



**Selectmen's Meeting
MINUTES
Bristol Town Office, February 17th, 2021**

Selectmen Present: Chad Hanna, Kristine Poland, Paul Yates

Also Present: Chris Hall (Town Administrator); Chuck Hanson.

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 Yates, seconded by Poland, to approve the Minutes of the meeting of January 27th, with a correction of the time of Adjournment of the meeting (8.05 pm). Motion passed, 3 - 0.

The Town Administrator reported on various ongoing items of business:

- The Fire Chief search advertisement had generated three applications to date from outside the Department, and one internal candidate. The review committee and the Department's membership expect to meet in early March to propose a candidate to the Select Board.
- The Old County Road bid process has attracted interest from six contractors, but may need to be adjusted to allow for square-ended (rather than skew-ended) precast forms, as contractors have reported the cost of custom-forming the skew ends may be prohibitive.
- The latest snowstorm has generated very positive feedback about Hagar's work. Hall believes their performance has improved significantly as plow drivers have learned more about their routes.
- Sean Hunter will receive a new cell phone. He uses his for both personal and town business, contributing \$25 a month for his personal calls. He has offered to pay an additional \$13 a month, the increased cost of the contract on a new phone, but Hall recommended (and the Board concurred) that he not pay any more.
- Olde Bristol Days is seeing inquiries from vendors and suppliers. The several stakeholders who organize parts of the weekend will meet by Zoom next week to discuss whether it can go ahead this year.
- At the Pemaquid Falls Town Landing, a new coded padlock has been fitted and the code given to members of the Shellfish Committee who use the Landing for access to the tidal river.
- \$4,000 has been received in donations to the Worthy poor Fund since January 1st. Hall requested that an additional nine, \$100 prepaid grocery cards be purchased from the Fund for use by Caring For Kids; the Board agreed.

Tax-acquired properties:

It was moved by Hanna, seconded by Poland, to advertise for sale the tax-acquired property at Map 009, lot 052; sealed bids to be received for opening at the Board meeting on March 17th. Motion passed, 3 – 0.

It was moved by Poland, seconded by Yates, to sign a Release Deed to the former owner of property at Map 05A, lot 009, upon her having paid in full the amounts outstanding in back taxes, interest, and fees. Motion passed, 3 – 0, and Selectmen signed two copies of the Deed.

Street lights:

The board returned to the question of the street light at the corner of Northern Point and Back Shore Roads, currently out of operation due to complaints from two neighbors. The Fire Chief wished to participate in the discussion, but had texted that he is detained at a Chiefs' meeting and cannot attend.

Poland stressed the need to avoid the precedent of turning off (or on) street lights needed for safety, at the whim of individual residents. On a related matter, she asked if the Munro Bridge fire pond right-of-way, granted by one of the complainants, has been recorded and is irrevocable. Hall will check with the Town's Attorney. He will also see if any alternative pole location would be effective for this road junction.

The matter was tabled to March 3rd, when the Fire Chief can hopefully attend.

Regular Business:

Building Permits. Applications were reviewed and approved for work at Map 006, lot 043; and map 029, lot 011.

Warrants: Selectmen reviewed and approved Payroll and Accounts Payable Warrants for the Town, Bristol Fire and Rescue, the Parks Department, and the Bristol – South Bristol Transfer Station.

Correspondence: Charter Communications had forwarded their annual Franchise Fee payment, but without the calculation of the Fee in an attachment as specified in Charter's cover letter. Hall was directed to ask Charter for that calculation.

There were no public comments.

The Chair gave notice of forthcoming Public Meetings as follows:

- Appeals Board, Thursday February 18th, 6 pm at the Town Office
- Public Hearings on the Town Meeting Warrant, Monday February 22nd, 7 pm at the Bristol School gym, Town and Fire budgets; Wednesday February 24th, also 7 pm at the Bristol School gym, Parks and School budgets. Access will be available by Zoom: call the Town Office for access codes, 207 563-5270.
- Harbor Committee, Thursday February 25th, 5.00 pm at Bristol Consolidated School
- Parks and Recreation Commission, Tuesday, March 2nd, 6.00 pm at the

Ellingwood Information Center

- School Board, Wednesday, March 3rd, 5.30 pm by Zoom call: request access codes from the AOS 93 office, 207 563-3044
- Selectmen, Wednesday, March 3rd, 7.00 pm at the Town Office
- Fish Committee, Thursday, March 4th, 4 pm at the Town Office
- Planning Board, Thursday, March 4th, 7pm at the Town Office

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 7.42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Hall
Town Administrator