



**Selectmen's Meeting  
MINUTES  
Bristol Town Office, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

*Selectmen Present: Chad Hanna, Kristine Poland, Paul Yates*

*Also Present: Chris Hall (Town Administrator); Candy Congdon (Lincoln County News); Phil Congdon; Chuck Hanson; Dr. Elizabeth Hanson-Smith; Robert Kline; Pat Porter.*

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 Poland, seconded by Yates, to accept the minutes from the July 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion passed 3 - 0.

As a Matter Arising from the Minutes, Hall reported that a call had been received this day indicating that the Baybutt settlement has been agreed as directed by the Board, with full payment of the Town's costs. A draft Order should be available at the next Board meeting for review before it is sent to the District Court to be made final.

**New Business:**

Robert Kline, from Pemaquid Point, requested the Board consider implementing an ordinance governing nuisance dogs. He recounted a lengthy dispute with a neighbor whose dogs bark each night for many hours, which their owner justifies as necessary for protection of his 'farm.' The Chair stated that the Board cannot intervene in neighbors' disputes, but if he wished to pursue the ordinance the appropriate route is a petition. At present a petition with 179 signatures of resident voters is needed to place a draft ordinance before a Town Meeting. Mr. Kline said he did not think he would be able to gather such a number, but he hoped that some good might come of publicizing the situation.

Fire Chief Paul Leeman, Jr., requested the Board consider an ordinance regulating fireworks. During dry weather these pose a significant fire hazard. His preference would be for fireworks to be governed by permits. During dry periods, firework use, like outside burning, would not be permitted. The Board was open to an ordinance banning fireworks during dry weather, but in discussion expressed doubts about a permit system and about the ability to enforce such a ban. The question was Tabled for future consideration when the Chief will bring examples of other municipal ordinances and make a recommendation regarding wording.

Chief Leeman also reported progress in the relationship with the South Bristol Fire and Rescue Department. That Department has now added some new, younger, members which gives some hope of their ability to be self-sufficient in the future. He reported that during daytime hours, Bristol is now automatically called out to South Bristol incidents. South Bristol have expressed some willingness to input data to the IAMRESPONDING system which will allow Bristol responders to be guided by map to an incident location in South Bristol. He expects South Bristol to participate in planned future training exercises. He will continue to monitor the relationship but at present does not see the need for the Selectmen to engage their counterparts in South Bristol.

### **Old Business:**

Hall reported that the Board of the Central Lincoln County Ambulance Association had met on July 27, and distributed the financial report. The Town's representative at the meeting, Joe Rose, had reported his satisfaction that CLCA has made a significant turnaround; two new ambulances have been purchased and a loan of \$185,000 taken for part of that purchase. Bristol's annual payment to CLCA is included in the present week's Town Accounts Payable Warrant.

Town Meeting: Hall reported that the Warrants for the Special Town Meeting (to follow the regular Town Meeting on August 4<sup>th</sup>) had been posted on July 27<sup>th</sup>, and Moderator Don Means had collected the Warrant and been briefed on the Board's previous decision to withdraw Articles 13 and 36, and amend the source of funding for Article 39.

Hall asked the Board if they wished to confirm the date for the proposed joint meeting with the School Board to discuss the costs of reopening under Covid-19 conditions. He has been asked to meet with the Principal on July 30<sup>th</sup> to discuss options for reopening; he thought that there may not yet be a final plan, pending further guidance from the state and whether federal funding will be forthcoming. He believed a statement would be made by the School at the time of the August 4<sup>th</sup> Special Town Meeting asking for reallocation of funds, and that the School Board's planned Zoom meeting on August 5<sup>th</sup> would narrow down the options. The Board felt that it would not be appropriate to meet until there is a concrete plan, and that – although school is due to start the week of August 24<sup>th</sup> – it may be necessary to delay meeting with the School Board until the Select Board meeting on August 19<sup>th</sup>. Hall will relay this to the School Board Chair and the Principal.

From the floor, Hanson asked if there would be an opportunity to debate the reopening plans at the Special Town meeting. Hanna replied that he thought the Moderator would confine discussion to the narrow questions of the two Warrant Articles. Hanson asked if the meeting Hall had been invited to on July 30 was with the School Board and therefore public; Hall replied that it is a private staff meeting.

## **Regular Business:**

The Board signed a Release Deed on property tax-acquired by the Town at Map 006, lot 042-A. The residents had completed an agreement to pay their back taxes in full.

The Board reviewed and approved Building Permit applications for Map 010, lot 056; Map 021, lot 050; Map 027, lot 043-A; Map 031, lot 004; and Map 033, lot 018.

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

Under Correspondence, the Maine Municipal Committee's ballot had been received for the MMA Executive Committee. Chair Hanna signed the ballot on behalf of the Town, in favor of the nominating Committee's slate.

Hall noted that Lincoln County television would be returning to Spectrum's channel 7 on August 1<sup>st</sup>, thanks to the legislation passed in 2019 in part due to the Town's protest at the switch to channel 1301.

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

- Harbor Committee: Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 5 pm at the Town Office.
- Resumption of Town Meeting, Tues. August 4<sup>th</sup>, 7.00 pm at the Bristol Consolidated School Gymnasium, followed by Special Town Meeting.
- School Board, Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 5.30 pm by 'Zoom': request access from the AOS 93 office, 563-3044.
- Selectmen: Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm at the Town Office
- Planning Board, Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm at the Town Office

There being no further business before the Board, it was moved to adjourn at 8.15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Hall, Town Administrator