

Bristol Select Board
Minutes
May 20, 2021

Present: Select Board members: Don Milbrand, JP Morrison, Les Dion, Anita Avery, Shaun Lagueux, and Town Administrator-Nik Coates

Absent:

Others Present: Cade Overton, Media Assistant; Raymah Simpson, Town Clerk/Tax Collector; Herb D'Arcy, Sustainability Committee; Remotely- Bill Dowey, Economic Development Committee; Janet Metcalf, Sustainability Committee; Deborah Clarke-Tivey, Administrative Assistant.

Public Session: Chair Milbrand opened the public meeting at 6:30pm by having Mr. Lagueux lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Minutes: Mr. Morrison made a motion to accept the minutes of May 6, 2021, as written, seconded by Ms. Avery. No discussion. The Board voted 5-0-0, in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

Consent Agenda and Manifests: Ms. Dion made a motion to approve the consent agenda dated May 20, 2021, to include the items named therein, motion seconded by Mr. Lagueux. No further discussion. The Board voted 5-0-0, in favor of the motion. The motion passed. The May 20, 2021, Consent Agenda is available for viewing at the Town Office.

Sustainability Committee Cardboard Container Request: Mr. D'Arcy presented the Board with information about storage containers for the recycling of corrugated cardboard. Mr. D'Arcy and Ms. Metcalf discussed the possible options for these storage containers, bids, and the sizes the Sustainability Committee received for storage containers. They asked the Board to please consider deciding purchasing one of the storage containers they presented a bid for. They reported that the Sustainability Committee felt it would be a good idea to have additional storage in the future for the collection and storage of cardboard. They emphasized that storage containers are in short supply and when they last spoke to NRRRA, about a week ago, that cardboard was selling for \$125.00 a ton, up from \$80.00 a ton. Mr. D'Arcy informed the Board of the work the Sustainability Committee would do to educate the taxpayers and residents as to what is acceptable corrugated cardboard. Mr. Lagueux made a motion to approve the purchase of the storage container from Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRRA) for the recycling of cardboard and to fund the purchase from the Solid Waste Budget. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dion. No further discussion. The Board voted 5-0-0, in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Report and Update: Ms. Simpson provided the Board with her semi-annual update on tax bills, deeding and liens. She informed the Board that tax bills will be send out on May 24 and 25, 2021, that her office sent out 117 lien letters and that 23 deed letters were sent. She discussed with the Board different scenarios involving taxpayers working toward paying off their backed taxes and scenarios of those not attempting to communicate with her office or paying towards their delinquent taxes. The Board was united in stating that they felt that in the past that they and other Select Board members had been lenient, but they will have to take a stricter stance on the collection of taxes owed to the Town. The Board does not think it is fair that taxpayers and residents who pay their taxes are carrying those that do not make a good faith effort to pay or catch up on their tax bills. Ms. Simpson will attend the June 17, 2021, Select Board meeting to update the Board on any changes before deeds are sent out on June 24, 2021.

Scheduling for Farmington Public Safety Building Visit: The Select Board will meet Chief McIntire at the Town Office on June 3, 2021, at 1:10pm to travel to Farmington for a 2:00pm tour of Farmington's Public Safety Building. The Select Board Meeting for that evening will begin at 4:30pm.

Town Administrator's Report: Mr. Coates informed the Board of several resident concerns he received. The first concern had to do with an email from an individual regarding the placement of permits on a vehicle's windshield. The second email concern had to do with the removal of debris at the Mill Stream. The debris discussed was dead trees, tree limbs cigarette waste, glass, string, and trash. There was a discussion about the area being used by the Farmer's Market and if there was any collection of funds from the vendors using the site. It was stated that the area was a carry in and carry out trash site. The third topic brought forth by Mr. Coates to the Board was a request to be proactive. Fireworks being shot off regularly is becoming a noise issue and Bristol currently does not have a noise ordinance. A discussion on whether a noise ordinance should be investigated and possibly adopted was discussed. Mr. Coates will get samples of noise ordinances from other Towns.

Select Board Items: Ms. Dion reported that the Community Events Committee hopes to have the "Summer Events Brochure" available by Memorial Day.

Mr. Lagueux wanted the Board to know that he received a complaint about the placing of planters and picnic tables in the square by Shackett's Brewing Company. Some felt that this was not fair to other businesses in the area because it took up parking spaces. A discussion ensued that this allowance was made because of the Governor's Emergency Order and went through the Land Use/Assessing Office. This was not a decision that the Select Board made and that this order should only be in place for this summer.

Mr. Lagueux introduced an idea of utilizing state property near the dam that would allow for picnicking along the river. He felt this was a good opportunity to showcase an area that is rich in history and is very scenic. Mr. Lagueux suggestion included the placement of a few picnic tables in the area. He will get the Map/Lot numbers to Mr. Coates.

Mr. Lagueux was approached by an individual inquiring about the painted markings on some of the roads. He was asked if these markings had to do with the Sewer Project. Mr. Coates explained that these markings were geo reference points for the aerial survey that needed to be completed.

Public Comments: Mr. Dowey attended the Board meeting thinking that a work session was going to take place regarding the Economic Development Committee. Mr. Coates told Mr. Dowey that the work session was for the Board and that it was put off until the June 3, 2021, Select Board meeting. He let Mr. Dowey know that a joint conversation between the Board and the Economic Development Committee would take place at the June 17, 2021, Select Board meeting.

Mr. Lagueux made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:41pm, seconded by Ms. Avery. The Board voted 5-0-0, in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah A. Clarke-Tivey