

Minutes

Bristol Select Board

February 15, 2018

Present: Select Board members: Paul Manganiello, JP Morrison, Rick Alpers, Les Dion, and Don Milbrand, and Town Administrator Nik Coates.

Others Present: Members of the public.

The public meeting was opened at 6:00PM.

Minutes:

Mr. Milbrand made a motion to approve the public and non-public minutes from February 1, 2018, seconded by Ms. Dion. The Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes as written.

Consent Agenda: Mr. Manganiello made a motion to approve the consent agenda dated February 15, 2018, to include the items named therein, seconded by Mr. Milbrand. The Board voted 5-0 in favor of the motion to approve the consent agenda.

Public Hearing: The public hearing regarding the Keno petition warrant article was opened at 6:11PM.

A representative from the lottery commission was in attendance. Mr. Manganiello asked if the town has all day kindergarten already does the town still get reimbursed. Mr. Alpers commented that the town still gets the \$1,100 starting in 2019 even if a town doesn't have Keno. Mr. Morrison commented that the town does get people to come in to play. Paul Simard asked if what the cost is to play. The lottery representative replied that it costs \$1-\$20 depending on the number of plays. Mr. Milbrand asked if any cities or towns have Keno now and if there is any data on the detrimental side. The lottery representative replied that there are a few cities now that have Keno and that she is not aware of detriments. It is gambling and there are a small percentage of people who have gambling addiction. Mr. Alpers commented that he does struggle to see the possibility of over drinking downtown but that he is not against gambling and people playing Keno in the establishments downtown. The representative replied that she is cognizant of that perception. Ned Gordon commented that though he doesn't endorse gambling he prefers Keno instead of casino gambling as the revenue stays in the state.

The public hearing on Keno was closed at 6:21PM.

The public hearing regarding warrant article #14 was opened at 6:22PM. Mr. Alpers commented that just the bond portion of the warrant article will be discussed. The interest rates from Northway Bank and the Bond Bank were reviewed. Currently the Bond Bank has better rates. A member of the public asked if the project is approved who chooses the financing and when. Mr. Alpers replied that the Board makes the final decision and it would be sometime in late spring. Paul Simard asked for clarification on the zero impact option. Mr. Coates replied that if the operating budget of the total amount of the warrant is reduced by \$570,000 there would be zero impact on the tax rate for one year.

The public hearing was closed at 6:33PM.

Warrant Articles: Mr. Milbrand made a motion to recommend Article #24, operating budget, seconded by Mr. Manganiello. The vote would be to recommend that Budget Committee number. The Board voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.

Presenting Warrant Articles: This will be discussed at the March 1st Board meeting.

Town Administrators Report: Mr. Coates informed the Board that the SB2 warrant article needs to have public hearing. The Board will hold a public hearing on February 22, 2018 at 5:00PM.

Select Board Items:

Mr. Morrison commented that he spoke with a resident who is having a problem getting to the transfer station and has someone from Franklin coming in to pick up her trash but needs to have a sticker for his vehicle. The resident said that he only picks up her trash. Mr. Alpers commented that there have been other people who have come in to the town office with this issue and that they have been told no and that only 2 one day passes have been sold for a clean out. Mr. Alpers commented that Art Borry does help people who need assistance at the transfer station.

Ms. Dion commented that she thinks it would be easier for people to understand that it is too costly to build a new police station if the cost was shown in black and white. Mr. Manganiello commented that Ward D'Elia has stated that it would far exceed the cost to convert the current building into a functional town office than renovate the police department. Everything would have to come up to ADA code if more than 40% of the building is touched during renovations.

Mr. Manganiello commented that Steve Favorite resigned from the Planning Board. Mr. Manganiello also informed the Board that after March he will not be the Select Board rep but that Mr. Milbrand is the alternate and will start attending the Planning Board meetings.

Public Comment:

Mr. Manganiello made a motion to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3 II (b), (c), and (e) seconded by Mr. Milbrand. A roll call vote was held. The Board voted 5-0 in favor of the motion. Ms. Dion made a motion to come out of non-public, seconded by Mr. Milbrand. A roll call vote was held. The Board voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.

Non-Public Minutes: Mr. Morrison made a motion to seal the previous non-public minutes, seconded by Mr. Milbrand. The Board voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.

Mr. Manganiello made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Milbrand. The Board voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Costigan

