



**Selectmen's Meeting
MINUTES
Bristol Town Office, March 3rd, 2021**

Selectmen Present: Chad Hanna, Kristine Poland, Paul Yates

Also Present: Chris Hall (Town Administrator); Paul Leeman, Jr. (Fire Chief); Nettie Hoagland (Lincoln County News); Chuck Hanson.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Chad Hanna, at 7:01 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Yates, seconded by Poland, to approve the Minutes of the meeting of February 17th. Motion passed, 3 - 0.

The Fire Chief reported on various ongoing items of business:

- The search for the new Chief is going well, with four candidates now being evaluated; one withdrew after being told the salary range. If the Review Committee and the Department membership are not unanimous, they may bring two candidates to the Selectmen for a final choice.
- The street light at the corner of Northern Point Road is switched off, pending discussion with two neighbors. Hall can now control the timing and intensity and it is hoped to agree on a schedule which will be satisfactory to the neighbors; Leeman will arrange a meeting.
- The Town Attorney has not reported back on an Easement for the right-of-way to the proposed new fire pond at Munro Bridge. This matter was tabled to March 17th.

Referring to the discussion on February 17th about Chief Leeman remaining on salary for the month of May to overlap with and assist the new Chief, Poland moved that his salary and health care be continued until May 31st. Seconded by Yates, the motion was carried, 3 - 0.

The County Tax assessment for 2021 had been received, at \$1,509,619.09. This is up from \$1,468,426.30 for last year, an increase of 2.8%. Hall believed that this increase could be absorbed within the overlay without an increase in taxation.

The Harbor Committee reported the withdrawal of mooring privileges from a non-resident who had not used their allocated mooring for over a year.

The Harbor Committee also asked the Select Board to confirm whether they have the authority to levy fines on, or withdraw the privilege of using a Town Landing, from a party who has repeatedly used a landing to work on floats, leaving litter such as

discarded nails and wood waste, and blocking access to the boat ramp while undertaking work. The question was referred to the Town's attorney for advice.

The Harbor Committee also referred to the Board the question of whether they could, as a Committee of the Town, offer testimony on a bill, LD 101, before the Legislature that proposed to ban all offshore wind development in Maine waters. The Harbor Committee was divided on the issue, with 5 in favor of supporting the bill and 2 opposed. The Select Board felt that, on issues where there are divided opinions, it is best for a Town committee not to offer testimony on a bill, but individual members were encouraged to support or oppose legislation and could indicate in doing so that they are members of a Town committee.

The Board discussed the 2021 road maintenance paving schedule. Hanna will meet with the Highway Department's Sean Hunter to review and paint-mark the sections of road for which bids will be sought.

Further to the previous discussion of extending the work season at the fish ladder while the weather shelters are in place, after the imminent completion of Phase One work. The crew are available to work until April at which time the ladder will be readied for the fish migration. Hall presented a Change Order in the amount of \$ 47, 127, which will finance the continued work of the masonry crew for another month. During this time it is expected that the stone veneer will be completed up to the tops of the pools, and perhaps at least one or two of the flat capstones mounted on the pool wall tops. It was moved by Poland, seconded by Yates, to approve Change Order number 1 to the contract dated July 1, 2020, between the Town and Becker Construction. Motion passed, 3 – 0.

Regular Business:

Building Permits. Applications were reviewed and approved for work at Map 001, lot 009; and Map 008, lot 036.

Financials: Selectmen reviewed and approved the February month-end financials, cash balances, check reconciliation and property tax collection reports.

Warrants: Selectmen reviewed and approved Payroll and Accounts Payable Warrants for the Town, Bristol Fire and Rescue, the Parks Department, and the Bristol – South Bristol Transfer Station.

Correspondence: William Brewer, CPA, had delivered the Audit Report for the Bristol School Department. The Fish Committee had produced a new brochure in support for fundraising for the fish ladder project.

Under public comments, Hanson requested that the Samoset Fire Company be asked to deliver an annual report for publication in each Town Report. Poland indicated it would be good practice to bring major donations of equipment from the Samoset Fire Company to the Town, to the Board of Selectmen for formal approval, for the Town to take title to such equipment.

The Chair gave notice of forthcoming Public Meetings as follows:

- Planning Board, Thursday, March 4th, 7pm at the Town Office.
- Harbor Committee, Thursday, March 11th, 5 pm at Bristol Consolidated School gym.
- Town Meeting voting, at Bristol Consolidated School, Monday March 15th, 8 am to 8 pm.
- Selectmen, Wednesday, March 17th, 7.00 pm at the Town Office

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 8.10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Hall
Town Administrator