

MINUTES
BRISTOL BOARD OF SELECTMEN
January 3, 2013

PRESENT: Chairman Rick Alpers, Selectmen Don Milbrand, Phil Dion, Town Administrator Michael Capone

Chairman Alpers opened the meeting at 6:08PM.

Minutes of December 13, 2012

Selectman Milbrand motioned to accept the minutes from December 13, 2012 as submitted, seconded by Selectman Dion. The Board voted 3-0 in favor of the motion.

Mark Bucklin, Highway Superintendent

Superintendent Bucklin provided the Board with an update of recent activity in the Highway Department. He noted the improvements to the access road at the Transfer Station. He also mentioned that the new highway foreman, Dale Robie, has been doing a good job. He has very good mechanical skills which allow him to perform many repairs on equipment in addition to his other duties.

Recently, there was some ditching work done on Hall Road and Peaked Hill Road. There are also plans to clear brush in some of the roadside areas.

Superintendent Bucklin expressed concern with regard to cars left in the downtown during snow removal operations. Police Chief Lewis stated that anytime vehicles need to be moved, that the Police Department can be contacted 24 hours a day via dispatch. Chairman Alpers suggested the Police and Highway Departments coordinate efforts during storms. Town Administrator Capone will assist in notifying residents in the downtown area to avoid towing. Snow has accumulated in the downtown area due to timing with removal and recent construction. This will be removed shortly after the storm. Priority sidewalk snow removal was discussed also.

There was a discussion with regard to sidewalk improvements. Town Administrator Capone notified the Board that the Round 5 Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Grant will cover 800 feet of paving on School Street and 500 feet on N. Main Street. They are applying for another grant in SRTS Round 6 and hope to obtain funds to make additional improvements on the other sections of North Main Street, School Street, Mayhew and Cedar Streets.

The Board discussed sidewalk improvements on Merrimack Street, Spring Street and Beech Street as part of next years' paving budget. Superintendent Bucklin, will look into incorporating those improvements into the schedule.

There was a discussion with regard to recycling efforts at the Transfer Station. It would appear that recycling rates are stable, but not increasing. The Board, Superintendent Bucklin and Town Administrator discussed ways to better inform the public to increase recycling rates.

The Board thanked Superintendent Bucklin for attending.

Project Updates

Town Administrator Capone provided an update on the Library and Downtown Projects for the Board. The move in date for the new library addition is February 8th. Renovations to the existing Library are expected to be completed by March 8th.

The Downtown Project is expected to start back up on March 28th unless cleared sooner by DOT.

Selectmen Items

Chairman Alpers read a letter from the Chairman of the Newfound Area School Board requesting that the Town nominate two representatives to sit on the panel for the selection of a new Superintendent. Chairman Alpers suggested Police Chief Lewis as one of the nominees. The Board discussed other nominees and agreed to advertise for the second nomination. The deadline is January 11th. Chief Lewis accepted the nomination.

Town Administrator’s Report

Town Administrator Capone had prepared a draft letter for submission to the SEC on behalf of the Board. The letter outlines the Board’s opposition to the two anticipated proposals for additional wind turbines around the Lake. The Board asked that the Town Administrator to send copies of the letter to Local, State and Federal Authorities as well as area newspapers.

Chairman Alpers read a letter from the Newfound High School Principal thanking the Bristol Police Department for their efforts in locating a missing student.

Town Administrator Capone provided the Board with a current copy of the draft budget and a spreadsheet with potential items to consider as warrant articles. These items will be discussed at the January 17th meeting.

The Town Administrator provided the Board with an update regarding his efforts to secure a lower rate per KWH for electricity. He was waiting for one additional quote and hoped to secure a rate under seven cents. He asked for permission from the Board to execute a one year agreement should he be able to obtain that rate. It was noted that with the PSNH rate going up to over nine cents securing the lower rate would be one way to control costs for electricity. The Board authorized the Town Administrator to execute an agreement should he be able to obtain a favorable rate.

Public Comments

None

With no further public business to come before the Board, at 7:19PM Selectman Dion motioned to enter non-public session, seconded by Selectman Milbrand under RSA 91-A: 3 II- (b) and (e). The Board voted 3-0 in favor of the motion by a roll call vote.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kelly Lacasse
Executive Assistant

Rick Alpers, Chairman

Jeff Shackett, Vice Chairman

Don Milbrand, Selectman

Joe Denning, Selectman

Phil Dion, Selectman