



**Selectmen's Meeting
August 16th, 2017
MINUTES**

Selectmen Present: *Chad Hanna, Harry Lowd III, Paul Yates*
Also Present: *Chris Hall (Town Administrator), Jim Hodgkin (Superintendent, AOS 93); Heather Leslie (Director, Darling Marine Center, University of Maine); Seth Hagar.*

Selectmen were called to order by chair Hanna at 7.01 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was proposed by Lowd and seconded by Yates to accept the Minutes of the meeting of August 2nd; passed 2 – 0.

Hanna welcomed Jim Hodgkin, the new Superintendent of AOS 93. He recounted his background and his hopes for a close working relationship with the Town, and was pleased to have established an excellent working relationship with Dave Kolodin as chair of the School Board. Selectmen wished him well and looked forward to working with him at budget time.

Dr. Heather Leslie gave an overview of the Darling Marine Center's draft ten-year strategic plan. She wished the DMC to be regarded as a gateway from the community to the University of Maine System, and expressed appreciation for the role that many Bristol residents play at the center – notably from the Bristol Fire and Rescue department. In discussion, it was noted that local schools – especially Lincoln Academy – were making use of the DMC's staff and facilities, and she hoped that Bristol fishermen might be able to work with DMC researchers and students – especially as students were always looking for hands-on research opportunities. She agreed to welcome the Bristol Shellfish Committee at the Center in the near future to discuss ways to collaborate.

Proposals from solar energy companies: proposals were opened and referred to CEI for evaluation, utilizing the grant from the Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission for technical assistance. John Egan of CEI will attend a workshop on Wednesday August 30th to make recommendations based on the proposals.

Statements of Qualifications had been received from eight engineering firms in response to the RFQ for the three Bristol Mills bridges. Selectmen had reviewed

these at home, and the three highest-scoring firms were found to be Gartley and Dorsky; Becker Structural Engineers; and the VHB/Hagar Engineering partnership.

Administrator Hall was directed to contact these firms and invite them to a public workshop on Wednesday August 30, and to ask them to be prepared to focus in particular on two questions: (i) the pros and cons, financial and otherwise, of a design-build project approach rather than a conventional division into separate engineering and construction contracts; (ii) the costs of maintaining the Benner Road Stone Arch bridge as the main right-of-way versus the costs of building a new bridge alongside it.

Matters forwarded by Other Town Bodies

- The Planning Board reported back that they recommended no action on the request from attorney Peter Drum, requesting review of the Town's setback requirements. It was noted that if further evidence of hardship from additional property owners came to light, the issue could be reopened.
- Code Enforcement: the Town appeared to be non-compliant with MRSA 25, ch.313 §2351-A which requires appointment of a Building Inspector. Chair Hanna urged caution as this had given rise to concern in the past, and suggested that the Town's building contractors should be contacted with a view to a public discussion of the implications of such a position, which is principally required to enforce fire safety codes.

Other regular business

Correspondence Received:

- The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office requested the support of the Town for a grant application seeking a new patrol boat for shellfish enforcement. It was moved by Lowd, seconded by Yates, to sign a letter of support; carried 3 – 0. Selectmen signed a letter to that effect to Chief Deputy Rand Maker.
- A dividend check for \$1,635 had been received from the Maine Municipal Association's Property and Casualty risk pool, based on the Town's good claims record. Unfortunately no such dividend would be received this year from the Workers Compensation pool.
- A letter was received from Kate Hohorst, of Chamberlain, regarding the use of the Bristol Mills swimming hole for water tanker fill-ups. A sixteen-wheeler truck filling on the afternoon of Monday August 14 had caused major disruption to swimmers and blocked the loop road, trapping cars for a half-hour.

The Parks and Recreation Commission had considered the matter on Tuesday 15th and were minded to set a rule limiting water fill-ups in summer months to early morning hours, excepting only fire and rescue vehicles. Selectmen agreed they would be supportive of such a rule, which

might best be enforced with early communication to the swimming pool maintenance and well drilling companies that use water tankers.

Permits:

Four Building Permit applications were reviewed and approved, for Lots:

- Map 004, lot 089-A
- Map 006, lot 033
- Map 007, lot 021
- Map 020, lot 018

Requests for Catering Permits were approved for events to be catered by Stone Cove Catering (two) and the Damariscotta River grill (one).

Warrants:

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

There were no Public Comments.

Notice of forthcoming public meetings:

- Special Town Meeting by secret ballot, Tuesday August 22nd, 8 am to 8 pm at the Town Hall
- Harbor Committee, Thursday, August 24th, 6 pm – Town Office
- Board of Selectmen: public workshop on solar energy options, Wednesday August 30th, 7 pm, Town Office
- Bristol Mills Dam Advisory Committee, Tuesday September 5th, 6 pm, Town Hall
- Board of Selectmen, Wednesday, September 6th, 7 pm, Town Office: additional Public Hearing on Warrant for Special Town Meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 8.28 pm: proposed Lowd, seconded Yates, carried 3 – 0.