

**Minutes  
Bristol Select Board  
February 21, 2019**

**Present:** Select Board members: Chair Rick Alpers, Don Milbrand, Wayne Anderson, and Town Administrator Nik Coates.

**Absent:** Les Dion and JP Morrison

The public meeting was opened at 6:00 PM with Highway Superintendent Mark Bucklin leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Others Present:** Highway Superintendent Mark Bucklin and members of the public.

**Minutes:** Mr. Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes of February 7, 2019 and February 12, 2019 as written, seconded by Mr. Milbrand. The Board voted 3-0 in favor, motion carried.

**Consent Agenda:** Mr. Milbrand made a motion to approve the consent agenda dated February 21, 2019, to include the items named therein, seconded by Mr. Anderson. The Board voted 3-0 in favor of the motion to approve the consent agenda.

**Keno Warrant Article Public Hearing:** Mr. Alpers opened up the Public Hearing at 6:04 PM. The intent of the Public Hearing is to discuss the warrant article proposing Keno in the Town of Bristol. The warrant article will be included on the official ballot to be voted upon on March 12, 2019 at the Old Town Hall, 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Mr. Alpers stated that this is the second year the question has appeared on the ballot. Last year the Lottery Commission came to the public hearing to speak on the benefits of allowing Keno in a community and how it works. He asked for comments or questions from the public. A representative from Lin Cross, a local restaurant, said that Keno draws people to the town and that it is a win-win situation for businesses who have Keno and surrounding businesses. He added that the restaurant would only want to add Keno, not other forms of gambling, and that Keno could increase their profit by 8%. He asked if the wording on the article could be more descriptive. Mr. Coates replied that legislature required the article to be worded as it is on the ballot. Another representative from Lin Cross stated that her business would like to offer Keno to its customers and that statistically people who play Keno stay longer in an establishment, thus increasing revenue. She added that a portion of the proceeds is given to the Town for all day kindergarten. Mr. Alpers asked for any more comments from the public or the Select Board. Mr. Milbrand said that he does not see any negative aspects to Keno and that it will benefit the local businesses and the Town. Mr. Alpers is neutral on the topic. A simple majority vote is needed for the article to pass. Mr. Alpers asked if there were any further questions, there being none, closed the Public Hearing at 6:12 PM.

**Hauling and Disposal Rate Increases:** Casella's hauling and disposal rates are increasing significantly starting on March 15, 2019 which would result in an increase of approximately \$45,000 not accounted for in the proposed budget. The hauling fee is going from \$155.00 to \$395.00. Highway Superintendent

Mark Bucklin suggested possibly rebidding. Mr. Milbrand asked the Town could do the hauling ourselves. Mr. Bucklin said we could haul in the short term currently and in the long term if a new position were added. Discussion ensued on what this would entail as well as hiring other hauling contractors. The recycling program and the opening aspects of the new transfer station were also discussed.

**Waiver Request for Police Detail Fees for Go Gray in May Race:** Tabled until the Waiver Request is received.

**Town Administrator Report:** Mr. Coates asked the Select Board to start thinking about goal setting for this year. A work session date will be set after Town Meeting.

The Town website redesign is progressing well. We are now using Office 365 and Outlook, which is an improvement and will be going from an .org website address to a .gov address. The Select Board will be transitioning to tablets this year if the budget is approved as presented.

Mr. Coates and Mr. Bucklin have been meeting with the owner of Cielito's Restaurant regarding conditions on building a new public accessible parking lot for the restaurant. Mr. Coates will go over an official agreement with the Select Board in the near future. This project will help with the lack of parking in the downtown area.

**Select Board Items:** Mr. Anderson met with Fire Chief LaRoche to discuss having an ambulance agreement with just one town. Chief LaRoche will be contacting Alexandria to set up a meeting.

The Economic Development Committee (EDC) has been discussing how to incorporate an incubator in the new Town Office. One idea was for the EDC (as a 501C3) to lease the currently undeveloped space for a \$1.00 and they would look into financing the \$130,000 for the retrofit.

Lastly, Mr. Anderson brought up the digitation of Town records. Mr. Coates replied that the Assessing Department has started that process.

Mr. Milbrand reported that he has been working on a break down of the sewer extension project cost to users and will go over that at the next Select Board work session.

Mr. Alpers attended the Trails Meeting and conveyed the importance of communication to the public on improvements and information.

Mr. Coates gave an update on the new Town Office progress at the request of Mr. Alpers. The design is being finalized with the architects. The goal is to finalize within the next two weeks and put out to bid. A letter will be sent to PSNH regarding lighting and the energy savings portion of the project.

Mr. Alpers lastly gave a business update which included that a purchase and sales agreement has been offered for the Gardner Building (the new owner's intent is to restore the building) and that Foley's Oil is planning on selling the gas station. Mr. Coates added that there has been activity on the Auto Shop and that he has met with the potential buyer.

Mr. Coates announced that there will be daycare provided at the Town Meeting on March 16, 2019 from 8:45 AM to 3:00 PM.

**Public Comments:** None

There being no further business, Mr. Anderson motioned to adjourn meeting at 6:54 PM, seconded by Mr. Milbrand. The Board voted 3-0, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Smith