



**Select Board Meeting
MINUTES
Bristol Town Office, January 25th, 2023**

Select Board Members Present: Chad Hanna, Kristine Poland, Paul Yates.

Hanna called the meeting to order at 6.30 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes.

On a motion by Poland and a second by Yates, the minutes of January 18th were passed unanimously.

Liquor License Renewal.

The Board reviewed the renewal of an on-premises liquor license for Next Adventure, LLC (Bradley Inn). On a motion by Poland and a second by Yates the license renewal was passed unanimously.

Proposed Ordinance Amendments.

Proposed amendments for the Land Use Ordinance were reviewed. It was noted that the digital sign located at Ellingwood Center would expire its right to operate at the upcoming annual town meeting. This sign had been given a grandfathered status for five years at the 2018 annual town meeting. There was discussion on the usefulness of the sign for communicating with the public about municipal and public events. Consideration was given to placement of a digital sign at the school and the possibility of having two sign locations, one at Ellingwood Center and one at the school. The board decided to change the grandfathered status of the existing sign at Ellingwood from five years to six years, increasing the grandfathered status by one year. After the 2023 annual town meeting, department heads from the Town Office, Fire Dept., Parks Dept., and the school will meet to discuss locations of digital signs and policy (or ordinance amendments) regarding the use of digital signs and to take these recommendations back to the Select Board and then for voter approval at the 2024 town meeting.

On a motion by Hanna and a second by Yates, the proposed amendments for the Land Use Ordinance were approved unanimously. The Board signed the Certificate of Amendment to the Clerk.

Proposed amendments for the Subdivision Ordinance were reviewed. On a motion by Hanna and a second by Yates, the proposed amendments for the Subdivision Ordinance were approved unanimously. The board signed the Certificate of Ordinance Amendment to the Clerk.

Review of Town Meeting Warrant Articles.

Specific articles for this year's town meeting were reviewed. These included the following:

- Permission to negotiate with property owners along Lower Round Pond Road for acquisition of land for the replacement of Hatchtown Bridge
- Permission for the town to retain exclusive harvest rights to river herring and to file a "closed for conservation" with DMR
- Authorization for the Comprehensive Plan Committee to continue their work
- Appropriation of ARPA funds
- Permission to accept a gift of the Willing Worker's Hall from the Bristol Lions

The subject of capped and uncapped warrant articles was considered. Capped articles have wording that does not allow the amount being appropriated to be increased while uncapped articles have wording that allows the amount being appropriated to be increased. It was determined that, historically, Bristol uses capped articles in their meeting warrant so appropriations cannot be increased from the floor. This will be reviewed with the Moderator as it gets closer to the March town meeting.

Town Report.

For the 2022 Town Report, the Board approved the cover picture of the Harrington Meetinghouse and the dedication to Harry "Terry" Lowd, III.

Regular Business.

Warrants. The Board reviewed and signed warrants for Payroll and Accounts Payable for the Town, Fire Department and Parks Department.

The Board reviewed building permits for Map 010/Lot 009-C and Map 016/Lot 020

Hanna gave Notice of Public Meetings as follows:

- Harbor Committee, Thursday, January 26th @ 5pm, Town Office
- Comprehensive Plan Committee, Monday January 30th @ 7pm, Town Office
- Budget Committee, Tuesday, January 31st @ 6:30pm, Town Office
- Select Board, Wednesday, February 1st @ 6:30pm, Town Office
- Fish Committee, Thursday, February 2nd @ 7pm, Town Office
- Budget Committee, Monday, February 6th @ 6:30pm, Town Office
- Shellfish Committee, Monday, February 6th @ 6:30pm, location TBD

The meeting adjourned at 7:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Bizarro
Town Administrator