

MINUTES
BRISTOL BOARD OF SELECTMEN
March 7, 2013

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

Chairman Alpers opened the meeting at 6:00PM.

Selectman Denning motioned to accept the minutes of January 31st and February 25th, seconded by Selectman Milbrand. Upon vote of the Board the motion passed 4-0.

Police Department Update – Chief Michael Lewis

Chief Lewis stated that revenue received by the Police Department for 2012 just exceeded \$101,000 which will be returned to the general fund to offset taxes.

Years ago the Police Department started a vacant property check for residents who need house checks when they are away. Firearms can also be left with the Police Department for secure storage while residents are away.

Bristol Police Department attended the Special Olympics events at Waterville Valley last weekend.

Sergeant Guerriero has been involved with the local schools through the DARE Program again this year.

A Critical Incident Response Team has been created for the Newfound area in light of the recent school shooting tragedy in Connecticut. Training has been on going with other State agencies in preparation for incident response in the Newfound School District. A three-stage training event was done recently involving the schools. Lock down drills are being done quarterly with all schools.

Bristol Police Department received a grant for five portable radios to improve communications among public safety officials. One portable radio has been given to each school principal for any emergency within the school to communicate with the Police Department.

Chairman Alpers mentioned that school safety will be a feature presentation at the annual Primex Conference in May.

Chief Lewis discussed the renewal of a grant for a department motorcycle again this year. If the Board supports this, it will allow the Police Department to renew the agreement through the grant again this year.

Chief Lewis reviewed recent crimes in Bristol.

The department has made use of social media to get positive information out to the public.

Review of Town Meeting Warrant

The Board reviewed warrant articles and discussed who would speak on specific articles. Article 11 will be handled by Town Counsel. Article 12 will be handled by Selectman Denning. Article 13 will be moved for Planning Board chair to speak on. Article 14 will be handled by Selectman Milbrand. Article 15 which covers the study on the Old Town Hall and the Old Fire Station will be discussed by members of that committee who reviewed the projects. Article 16 will be reviewed by a member of the Library Trustees. Article 17 will be discussed by residents of the Robieson Drive area as it is a petitioned article.

A discussion on the Town Meeting set up at the high school involved placement of the boards. Arrangements will be different this year due to the staging already in place. The platform will not fit all the seats needed. The gymnasium is not an option for the meeting due to acoustics. Concerns with the audience being able to view the overhead screen with board members on the stage were discussed.

Town Administrator Capone reviewed background information for Article 17, and the process which needs to be discussed with the audience.

Town elections are being held on Tuesday March 12th. Selectmen will be available throughout the day.

Selectmen Items

Chairman Alpers inquired on the relocation of Town media services to the Library or Town Offices. The project is pending pricing from the cable company.

Chairman Alpers discussed updates on legislation affecting the proposed wind mill project.

A fundraiser to support the Bristol Nursery School and celebrate a teacher's 20 years of education will be held this weekend.

Town Administrator's Report

A letter to be signed by the Board for Colin Brown for his surveying services donated to the Library Project this past year was presented.

An update on the Library Project was given.

A meeting with Lyman Construction will take place soon to discuss the next steps in the project.

Selectman Dion commended the Town Administrator for his commitment and service to the projects happening in Bristol.

Senator Forrester will be attending the April 4th meeting with the Board.

A tentative meeting is scheduled for next week if there is enough business to discuss.

The proposed recreation trail from Profile Falls is in need of further study to determine the feasibility of the project.

There will be a candidate's forum on Saturday, March 9th at the TTCC.

Public Comments

Janet Cote inquired on the information for the downtown lights for the public to view.

With no further public comments, the Board closed the public hearing at 7:18 p.m.

With no further public business to come before the Board, at 7:18PM Selectman Milbrand motioned to enter non-public session, seconded by Selectman Denning under RSA 91-A: 3 II- (b) and (e). The Board voted 4-0 in favor of the motion by a roll call vote.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Executive Assistant

Rick Alpers, Chairman

Don Milbrand, Selectman

Joe Denning, Selectman

Phil Dion, Selectman