



**Selectmen's Meeting
March 7th, 2018
MINUTES**

Selectmen Present: *Chad Hanna, Terry Lowd, Paul Yates*
Also Present: *Chris Hall (Town Administrator); Jason Lord.*

The meeting was called to order by Chair Chad Hanna at 7.00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Yates, seconded by Lowd, to accept the Minutes of the Selectmen's meeting on March 7th, 2018. Passed 3 – 0.

Matters arising from the Minutes:

Hall noted that the Selectmen will meet on Sunday, March 11, to present the Boston Post Cane to Carrol Voss.

Calderwood Engineering had requested an additional week to receive bids on the Varney Bridge, driven by concerns about this week's weather and at the request of one or more bidders. Bids will now be opened on Wednesday, March 14th.

New Business:

Fireworks: Residents of New Harbor had drawn attention to the damage done by embers falling from fireworks on the last Fourth of July holiday, and requested that Selectmen consider a fireworks ordinance to restrict displays. Jason Lord, on whose dock one of the major firework displays was launched, attended the meeting and assured the Board that he would not hold a fireworks party this year; he wished to be a good neighbor and was concerned about liability if property is damaged. Selectmen thanked him for his neighborly gesture, and agreed to take no further action.

Fish Committee: Selectmen reviewed a memorandum from the Town Clerk expressing concern that the Fish Committee should follow the policy on public meetings enacted in March 2016, and conform to the practice of other Town Committees and to the Maine Public Meetings law.

Selectmen recognized that the work of the Fish Committee in the field does not need minute-taking in the conventional way, but when decisions are made planning their work or on spending money they should hold publicly-advertised meetings and record minutes in the usual way. Hanna suggested that this could

be done in conjunction with a regular Selectmen's meeting, perhaps at the beginning and the end of the work season. Hall will invite them to a Selectmen's meeting and communicate the expectations of Selectmen.

2018 Roads Maintenance: It was agreed that the following work would be done in the 2018 work season:

- Asphaltting of Fish Point Road, Pemaquid Beach Loop, and Old Fort Road; Redonnett Mill Road (on completion of the Varney Bridge deck work); and part of Foster Road. The South Side Landing in New Harbor would need concrete work and would be handled by a separate bid.
- Prep work on Sproul Hill Road would be done this year ahead of expected paving of the remaining gravel section in 2019.

Hall will document the footage of asphalt needed and prepare to advertise for bids.

Looking ahead to 2019, it is expected that roads in the Round Pond area including Back Shore Road and Coggins Road will be prioritized for maintenance paving, as well as the first section of Poor Farm Road.

Hall also reported that earlier that day, a 3-foot-wide sinkhole had been reported on Rock Schoolhouse Road, caused by a failed culvert pipe. Sean Hunter had arranged for immediate replacement using an 18" culvert in stock at the Town Garage, which was installed this day by Hanley Construction.

Regular Business:

It was moved by Yates, seconded by Lowd, to approve a Release Deed for property at Map 4, Lot 154 -4-A. Hall confirmed that the resident had completed all payments due under an agreement to pay off back taxes owed the Town. The motion was approved 3 – 0, and the Deed was signed by Selectmen.

One building permit was reviewed and approved, for Map 004, lot 75-B-25B.

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

Chair Hanna gave notice of the following Public Meetings:

Selectmen, Wednesday, March 14th (bid opening) and Wednesday, March 21st (regular meeting) both at 7 pm at the Town Hall.

Harbor Committee, Thursday, March 29nd, 6 pm at the Town Office.

TOWN MEETING:

Monday, March 19th, voting 8 am to 8 pm, Town Office

Tuesday, March 20th, 7 pm, open meeting at Bristol School gym.

It was moved by Lowd, seconded by Yates, to adjourn. Motion passed, 3 – 0, at 7.46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Hall
Town Administrator