



Selectmen's Meeting

November 2, 2016

Bristol Town Office

Present: *Chad Hanna, Terry Lowd, Paul Yates, Kristine Poland*

Also present: *Jim Albright, Phil Averill, Bill Benner, Claire Enterline, Chuck Farrell, John Freburger, Chris Hall, Pete Hannah, Jim Hatch, Joe McLean, Steve O'Brien, Carl Ornowski, Shawn Plummer, Rick Poland, Jennifer Villeneuve, Maia Zewert*

Amendments to the Agenda

- There were no amendments to the agenda.

Bristol Mills Dam Feasibility Study

- Members of the Bristol Dam Advisory Committee met with the Selectmen and Joe McLean of Wright-Pierce to ask questions and to review expectations regarding the upcoming feasibility study. The committee will focus on fish passage, water supply for firefighting, fresh water recreation and property ownership concerns in addition to other issues which may be raised during the process. Slade Moore provided a synopsis of efforts by the Fish Committee and community volunteers to monitor and improve the alewife run and distributed supporting documentation. A new fishway was recently designed by Wright-Pierce with funds from the Maine Coastal Program. NOAA is one major funder of restoration projects, but due to changes in budgeting and philosophy the organization's focus has shifted to dam removal and the Penobscot Watershed. For these reasons and because some species cannot negotiate fishway passage, town officials will take a step back and reassess options. The Nature Conservancy pledged up to \$30,000 for the feasibility study and no matching funds are required. The town will decide on the outcome of the study. Agencies such as Inland Fisheries & Wildlife and the Department of Marine Resources can provide expert opinions. Moore stressed that the only reason why fish are currently getting over the dam is due to volunteers who are willing to help and that sustainability should be kept in focus. McLean noted that the end product of the study will be a thick, written document and that the work will really begin when the product is complete. The effort needs to be directed in order for Wright-Pierce to provide scope of services. The selectmen appointed Claire Enterline to the advisory committee. Early and active public participation will be welcome at all meetings. All meetings of the advisory committee are considered public proceedings and records will be kept at the Town Office.

Dam Grouting

- Knowles Industries has been injecting grout in the dam in an effort to address structural integrity. Water is coming out in places that may or may not have been expected. The dam is quite hollow behind the concrete on

the east side of the dam. All cracks that were seen on the face were addressed. The valve is being opened and closed to see what might have been missed. A completion date will be based on how many leaks are found.

Minutes

- A motion was made by Lowd to approve the minutes of October 19th. The motion was seconded by Yates and carried.

Private Burial Site

- Shawn Plummer provided paperwork he felt would bring understanding to questions raised about a possible burial site on an abutting property. The town consulted with Attorney Villeneuve who advised that the town's obligations have to do with the facts surrounding the situation. The conclusion based on the Plummer letter was that there is no municipal responsibility because an affidavit was not provided and because the concept of the statute has to do with issuance of permits with a "known" burial site. A permit from the town was not required for excavation. There is a possibility of adding language to the Land Use Ordinance to address similar issues. Villeneuve will send a follow-up letter to Attorney Shadis.

Stream Culverts

- The Maine Department of Environmental Protection is accepting proposals for improvements at stream crossings, including culvert upgrades. The culvert behind the Town Office on the Upper Round Pond Road is not on the preferred list of projects. A culvert project for a crossing that is not on the list may be scored lower, but funding will not be ruled out. The deadline for this grant is January 2017. A motion was made by Lowd to contact Bob Faunce regarding this opportunity. The motion was seconded by Yates and carried.

Building Permits and Code Enforcement

- Brackett/Butler letter, a motion was made by Lowd to approve an extension to the agreement. The motion was seconded by Yates and carried.
- Goding, tax map 12 lot 29-F, 59-16/17, approved
- Grotyohann, tax map 33 lot 42-A, 60-16/17, approved
- Duggan, tax map 32 lots 12 & 14-B, 61-16/17, approved
- Blake, tax map 8 lot 58-A, 62-16/17, approved
- Shaw's Fish & Lobster Wharf, tax map 20 lot 44, 63-16/17, approved

Other Business

- Trees that are obscuring visibility at Moxie Cove Bridge will be trimmed by the Highway Department.
- A motion was made by Lowd to increase the fee for street signs to \$35.00. The motion was seconded by Yates and carried.
- Reviewed and signed letter of support to Governor LePage regarding Friends of Colonial Pemaquid's request to manage the state historic site.
- Permission to continue to store the Friends of Colonial Pemaquid parade float at Hanna Landing will be addressed next year pending continuation of Olde Bristol Days.
- Reviewed miscellaneous correspondence. No action was taken on these items.

- Reviewed and approved disbursement warrants for the week.
- Pike Industries is scheduled to arrive Thursday November 3rd to begin paving. Hanna will confirm.

Public Comment

- There was no public comment.

Next Meeting

- The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday November 16th at 7:00 pm.

Adjourned.