



**Selectmen's Meeting
July 5th, 2017
MINUTES**

Selectmen Present: *Chad Hanna, Harry Lowd III, Paul Yates.*

Also Present: *Chris Hall (Town Administrator); Peter Drum, Esq.; Clifton Mahan; Laurie Mahan; Shannon Mahan.*

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

It was proposed by Lowd and seconded by Yates to accept the Minutes of the meeting of June 21st; passed 3 – 0.

Old Business

- Selectmen had received an offer to redeem the Tax-Acquired Property at Map 020, Lot 010. Shannon Mahan, having the Power of Attorney for the former owner, made an offer to redeem the property in the name of the former owner, still resident in the home.
It was moved by Lowd, and seconded by Hanna, to accept the offer of \$11,033.24 to issue a quitclaim deed on Map 020, Lot 010, to the former owner. Motion carried 3 – 0.
- Administrator Hall reported that the Town had not yet had to draw down its Tax Anticipation line of credit, but notified Selectmen that he expected to do so in the coming week assuming we did not wish to hold back some payments to certain vendors.

New Business

- Chair Hanna moved forward an agenda item, inviting Attorney Peter Drum to speak to a letter he had sent Selectmen suggesting review and revision of the Town's setback ordinances. Mr. Drum invited comparisons with neighboring towns, and pointed out that the Town's concern regarding future adoption of private roads in subdivisions could be met in a number of ways, including a Road Adoption ordinance or a change to the Requirements and Standards sections of the Land Use Standards Ordinance. In discussion, it was pointed out that it would not be likely that

an ordinance change could be agreed in time for the August 22 Special Town Meeting. Selectmen directed Administrator Hall to refer the question to the Planning Board, with a request that they consider whether to recommend ordinance changes to the Selectmen.

- Mill rate. Hall presented calculations of overlay for alternative mill rates, reflecting the state budget passed the previous day, July 4th, which set the Homestead exemption rate at \$20,000 and the state reimbursement share at 50%. After discussion, it was moved by Lowd, seconded by Yates, to set the 2017 property tax rate at 0.00625 (6.25 mills). Passed 3 – 0.
- InforME: Hall requested approval to sign for expanded online tax payment service for the Town using the state's InforME service. This was approved provided that Hall verify that all credit/debit card payments are additional charges to the taxpayer, not deductions from the funds collected by the Town.
- Special Town Meeting Warrant: Hall reported two errors or omissions from the 2017 Town Meeting Warrant which the Special Town Meeting offered an opportunity to correct. There being an expected surplus in the Road Maintenance budget line, it was moved by Hanna, seconded by Yates, to place an article on the Special town meeting Warrant as follows: "To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to transfer \$50,000 unspent appropriated funds from the Road Management account, to the following accounts: Cemeteries, \$8,000; 2016-17 Revaluations, \$42,000." Such article to be referred to the Budget Committee for their recommendation. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Other regular business:

- Tax exemption applications: Selectmen reviewed and approved 10 Homestead exemptions and one Farmland renewal. One Veteran's and one Open Space exemption application were referred back for further information.
- Correspondence:
A letter of thanks was received from departing School Superintendent Steve Bailey. Selectmen asked that Administrator Hall send a letter of thanks from the Town in appreciation of his services to the Bristol Consolidated School.
Notification was received from the Department of Environmental Protection that the grant application for the lower Pemaquid Watershed water quality study had been approved in part; there would now be a negotiation with DEP as to the scope of work that the grant would pay for.
- Warrants:

Selectmen reviewed and signed payroll and accounts payable warrants for the Bristol Consolidated School, Town Office, Parks and Recreation and Bristol Fire and Rescue.

- There were no Public Comments.

Notice of forthcoming public meetings:

- Bristol Mills Dam Advisory Committee, Tuesday, July 11th and Tuesday July 25th, both at 6 pm, Town Office
- Shellfish Committee, Monday July 17th, 6 pm, Town Office
- Parks and Recreation Commission: Tuesday July 18th, 6 pm, Ellingwood Park Information Center
- Board of Selectmen, Wednesday, July 19th, 7 pm, Town Office: including Public Hearing on Warrant for Special Town Meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 8.13 pm: prop. Lowd, seconded Yates, carried 3 – 0.