 2016 budget.
- Discussed meeting schedules with regard to budget committee review. Budget Committee members may attend the next meeting of Bristol Parks & Recreation. The Bristol/South Bristol Transfer Facility has not yet scheduled their next quarterly board meeting.

Adjourned.