



**Selectmen's Meeting
September 20th, 2017
MINUTES**

Selectmen Present: *Chad Hanna, Harry Lowd III, Paul Yates*
Also Present: *Chris Hall (Town Administrator); Chuck Hanson.*

Selectmen were called to order by chair Hanna at 7.00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Yates, seconded by Lowd, to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 6th. Passed 3 – 0.

Bridge Engineering:

Selectmen reviewed a summary of the three final proposals for bridge engineering from finalists who presented at the September 6th workshop.

After discussion on funding availability and the timing of work, it was proposed by Lowd, seconded by Yates:

- To retain Calderwood Engineering for engineering for the Redonnett Mill Road bridge, with the goal of having a fully costed solution ready for the 2018 budget;
- To request Calderwood Engineering to hold their pricing for the Upper Round Pond Road and Benner Road Stone Arch bridges until March 31, 2018, with a view to requesting funding for this work at the 2018 Town Meeting.

Passed 3 – 0.

From the floor, C. Hanson asked if all three firms were bidding on the same basis, given that one of the three was significantly higher than the others. Anna indicated that they were, and that all firms had been at the September 6th meeting and appeared to understand the terms of reference.

Solar Electricity Generation:

Administrator Hall reported that the School Board had selected ReVision Energy, in a close competition, as a vendor of solar panels for the Bristol Consolidated School. He noted that the demand charge on the school's bills made it hard to

compare their electricity purchases with the Town's, and that they expected to pay slightly more for their solar electricity during the first six years of their Power purchase Agreement. This would be offset by savings after year 6, and by the educational value of the project.

Hall presented a comparison of the three bidders' proposals, including two alternatives from ReVision. Selectmen noted that Sundog Solar was the low bidder in three areas: the price savings in the first six years; the per-watt installed capacity cost to purchase the array in year seven; and the maintenance contract for the first six years.

In discussion, Yates suggested it may be prudent to wait and see how the school's installation works. Hall replied that the two proposed installations are different – ground- versus roof-mounted, and single-meter versus net metering for nine buildings; and noted that the ability to lock in recovery of the delivery charge was now declining by 10% per year. It was agreed that selection of a vendor must not in itself commit the Town to anything beyond the completion of engineering and regulatory work, and an interconnection and net metering agreement with CMP, so that Selectmen could decide in January what to propose to the Budget Committee and the Town meeting. This could include establishing a reserve account for annual payments towards the system buyout in year seven, should the Town wish to go ahead.

It was moved by Lowd, seconded by Hanna:

- To select Sundog Solar to:
 - o Negotiate a draft contract with the Town
 - o Negotiate an interconnection and net metering agreement with CMP;
- And to request the Town Administrator to verify with MMA the status of liability and property insurance for an array on leased Town land.

Passed 3 – 0.

Proposal for change of road names:

Bristol Fire and Rescue suggested that two road names be changed for purposes of clarity in dispatching emergency services: Harbor Road in Round Pond to 'Round Pond Harbor Road;' and South Side Road in New Harbor to 'Southside Road.'

Selectmen directed Administrator Hall to write to affected residents of these roads and solicit their feedback, and to report back in November.

Maine Municipal Association: it was moved by Hanna, seconded by Lowd, to designate Paul Yates as the Town's voting delegate at the Annual Meeting on October 4th. Motion passed 3 – 0 and Selectmen signed the Voting Credentials for return to MMA.

Old Business:

- Emergency planning tabletop exercise: the Lincoln County Emergency Management Director, Casey Stevens, will moderate the exercise beginning at 6 pm on Wednesday November 8th, at the Town Office. Representatives of the Lincoln County EMA, Sheriff's Department and CMP will join Selectmen and the leadership of Bristol Fire and Rescue and EMS.
- Office hours from 8 am to 6 pm on Thursdays will commence on Thursday, October 12th.

Regular business:

- Requests for Building Permits were approved for:
 - Map 010, lot 007-E;
 - Map 010, lot 023-J;
 - Map 014, lot 035.It was moved by Lowd, seconded by Yates, to waive the permit fee on file 56-17-18 on grounds of the applicant's financial circumstances. A request for culvert modification on Pemaquid Trail was denied.
- Tax abatements:
 - Selectmen signed a BETE application allowing partial state refunds of eligible business equipment property taxes.
 - Selectmen signed Abatement Warrant number 0008, approved on 09/06/17 for the Methodist Church Parsonage.
 - Two applications for Poverty Abatements were deferred to an Executive Session.

Warrants

Selectmen reviewed and signed payroll and accounts payable warrants for the Town Office, Parks and Recreation, Bristol Fire and Rescue, Bristol Consolidated School and the Bristol/South Bristol Transfer Station.

Communications received

There were no Public Comments.

Notice of forthcoming public meetings:

Notice was given of the following forthcoming meetings:

- Planning Board, Thursday, Sept. 21st, 7 pm – Town Hall
- Bristol Mills Dam Advisory Committee, Tuesday Sept. 26th, 6 pm - Town Hall
- Parks and Recreation Commission, Tuesday, September 26th, 6 pm – Ellingwood Information Center
- Selectmen, Wednesday, Oct 4th, 7 pm – Town Hall

Executive Session:

It was moved by Hanna, seconded by Yates, to move into Executive Session pursuant to M.R.S.A. Title 1, chapter 13, section 405.

Motion passed 3 – 0; entered Executive Session at 8.06 pm.

Executive Session ended at 8.13 p.m.

Moved by Hanna, seconded by Lowd, to approve Poverty Abatement Case 001.

Passed 3 – 0.

Moved by Lowd, seconded by Hanna, to approve Poverty Abatement Case 002.

Passed 3 – 0.

Motion to adjourn, at 8.16 pm: proposed Yates, seconded Lowd, carried 3 – 0.