



**Selectmen's Meeting
MINUTES
Bristol Town Office, July 1st, 2020**

Selectmen Present: Chad Hanna, Kristine Poland, Paul Yates

Also Present: Chris Hall (Town Administrator); Seth Hagar (Hagar Enterprises, LLC); Bob Moseley (Crooker Construction); Phil Congdon (Chair, Broadband Committee); Candy Congdon (Lincoln County News); Pat Porter; 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 accept the minutes from the June 17th meeting. Motion passed 3 - 0.

BID OPENING:

The Board opened three bids for paving work, as follows:

| Bidder: | Coggins Rd | Fogler Rd | Rock Schoolhouse Rd | Sidewalk – asphalt curbing | Sidewalk – granite curbing | Total before sidewalk | Total with granite sidewalk |
|---------|------------|--------------|---------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| HAGAR | \$33,755 | \$ 75,752.50 | \$ 67,117.50 | \$ 3,245 | \$ 5,495 | \$ 176,625 | \$182,120 |
| CROOKER | \$36,792 | \$ 98,697.25 | \$ 98,627.75 | \$ 7,575 | \$ 10,600 | \$234,117 | \$244,717 |
| PIKE | \$55,245 | \$109,200.00 | \$ 88,320.00 | \$ 7,350 | \$ 10,500 | \$252,765 | \$263,265 |

It was moved by Hanna, seconded by Poland, to accept the bid from Hagar Enterprises, LLC, for the three roads and sidewalk, in the amount of \$182,000, including granite curbing for the sidewalk.

Old Business:

Broadband (tabled from June 17th): Hall reported that he had secured donations and pledges amounting to \$7,000 of the \$7,500 asked by the Broadband Committee as Town match for a planning grant from the Island Institute. Not all of this would be available within FY 2020, however. He requested the Board's permission to allocate funds from Contingency in order to proceed with the engineering and market study needed to support an application to the ConnectME fund. Hanna moved, and Poland seconded, a motion to authorize the

use of up to \$7,500 from the Contingency budget line for the broadband planning grant match. Motion passed, 3 – 0. Yates asked if this would study the whole Town, which Phil Congdon for the Broadband Committee stated was the case, although the study would determine whether all or specific parts of the Town would be the subject of the ConnectME application.

Town Office staff: Hall circulated the resume of Lynde Dodge-Welch, who will start work as Office Assistant on July 7th. She will work 35 hours a week and qualify for health care benefits.

Update on Projects: Hall reported that a sandbag coffer dam had been placed in the river by Hagar on June 30th, and that the Fish Committee had immediately opened the sluice and pipe to drain the swimming hole. Knowles are due to start work on Monday, July 6th.

The Liberty Pole has been fully re-erected and will be rededicated in a small ceremony on July 4th at 10 a.m.

Heat pumps are now installed at the Town Office, and the Highway Department is installing railings for the concrete slab on the south side of the Town Hall.

Reilly Well Drillers had completed a well for the new School ballfield on June 30, and DiMauro Electric will hook up the pump on Tuesday July 7th. The fencing subcontractor is reported to have started work, and Hanley have said they will complete the seeding by the end of July.

New Business:

Sale of used mower: at Hanna's direction, an ad was placed in the Lincoln County News of tomorrow's date (July 2nd) seeking bids on the Town garage's New Holland sickle bar mower. Hall was directed to open the bids on July 8th and the Selectmen will review them when they sign the Warrants on that date.

Transfer Station: Hall noted a request from the Old Bristol Historical Society for a waiver of bulk waste fees for the waste generated in the restoration of the Pemaquid Mill. The Board regrettably declined to support a waiver, given the need for support from South Bristol which would share in the loss of revenue.

Maine Municipal Association – Legislative Policy Committee: the Board agreed to nominate Terry Lowd for a further two-year term on the Legislative Policy Committee. Poland signed the nomination paper on behalf of the Board.

Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission: Hall will circulate electronically to the Board a questionnaire from LCRPC which they are requesting Town Officers complete to give direction to the new County Planner.

Item Previously tabled:

Fish Ladder contract: Hall recounted that the proposed contract with Becker had been discussed, and tabled pending Town Meeting, on February 3rd; February 12th; and March 16th. With the question still open before the recessed Town meeting, and work due to start on July 13th, Hall asked that the board proceed to

sign. It was moved by Hanna, seconded by Poland, to sign the contract with Becker Construction, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$550,000.00. Motion passed, 3 – 0, and the Board signed the contract.

Regular Business:

Property tax abatements and supplementals: Hall reported that two properties had been mixed up in this year's assessment, and asked that each receive an abatement of the taxes billed for 2020 and a correct Supplementary Assessment for the year. It was moved by Yates, seconded by Poland, that the Board approve and sign Abatement Warrants 2020-0008 and 2020-0009, and Supplemental Real Estate Property Tax Warrants 2020-0002 and 2020-0003. Motion passed, 3 – 0.

Personal property taxes: a number of corrections were needed following research into the status of camper trailers charged with Personal Property Tax.

It was moved by Poland, seconded by Yates, to approve and sign Abatement Warrant 2020-0006, and Supplemental Personal Property Tax Warrant number 2020-0001. Motion passed, 3 – 0.

It was moved by Yates, seconded by Poland, to approve and sign Abatement Warrant number 2020-0007. Motion passed, 3 – 0.

It was moved by Poland, seconded by Yates, to approve and sign Abatement Warrant number 2020-0005. Motion passed, 3 – 0.

It was moved by Hanna, seconded by Yates, to approve and sign Abatement Warrant number 2020-0004. Motion passed, 3 – 0.

The Board reviewed and approved Building Permit applications for Map 007, lot 028-B; Map 007, lot 031-A; Map 008, lot 037-A-1; and Map 020, lot 028.

Selectmen reviewed and approved Warrants for accounts payable and payroll for the Town Office, Bristol Consolidated School, the Fire Department, Parks and Recreation and the Bristol/South Bristol Transfer Station.

Hall reported no Correspondence.

In Public Comments, Porter noted that Governor Mills had now declared that Connecticut, New York and New Jersey residents are now exempted from the quarantine requirements.

Hanson noted that School Board meetings are now simulcast on YouTube as well as Zoom, although YouTube does not allow for participation. He asked that the next School Board meeting (on August 5th) be held jointly with the Select Board. Hanna indicated that it is his understanding that there will be a joint meeting in August, given the likelihood of requests by the School to modify its budget passed on March 16th.

Hanson also asked what would happen to the small balance remaining unexpended from the donated funds for the softball field. This will amount to a few hundred dollars after the purchase of bases for the field. The Board directed

Hall to pay the balance to the School's Boosters Club once all Hanley's invoices were paid.

Public Meetings: The Chair gave notice of forthcoming meetings as follows:

- Fish Committee: Thursday, July 2nd, 6 pm at the Town Office
- Parks and Recreation Commission, Tuesday July 7th and Tuesday July 21st, 6 pm at Ellingwood Information Center
- Selectmen: Wednesday, July 15th, 7 pm at the Town Office
- Planning Board: Thursday, July 16th, 7 pm at the Town Office
- Harbor Committee: Thursday, July 23rd, 5 pm at the Town Office
- School Board, Wednesday, August 5th, 5.30 pm by 'Zoom': request access from the AOS 93 office, 563-3044.

He also noted that the Town Office will be closed on Friday, July 3rd, in celebration of Independence Day.

There being no further business before the Board, it was moved to adjourn at 8.10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Hall, Town Administrator