



**Selectmen's Meeting  
August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018  
MINUTES**

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

Also Present: *Chris Hall (Town Administrator); Paul Leeman, Jr. (Fire Chief); Charles Hanson, Sandra Brackett, Hope Prentice, Mollie Perley, Wendy Azarte.*

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

It was moved by Lowd, seconded by Yates, to accept the Minutes of the Selectmen's meeting of July 25<sup>th</sup>, with one correction of a typographical error. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Capital projects: Selectmen reviewed the several capital expenditure projects under way at present.

- Fire Chief Leeman reported that the sealcoating at Station 1 is under way and should be completed the following week.
- Hanna reported that the preparation work on Sproul Hill Road was approaching completion, with additional blasting work being undertaken in the current week. Work should be complete the following week.
- Hall noted that Calderwood Engineering would now be available to join the Selectmen on August 15<sup>th</sup>, not August 29<sup>th</sup> as previously noted, and that the discussion is likely to focus on the options and costs for the Benner road stone arch and the Upper Round Pond culvert replacement, the order in which these major projects should be undertaken and how they are to be funded.
- Chief Leeman reported that the Munro Bridge hydrant is now simply awaiting an expected DEP permit, and the signing of the right-of-way deed being granted by the landowner, Mrs. Joyce Jones. It was moved

- by Hanna, seconded by Yates, to authorize Hall to sign the Deed on behalf of the Town.
- Hall reported that the School parking lot project had encountered problems with ledge; the additional blasting required will take up the balance of the \$300,000 capital budget voted by the Town.
  - The proposed School softball field appears to Hall to look like a \$225,000 to \$250,000 project, based on initial discussions with contractors. Permitting for a small area of wetland infill is under way.
  - The School's solar array was turned on on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, and the array at the Transfer Station is expected to be completed the week of August 6<sup>th</sup>. Activation will then depend on CMP installing a new pole and connection.
  - On the dam and fish passage, Hall reported only that since last week he is scheduling meetings with DEP, DMR, Knowles Industrial (the grouting and concrete contractor), Becker Construction, Wright-Pierce and Inter-Fluve. He will report more on August 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - The Parks and Recreation commission have selected the architectural firm of Theodore & Theodore. Initial guidance to them includes focusing on keeping the present building footprint, raising a new structure 3 feet or so on pilings to get above the flood hazard level, and linking it to the parking lot and beach by a raised boardwalk that would also allow handicapped accessibility to the beach by a ramp. Preliminary designs are expected by October.

The Website Disclaimer and Privacy Policy, tabled on July 25<sup>th</sup> for review, was briefly discussed. It was moved by Lowd, seconded by Yates, to accept the Policy and post it on the Town's web site. The motion was passed, 3 – 0.

### **Regular Business:**

Selectmen reviewed and approved one building permit application, for Map 006, lot 048.

Selectmen reviewed and signed warrants for payroll and accounts payable for the Town Office, Fire, and Parks and Recreation departments, and the Bristol – South Bristol Transfer Station.

Under correspondence received, Selectmen received a 'thank you' note from Bath Savings upon the payoff of the Town's fire truck note; and a notification to adjoining Towns of the proposed new Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Newcastle.

In Public Comments, Perley, Prentice and Azarte asked Selectmen about the process for public input on the next steps of the dam repair and fish passage. Hanna said he is not sure whether there will be a formal Committee, but there will be an effort to secure public input and publish information. The level of interest shown by the high turnout for the dam vote is something he hopes will continue.

Chair Hanna gave notice of forthcoming meetings as follows:

- Planning Board: Thursday, August 2nd, 7 pm at the Town Office
- Parks and Recreation Commission, Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm at the Ellingwood Information Center
- Selectmen: Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm at the Town Office

Executive Session:

It was moved by Hanna, seconded by Yates, to move into Executive Session to consider a personnel matter – the contract for the Fire Chief – under MRS Title 1, section 405.6.A. Motion passed, 3 – 0 and the Board entered executive session at 7.42 p.m.

The Board left Executive Session at 7.55 pm. Hanna reported that action to approve the contract would be deferred and taken in open session on August 15<sup>th</sup>, to give Lowd an opportunity to vote; he had had to leave for another commitment at 7.45 pm.

The Board then adjourned at 7.58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Hall  
Town Administrator