



**Selectmen's Meeting  
October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
MINUTES**

Selectmen Present: *Chad Hanna, Harry Lowd III*  
Also Present: *Chris Hall (Town Administrator)*  
Absent: *Paul Yates*

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

It was moved by Yates, seconded by Lowd, to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 20<sup>th</sup>. Passed 2 – 0.

**Public Hearing:**

Chair Hanna asked Town Administrator Hall to highlight the amendments to the Maine Municipal Association's model General Assistance Ordinance, which had been adopted by MMA in August. These included recognition of Registered Domestic Partners; incorporation of federal rule changes allowing National Banks to be included among the financial institutions that Towns could request information from; and changes to the family responsibility for funerals and cremations. The Ordinance's Appendices A through D had also been updated to reflect current cost-of-living based maximum limits to Assistance grants.

Notice of the Public Hearing having been advertised in the Lincoln County news, and the new model Ordinance and Appendices having been posted in the Town Office, in the absence of any public comments it was moved by Hanna, seconded by Lowd, to adopt the revised Ordinance and Appendices in their entirety. Passed 2 – 0.

**Matters Referred from Other Town Bodies:**

Parks and Recreation Commission: Administrator Hall presented the Commission's year-to-date financials ending September 30. The Commission has a balance of \$207,326.03 held by the Town, reflecting a trading surplus (increase in cash) of \$85,913.53. This should be sufficient to fund Parks maintenance expenses through the winter and spring, once revenue ends with the closure of the Lighthouse Park for the season on October 29.

The Parks Commission has purchased a used 2005 Jeep Liberty for use by the Parks Manager. Selectmen advised that the vehicle should have the Town logo and Parks Commission lettering applied to its sides, and a flashing emergency light installed, to make the vehicle appropriate for emergency use.

Hall also reported that the kitchen equipment at the Beach Snack Shack had been purchase from the former leaseholder for \$1,100, and that the outstanding wages due to staff from the former operator have now been paid in full.

Shellfish Committee: the grant for the Lower Pemaquid Watershed Assessment has now been approved and the related consulting contract signed. The kickoff of the steering committee for the Assessment will take place instead of the next regularly scheduled Shellfish Committee meeting, on Monday November 6<sup>th</sup> at the Town Office.

School Board: the School Board requested the Town grant an easement to ReVision Energy, LLC, to allow them to install and maintain the proposed solar panel array on the roof of Bristol Consolidated School.

It was moved by Lowd, seconded by Hanna to grant and sign the requested easement. Passed 2 – 0.

### **Old Business:**

The Town had been notified by Morton Salt of their road salt price quotation for 2017-18; at \$66.51 representing a 10% reduction since 2016-17. Selectmen signed to accept the quotation.

Town generation of solar power: in the absence of Selectman Paul Yates, Selectmen agreed to table the matter to October 18.

### **Regular business:**

Administrator Hall presented the third quarter Town Office financials. He pointed out that spending was a little over budget in payroll, due to overtime, and in computer expense; otherwise expenses were in line with expectations. Old Bristol Days had made a small surplus. The Town had incurred significant legal expenses due to the Emanuel-Wotton case, and chair Hanna asked that these be charged to Town Office Legal instead of Code Enforcement.

### **Building Permit Applications:**

Three applications were approved: Map 007, lot 099; Map 009, lot 009-B; and Map 021, lot 001.

## Requests for Abatements:

Five Abatements had been recommended for approval by the Assessors, and eight for denial. In each case, chair Hanna read the Warrant and invited comment. Abatement Warrants numbers 9, 10, 11 and 12 of 2017 (for a single property owner) were considered together. It was moved by Hanna, seconded by Lowd, to accept the Warrants as presented; motion passed 2 – 0.

Abatement Warrant number 13 of 2017: moved by Lowd, seconded by Hanna, to accept; passed 2 – 0.

Denial Warrant number 004 of 2017: proposed by Hanna, seconded by Lowd, to confirm the denial; passed 2 – 0.

Denial Warrant number 005 of 2017: proposed by Lowd, seconded by Hanna, to confirm the denial; passed 2 – 0.

Denial Warrant number 006 of 2017: proposed by Hanna, seconded by Lowd, to confirm the denial; passed 2 – 0.

Denial Warrant number 007 of 2017: proposed by Hanna, seconded by Lowd, to confirm the denial; passed 2 – 0.

Denial Warrant number 008 of 2017: proposed by Lowd, seconded by Hanna, to confirm the denial; passed 2 – 0.

Denial Warrant number 010 of 2017: proposed by Hanna, seconded by Lowd, to confirm the denial; passed 2 – 0.

Denial Warrant number 004 of 2017: proposed by Hanna, seconded by Lowd, to confirm the denial; passed 2 – 0.

## Warrants

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

## Communications received

Notice was received that the Town's Motion to Dismiss in the matter of Emanuel versus Bristol regarding the Wotton property, had been granted.

A petition was received from residents of the Old County Road opposing paving of the unpaved balance of the road. Hanna indicated that there is no present intention to pave that section. It was noted that plowing of that section during the

winter would have to await further work to grade and widen the road, and would not be possible in the winter of 2017-18.

A fax was noted from R.S. Pidacks, Inc., advising that their portable crushing plant would be located at the Granite Hill Quarry for approximately 2-3 weeks in October.

A number of communications had been received in response to the notification of possible road name changes in New Harbor and Round Pond, all (to date) being favorable. This matter will be on the agenda for decision on October 18.

**Notice of forthcoming public meetings:**

Notice was given of the following forthcoming meetings:

- Parks and Recreation Commission, Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm – Ellingwood Information Center
- Bristol Mills Dam Advisory Committee, Tuesday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>, both at 6 pm - Town Hall
- Planning Board, Thursday, October 19, 7 pm – Town Hall
- Next meeting of Selectmen, Wednesday, Oct 18<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm – Town Hall

Motion to adjourn, at 8.31 pm: proposed Lowd, seconded Hanna, carried 2 – 0.