



**Selectmen's Meeting
MINUTES
Bristol Town Office, January 26th, 2022**

Selectmen Present: Chad Hanna, Kristine Poland, Paul Yates.

Also present: Chris Hall (Town Administrator); Scott Sutter (Fire Chief); Steve Hope and Rick Poland (Harbor Committee); Charles Hanson; Pat Porter

Chair Hanna called the Board to order at 6.35 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Poland requested that in the Minutes of January 19th, mention be made that uses of ARPA money should be clearly identified in the Warrant. Subject to that amendment, she moved, seconded by Yates, that the draft minutes of the meeting held on January 19th be accepted. Motion passed, 3 – 0.

Harbors and Landings Ordinance: New Harbor Harbormaster Steve Hope and Harbor Committee member Rick Poland presented the revised Harbors and Landings Ordinance which the Harbor Committee had approved on January 20th. The Committee now requested the Board to place the revised Ordinance on the Town Meeting Warrant for March 22nd, before which vote the Harbor Committee will hold a public hearing into the amendments on February 24th at 5 pm in the Town Office.

It was moved by Yates, seconded by K. Poland, to place the Harbors and Landings Ordinance on the Town Meeting Warrant. Motion passed, 3 – 0.

The Board then took up the revised Schedule of Mooring Fees approved by the Harbor Committee for immediate effect upon approval by the Board. The Chair noted that this included moving from biennial to annual fees of \$25 for Bristol residents and taxpayers, and to \$100 a year for non-Bristol mooring users. In addition, by moving to an online mooring management system, a fee of \$6 additional would be collected by the software company for processing each application. After brief discussion, it was moved by Yates, seconded by K. Poland, to approve the Schedule of Fees. Motion passed, 3 – 0.

Fire and Rescue Budget: Chief Sutter presented his 2022 operating budget, featuring requested increases in allocations for operations and for capital reserves. The Board also asked about the Department's requests for ARPA funding, totaling an estimated \$60,000 for radio equipment and water installation at Station Two in Round Pond. He Chief agreed to update the budget to show each of the ARPA requests as a line item. With this, Hall will circulate the budget to the Budget Committee for consideration on Monday, February 7th. The Board will vote its recommendation, along with the other Warrant articles, on February 2nd.

Other Warrant questions: The Board reviewed the latest draft of the Warrant. Poland noted that while Article 9 confers authority to the Board to receive ARPA funds, it is

important to authorize appropriation by discrete lines for each use of ARPA in the budget articles. This should include an Article for the broadband grants from ARPA.

Poland asked if a Warrant Article may be needed to legally discontinue an abandoned stretch of Route 130, opposite the Transfer Station, which became disused at the time Route 130 was widened and straightened around 1952. The Town's tax maps still show the former roadbed as a right-of-way. Yates and Hanna did not recall any transfer of such land to the Town, and felt this should be a matter for the state, but asked Hall to inquire of Rory Craib (the town's contract mapper) and legal counsel as to whether action should be taken to extinguish any residual Town rights and responsibilities, whether of ownership or of right-of-way.

Renewal of liquor license: Bradley Inn, tabled on January 19th. Hall reported that he had sought clarification regarding the request for a permanent extension of the licensed premises. This request is to add a portion of the garden lawn to the existing license, to allow for serving alcohol at two new fire pits. The total requested space amounts to a roughly 20% expansion in the square footage of land covered by the license; although this request covers garden, it can be treated in the same manner as if a physical extension to the restaurant was proposed.

After brief discussion it was moved by Hanna, seconded by Yates, to approve the extension along with the license renewal. Motion passed, 3 – 0, and Selectmen signed the application.

Regular Business:

There were no Building Permit applications for review.

The Board reviewed and signed Warrants for Payroll and Accounts Payable for the Town, Fire and Rescue Department, Parks Department, Bristol Consolidated School, and the Bristol-South Bristol Transfer Station.

The Town Administrator reported no Correspondence.

The Chair gave Notice of forthcoming meetings:

- Comprehensive Plan Committee: Thursday, January 27th, 7.00 pm by Zoom. To receive a Zoom access code, notify the Town Office by 4.00 pm on January 27th.
- Parks and Recreation Commission, Tuesday, February 1st, 6.00 pm at the Ellingwood Information Center
- School Board – the Select Board are invited for a joint meeting to discuss the school budget: Wednesday, February 2nd, 5.30 pm at Bristol Consolidated School, to be followed by:
- Select Board, Wednesday February 2nd, following the meeting of the School Board, at the Bristol Consolidated School.
- Budget Committee hearings:
 - Town and Fire & Rescue budgets: Monday, Feb. 7th, 7 pm at the Town Office.
 - School and Parks Budgets, Tuesday, Feb. 8th, 7 pm at the Town Office.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 8.34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Hall
Town Administrator