

Bristol Select Board  
Minutes  
September 16, 2021

**Present:** Select Board members: Chair Don Milbrand, Anita Avery, Les Dion, Shaun Lagueux and Nik Coates, Town Administrator

**Absent:** JP Morrison

**Others Present:** Ben LaRoche, Fire Chief; Jim McIntire, Police Chief; Christina Goodwin, Land Use/Assessing Manager; Keith Pratt, Tim Puls, Joe Towle and Drew Blair, Underwood Engineers; Deborah Clarke-Tivey, Administrative Assistant

**Work Session:** Chair Milbrand opened the first of two scheduled work sessions at 5:30pm. Mr. Pratt provided the Board with an update on the design work Underwood Engineers have done and previewed what will be presented at the Neighborhood Meetings at Cummings Beach September 21, 22 and 23 from 5-7pm. They reminded those attending the Neighborhood Meetings to please bring a lawn chair.

Chief LaRoche, Chief McIntire and Ms. Goodwin gave input to the Board on the challenges they face with hiring and retaining staff regarding language in the personnel policy, wages, and health insurance.

**Public Session:** After a brief recess Chair Milbrand opened the public meeting at 8:02pm by having Ms. Avery lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public and Nonpublic Meeting Minutes:** Mr. Lagueux made a motion to accept the minutes of September 2, 2021, public and nonpublic meetings, as written, seconded by Ms. Avery. No discussion. The Board voted 4-0-0, the motion passed.

**Consent Agenda and Manifests:** Ms. Dion made a motion to approve the consent agenda dated, September 16, 2021, to include the items named therein, motion seconded by Ms. Avery. The Board voted 4-0-0, the motion passed. Mr. Lagueux asked the Board to pull Timber Intent for Map/Lot #223-075 and #223-076 for Town of Bristol from the consent agenda. Mr. Lagueux made a motion to accept the Intent to Cut Waiver from the State of New Hampshire's Timber State Tax. Chair Milbrand seconded the motion. No discussion. The Board voted 4-0-0, in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

**Town Administrator's Report:** none

**Select Board Items:** Mr. Lagueux informed the Board that at a recent Budget Committee meeting he attended there was a conversation around a budget year vs a fiscal year. Questions or concerns from the Budget Committee Chair will be directed to Mr. Coates.

Ms. Avery reflected on the Ribbon Cutting for Bristol Broadband and the remarks made by the many State Representatives and Senators. She thanked Mr. Coates for all his dedication and work to make the celebration and Broadband project happen in Bristol.

Chair Milbrand echoed Ms. Avery's sentiments about the Broadband celebration. He also asked that a warrant article be written so tables and chairs could be purchased for the Historic Town Hall. Chair

Milbrand suggested that the benches from the Historic Town Hall not be destroyed, but rather a few benches be kept and other auctioned off.

**Public Comments:** none

**Nonpublic Session Per RSA 91-A:3, II (a), and (b):** Chair Milbrand made a motion to enter into nonpublic session under NH RSA 91-A, II (a) and (b), motion was seconded by Ms. Dion. Roll call vote to enter nonpublic session: Chair Milbrand, yes; Mr. Lagueux, yes; Ms. Avery, yes; Ms. Dion, yes. Motion passed 4-0-0. Nonpublic session entered at 8:14pm.

Motion to leave nonpublic session and return to public session was made by Mr. Lagueux, seconded by Ms. Dion. Roll call vote taken: Chair Milbrand, yes; Mr. Lagueux, yes; Ms. Avery, yes; Ms. Dion, yes. Motion passed 4-0-0. Nonpublic session adjourned at 8:51pm.

Ms. Dion made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:52pm, seconded by Ms. Avery. The Board voted 4-0-0, in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deborah A. Clarke-Tivey