

Select Board Meeting MINUTES Bristol Town Office - May 3, 2023

Select Board Members Present: Chad Hanna, Kristine Poland, Paul Yates

Also Present: A. Delano, B. Geyer, S. Hagar, S. Hunter

Public Hearing

Hanna called the hearing to order at 6:32 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The on-premises liquor license for Refuge Enterprises, LLC aka The Harbor Room at 2477 Bristol Road was reviewed and Hanna called for public comment. There was no public comment. On a motion by Hanna and a second by Poland it was unanimously agreed to approve the liquor license.

The Public Hearing closed at 6:34pm.

Minutes

On a motion by Poland and a second by Yates, the minutes of April 19th were passed unanimously.

Snowplow Contract

An extension amendment for the snowplow contract with Hagar Enterprises, Inc. was presented. The original contract started in 2020 with an option to extend the contract in 2023 for two more years if all parties were favorable. The base cost per mile for the 2023-2024 season is \$8,764.47 and \$9,027.41 for the 2024-2025 season. Hagar was amenable to the contract as written. Poland suggested adding a non-appropriations clause. This would allow the town to terminate the contract if funds for snow removal were not appropriated by the voting body.

Hanna asked if there were any strategies to reduce the salt effects on private wells. Hagar said MeDOT is aware of the salt contamination problem and continues to explore ways to reduce salt on the roads. Hagar speculated that 500-700 pounds per mile were distributed in an average storm. Hagar reported he had placed an interest with the state contract for salt. Hunter reported that an average of 18 yards of sand was used in the public sand building for the 2022-2023 season.

Damage to properties abutting the shoulder was discussed. Hagar and the town will continue to monitor grievances received on a case-by-case basis.

Hanna made a motion to accept the contract extension as written with the addition of a non-appropriations clause. Poland seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Exemptions

The Board revied and approved 58 Homestead Exemption and 9 Veterans Exemptions. Two Veterans Exemptions will be reconsidered as the DD-214s were missing.

Comprehensive Plan

A first draft copy and associated working documents were distributed to the Board. The committee is currently working on strategies and goals for each chapter.

Regular Business

Four renewal applications for On-Premises Liquor License were received. On a motion by Hanna and a second by Yates, the license for Contented Sole was unanimously passed. On a motion by Poland and a second by Hanna, the license for The Hub was unanimously passed. On a motion by Poland and a second by Hanna, the licenses for Muscongus Bay Lobster and The Anchor were unanimously passed.

A 3-year service renewal contract with Ubicquia in the amount of \$1,312.65 was reviewed and approved. Ubicquia offers hardware replacement and digital support for the town's 45 LED street lights.

Appointment for Alison Lee as Fish Committee Member was signed.

Warrants. The Board reviewed and signed warrants for Payroll and Accounts Payable for the Town, Fire, Parks Departments and Transfer Station.

Correspondence

An email and photo were received about erosion at Pemaquid Falls Landing. Hanna advised that the Highway Department should put a few yards of crushed rock in the area. An objection to the location of newly installed mailboxes on Pemaquid Trail was received. The Board deemed if the mailbox did not prohibit routine road maintenance and snow removal then they had no authority over the location of it.

Public Comment

Yates shared that the Seawood Park Association would like to use the Willing Workers Hall for their annual meeting. The Lions would like to donate a ping pong table to the Town.

Hanna gave notice of the following upcoming public meetings:

- Fish Committee, Thursday, May 4th @ 6pm, Fish Ladder
- Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Workshop, Tuesday, May 9th @ 6pm, School gym
- Comprehensive Plan Committee, Thursday, May 4th @ 6:30pm

Thursday, May 11th @ 6:30pm Tuesday, May 16th @ 6:30pm Thursday, May 18th @ 6:30pm

All at the Town Office

- Parks Department, Tuesday, May 16th @ 6:30pm, Ellingwood Center
- Select Board, Wednesday May 17th @ 6:30pm, Town Office

Executive Session:

On a motion by Hanna and a second by Poland, it was unanimously agreed to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing General Assistance. The Board entered Executive Session at 7:55pm. The Board left Executive Session at 7:58pm.

Action: GA case 2023-3 was denied.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Bizarro Town Administrator