



**Selectmen's Meeting
March 1st, 2017
MINUTES**

Selectmen Present: *Chad Hanna, Terry Lowd, Paul Yates.*

Also Present: *Chris Hall (Town Administrator); Don Loprieno, Barry Masterson, Robert Howell.*

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

Amendments to the Agenda

- None

Approval of Minutes

- A motion was made by Lowd to approve the minutes of March 1st; seconded by Yates and carried 3-0.

Colonial Pemaquid State Historic Site

Don Loprieno (Board President), Barry Masterson and Robert Howell, representing the Friends of Colonial Pemaquid (FoCP), updated the Selectmen on the status of their negotiations with the Bureau of Parks and Lands, Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. The Friends are committed to signing a Citizens' Agreement with the Bureau to allow the FoCP a continued presence at the Park, despite their reservations that some provisions of the agreement were boilerplate that should not apply to the FoCP – for example, a requirement that their newsletter should be vetted by the Bureau before it is distributed at the park.

Loprieno pointed out that notwithstanding any Citizens Agreement, the summer lecture series would be unaffected as it takes place in the Contented Sole restaurant.

It is the intent of the Friends to resume discussions with the Bureau on a lease arrangement for the park, once the Citizens Agreement is signed. Hall asked whether the FoCP would give the Town a seat at the table if it reaches the stage of preparing business and historic conservation plans for the park under Friends' management, and the FoCP representatives agreed that this would be beneficial to both the Town and to the Friends in their negotiation.

Selectmen were given copies of the park's income statement for 2014 and 2015, showing growing losses. The Friends expressed their belief that dedicated marketing, and longer hours for collecting park admission, would eliminate losses, but expressed frustration that the Bureau did not want to relinquish revenue streams such as that from the restaurant in any lease agreement.

Chair Hanna thanked the FoCP representatives for their time, saying that the Fort and State Park are a critical resource for Bristol's tourism business. The FoCP representatives agreed to continue to update the Selectmen on the progress of their negotiations.

Appointments

- Motion was made by Yates, seconded by Lowd, to make the following appointments:
 - Appeals Board, Slade Moore and Jeanette Wordock, to serve until the 2018 Town Meeting;
 - General Assistance Administrator, Lisa Peters, to serve at the pleasure of the Selectmen.

Motion carried, 3-0.

Old Business:

- Posted Road permits
Two permits had been granted to contractors for access to work sites.
- Aqua Ventus Wind Power project
Town Administrator Hall had attended a US Department of Energy public scoping meeting in St. George. He showed a map distributed at that meeting showing the intended route for the power cable landing in St. George, although DoE staff were careful to say that other routes were not yet off the table. Agreed to defer disbandment of the Wind Power Committee until the St. George route is finally permitted.
- Parks and Recreation Commission
Selectmen signed a contract to renew the lease of the Art Gallery to the Pemaquid Group of Artists.
- Bristol Mills Dam Advisory Committee
Hall noted that the Committee can be expected to continue to gather information for some months yet, before being in a position to present alternatives. He had spoken with Wright-Pierce about preparation of an Emergency Action Plan in case this is needed for MeMA funding of dam repair work, and is approaching small hydro companies to establish whether a hydro retrofit at the dam might be a way to offset maintenance costs as well as generate renewable power for the Town.

New Business:

- A liquor license renewal application for Shaw's Wharf was received; public notice will be given for comments at the March 15th Selectmen's meeting.
- A number of Special Entertainment Permit Applications were received from the 1812 Farm, and signed by Selectmen.

- A request for a drainage easement on Town land at the Pemaquid Beach Park was received. Code Enforcement Officer Joe Rose recommended approval subject to payment of legal fees and payment for work needed to repair and/or upgrade drainage ditches on Town land to accommodate the increased flow. Moved by Hanna and seconded by Lowd, to authorize the CEO to negotiate terms of an easement agreement on the lines recommended, and report back to Selectmen: carried 3-0.

Disbursement Warrants

- Reviewed and approved weekly disbursement warrants.

Public comments:

- None.

Dates of next meetings:

Agreed to invite MMA Health Trust representatives to a meeting on March 29, in addition to the remaining scheduled March Selectmen's meeting on March 15th.

Future Meetings:

Notice was given of the following scheduled meetings:

- Shellfish Committee, Tuesday March 7th, 6:00 pm (Town Office)
- Parks & Recreation Commission, Tuesday, March 7th, 6:00 pm (Ellingwood Information Center)
- Selectmen, Wednesday, March 15th, 7:00 pm (Town Office)
- Planning Board, Thursday March 16th, 6:00 pm (Town Office)
- **Town Meeting:**
Articles 1 and 2, Monday, March 20th, 8:00 am (Town Office);
Articles 3 to 53, Tuesday, March 21st, 7:00 pm (Bristol School Gymnasium).

Motion to adjourn, at 7:50 pm: prop. Lowd, seconded Yates, carried 3 – 0.