

Select Board Meeting MINUTES Bristol Town Office, February 8th, 2023

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

Also present: School Board members Darin Carlucci, Rebecca Cooper; BCS Principal Jennifer Ribeiro; BCS Facilities Manager John Carroll; AOS93 Business Peter Nielsen; C. Hanson; C. Leeman; H. Leeman; M. Santos

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 February 1st were passed unanimously.

2023-2024 School Budget

The Bristol School team and Nielsen presented the school budget and highlighted the biggest areas of change in each cost center. Overall, the budget increased 7.3% and will increase up to 20.86% if the school renovation referendum is passed in March. Nielsen reviewed anticipated revenues: state subsidies have decreased slightly and required local funds have increased due to the state's municipal valuation. The total budget with debt service included is \$6,909,579.94. The School budget is on file at the Town Office.

Southside Road

The Board responded to grievances of ice buildup on the Southside Road. A residence on the road has a pipe from their sump pump which drains into the ditch along the road. Due to recent weather conditions, there was excess water from the drain which flowed over the ditch and into the road. Caretakers of the property thought the pipe may have been dislodged by a snowplow and will move it back to its original position later this spring. Yates noted that at one time a culvert ran under the 'bend' of Southside Road near the intersection of Reilly Road which helped divert the water from running downhill in the roadway.

Hatchtown Bridge

Calderwood Engineering submitted a design proposal for replacement of Hatchtown Bridge. The proposed plan increases the town's right of way on the northeastern side of the bridge. It was originally thought the additional area needed for the right of way would be 25 feet and affect two private parcels. The proposed plan has the right of way at 45 feet and affecting 4 private parcels. Hanna will discuss this with engineers and report back to the board.

Maine Lobstermen's Association

The Town received a request from the Maine Lobstermen's Association for a municipal contribution to MLA's legal defense fund. MLA has made the same request to other coastal towns. Hanna made a motion to place an article on the Town Meeting warrant for a \$500 donation. Yates seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

Municipal Budget/Town Meeting

The Board took final review of the budget and reviewed several proposed articles for the warrant. A final review of the Town Meeting Warrant will be on February 15 and the Board will sign the Warrant at their March 1st meeting.

Regular Business

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

Public Comment

None.

Hanna gave Notice of Public Meetings as follows:

- Budget Committee Monday, February 13th & Tuesday, February 14th @ 6:30pm, Town Office.
- Public Hearing on amendments to Land Use Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance, Wednesday, February 15th @ 6:30pm, Select Board meeting to immediately follow, Town Office
- Comprehensive Plan Committee, Thursday, February 16th @ 7pm, Town Office
- Town Office closed in observance of Presidents Day, Monday, February 20th
- Parks Department, Tuesday, February 21st @ 6pm, Ellingwood Center
- Harbor Committee, Thursday, February 23rd @ 5pm, Town Office

The meeting adjourned at 7:43pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Bizarro Town Administrator