

MINUTES
BRISTOL BOARD OF SELECTMEN
August 27, 2012

PRESENT: Selectmen Rick Alpers, Jeff Shackett, Joe Denning, Don Milbrand, Phil Dion, Town Administrator Michael Capone, Town Clerk/Tax Collector Raymah Simpson.

Chairman Alpers opened the Board of Selectmen's meeting for August 27th, 2012 at 6:02 PM.

Minutes of August 13, 2012

Selectman Denning motioned to accept the minutes from August 13th as written, seconded by Selectman Dion. The Board voted 4-0 in favor of the motion.

Selectman Milbrand arrived at 6:08PM

Martha Richards

Ms. Richards presented her candidacy for Grafton County Commissioner for the Board. Alternative energy options were a top priority for the Grafton County complex. Other items discussed included taxes, facility services as well as needs for the North Country residents. Ms. Richards thanked the Board for their time.

Bob Lamb

Mr. Lamb introduced his candidacy for State Senate to the Board and reviewed his background. Mr. Lamb noted that his military experience and financial background in business would help him as a State Senator. His interests include governmental budgeting, schools and taxation. Mr. Lamb thanked the Board for their time.

Gary Chabot- DRED

Mr. Chabot, a Business Resource Representative with the Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED) presented an overview of the Economic Revitalization Zones (ERZ) program to the Board. The program is designed to help promote growth and development of businesses in New Hampshire. Companies may obtain credits against their business profits tax through job creation and improvements to their facilities and equipment. The first step in the program is for the Town, through a vote by its' Board of Selectmen, to establish one or more ERZ's in the Town. Typically they are in industrial areas, but they could be in commercial zones as well. Presently, the Town has two industrial zones.

Mr. Chabot spoke about some of the other communities that have established ERZ's and their experiences with the program. Mr. Chabot noted that a company such as Freudenburg NOK would be a good example of a business that has the potential to benefit from this program. If the Town was interested in participating, then the Board would need to discuss and approve the program at a public meeting and provide minutes to DRED to begin application process.

The Board discussed the matter briefly and agreed to review the materials presented and revisit the topic at a later meeting. The Board thanked Mr. Chabot for his time.

Raymah Simpson, Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Ms. Simpson updated the Board on the status of the proposed 12 properties for deeding. Nine of the owners had come forward prior to the deadline to make payments and keep their properties. The Board reviewed the three remaining properties.

The Selectmen signed the documents to deed three properties for non-payment of taxes.

Library Project Update

Selectman Denning updated the Board on the Library Project. A public bid process had been conducted where bids had been received from both General Contractors and Sub Contractors. The bids received from the General Contractors were all in excess of the funds available for the project. At least one of the components of the project, the concrete work, would have to be rebid with a revised specification.

The Board discussed the Town being the General Contractor for the project in order to potentially save on expenses. Library Trustee Barbara Greenwood discussed cost saving measures for the project so tax dollars go into a safe, efficient building. Chairman Alpers stated his concerns with the subcontractor bids and whether or not they could be negotiated fairly.

Vice Chairman Shackett agreed that the bids were too high and suggested that the specifications be revisited and the project go back out to bid. Selectman Denning requested that the Board accept the bids but allow the oversight committee to negotiate lower costs with the successful bidders. The Board discussed scaling back the project plans and rebidding for a better price. The Town Administrator will obtain new plans and start the bid process over. Selectman Dion motioned to reject all bids received on the Library project to date, seconded by Selectman Milbrand. The Board voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.

Selectmen Items

Chairman Alpers discussed the closure of the Wellington State Park boat ramp on September 17th for repairs. The lake level will be lowered three feet by October. Boats should be removed before that date or make other arrangements for removal from the lake. Chairman Alpers inquired on whether the date could be pushed back to September 30th for the boat ramp closure in order to allow time and notification to all boat owners. The Town Administrator will contact New Hampshire Fish and Game and discuss the matter with them.

Town Administrator's Report

The Selectmen's meeting schedule will return to Thursday evenings starting in September. The Board agreed to move meetings in September to the 6th and the 20th. The schedule will be revised and posted.

An update on the TE Enhancement, Water/Sewer drainage project was discussed. A pre-bid meeting will be held on August 29th at 10AM.

The Pemi Trail meeting with the US Army Corps of Engineers has been moved to September 5th at 10AM in Franklin. Regional and local staff will be present.

A Regional Economic Development Round Table will be held in Ashland on October 25th from 8AM-10AM.

The Newfound River Drilling was unsuccessful in the first four attempts to cross the river. Superintendent Chartier is meeting with the drilling company on Tuesday to consider how best to go forward. It may require the use of a bigger drilling rig. The Town Administrator noted that any revised pricing for the project will be reviewed prior to continuing.

The Town Administrator had discussed some of the paving projects presented at the previous meeting with the Highway Superintendent. It was suggested to repave the stretch of sidewalk from Bond Auto up to the Recreational Path. The Town Administrator had reviewed the matter with New Hampshire Department of Transportation. They informed him that the repair and maintenance of the sidewalks, even if on a State road, is the responsibility of the Town. The Board suggested looking into sidewalks on Merrimack Street and Spring Street. Other sidewalks and road repairs were discussed. The Town Administrator will review the suggestions with the Highway Superintendent prior to the next meeting.

Public Comments

Mr. Manganiello inquired on the formula for the ambulance contracts among Newfound area Towns. Currently each Town's share is determined by taking the total number of transports by Town (Hill, Alexandria, Danbury) divided by the total percentage of transports. Mr. Manganiello felt that there should be an amount factored in for those times when the ambulance is called out but does not actually transport. The Town Administrator mentioned that he had discussed the matter with the Fire Chief and the numbers did not appear to be significant enough to adjust the formula. One item they had discussed was adding an amount to the contracts for capital expenditures. In this instance, each Town would pay a percentage toward the cost of replacing the ambulance.

Mr. O'Hara inquired on the safety signs and crossing equipment for pedestrians around the lake area. Chairman Alpers responded by saying that the equipment had been stolen and the Town chose not to replace the equipment as it would continue to be stolen. The safety barrels were not put out this year.

Vice Chairman Shackett left the meeting at 7:50PM.

Mr. O'Hara also inquired on the Mooseman Marathon not returning to Bristol. Town Administrator Capone mentioned that he had been informed by the Race Director that they would not be returning for economic reasons.

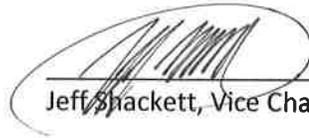
With no further public business to come before the Board, at 7:59PM Selectman Denning motioned to enter non-public session under RSA 91:A: (b),(c) and (e). The motion was seconded by Selectman Milbrand. The Board voted 4-0 in favor of the motion by a roll call vote.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kelly Lacasse
Executive Assistant



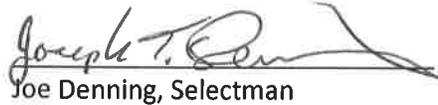
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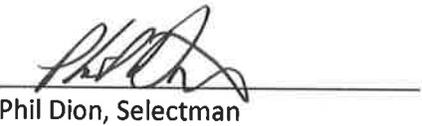
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