



**Selectmen's Meeting
February 11th, 2018
MINUTES**

Selectmen Present: *Chad Hanna, Terry Lowd, Paul Yates*
Also Present: *Chris Hall (Town Administrator); David Bilski; Rob Davidson; Chuck Hanson.*

The meeting was called to order by Chair Chad Hanna at 12.00pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Lowd, seconded by Yates, to accept the Minutes of the Selectmen's meeting on January 31st, 2018. Passed 2 – 0, with Hanna abstaining.

Roofing bids: Administrator Hall reported the bids received for re-roofing the Harrington Meeting House and the Town Hall. The same bidders had also bid on the Parks Commissioners' RFP for roof work at Pemaquid Lighthouse Park. Hall reported that Parks Director, Lara Sargent had checked references and insurance and that Parks are expected to accept a bid on Thursday, February 15th. Lowd moved, and Yates seconded, a motion to accept the bid from McLaughlin Builders of Medway, Maine, amounting to \$15,500 for the Town Hall roof using architectural shingles, and \$18,000 to re-roof the Harrington Meeting House with Maine white cedar shingles. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Old Business:

2018 Warrant and Budget:

Selectmen discussed the use of Surplus funds. Hanna noted that it is proposed to use approximately \$56,000 more from surplus than in 2017, but it is to be expected that the surplus number will recover once the April 1 assessment values are calculated and a mill rate set. The goal is to maintain a stable mill rate if at all possible, while staying within the Auditors' recommended level of surplus to avoid the need for tax anticipation borrowing.

After brief discussion, it was agreed that warrant articles did not need to be taken singly, especially given the reviews of items over the past four meetings. It was therefore moved by Hanna, seconded by Lowd, to recommend all the Town General Government articles, plus the Adult Education article. Motion carried 3 – 0.

Selectmen then reviewed the Fire and Rescue Budget once more. In response to Yates, Hanna clarified that if Article 18, to hire a full-time Fire Chief is voted down, then there would be an amendment offered to Article 19 to reduce the appropriation accordingly. Lowd then moved, and Yates seconded, a motion to recommend the Fire and Rescue Budget totaling \$432,749.20. Motion carried 3 – 0.

Selectmen then moved to Article 32, the Parks and Recreation Budget. It was moved by Yates, seconded by Lowd, to recommend the budget as presented by the Commissioners, totaling \$389,350. The motion passed 3 – 0.

Regular Business:

Two Building Permit applications were approved, for Map 005, lot 017; and map 029, lot 028-F.

Selectmen reviewed and signed the accounts payable and payroll warrant for the Bristol/South Bristol Transfer Station.

Correspondence received:

- A letter was reviewed asking the Selectmen to help reduce the level of noise, rowdyism and damage that occurs on July 4th from the overflow of a large annual fireworks party on a dock in New Harbor. Selectman Yates agreed to speak with the parties involved, and Hall will forward the letter to the Harbormaster.

Public Comment:

Dave Bilski read a statement regarding the Bristol Dam Committee's process. He was assured that no action will be proposed on the March Town Meeting Warrant beyond continuing the annual set-aside of reserve funds for the Dam and Fish Passage, plus payment of the balance expected to be billed by Wright-Pierce for their work with the Committee. He passed the written statement to the Selectmen for the record.

He also asked about the status of repairs to Route 130, given the significant damage sustained by frost action this winter. Hall pointed out that there is a newly-formed Corridor Intermodal Study, sponsored by Bristol, Damariscotta and the Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission, which is working with Maine DoT to secure additional funds for upgrading the road. He will invite Bilski to its next meeting, on February 26th.

Hanna gave notice of the following Public Meetings:

Parks and Recreation Commission, Thursday, February 15th, 6 pm at Ellingwood Information Center

Planning Board, Thursday, February 15th, 7 pm at Town Hall.

Selectmen, Wednesday, February 28th, at 7 pm at the Town Hall

Note that the Town Office will be CLOSED on Monday, February 19, in observation of Presidents' Day.

It was moved by Lowd, seconded by Yates, to Adjourn. Motion passed, 3 – 0, at 1.36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Hall
Town Administrator