

TOWN OF BRISTOL  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2016

PRESENT: Robert A. Green, Jr., Alden Favro, David Parsons, Thomas Stevens, Jeff Bliss, Ron Wilson, Patricia Sanford, William Kenyon, Atty.

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Privilege of the floor was given to Ron Smith who thanked the library and Tom Stevens for the sign on the tennis courts.

A motion was made by Tom Stevens, seconded by Jeff Bliss and carried to Approve the August minutes.

A motion was made by David Parsons, seconded by Al Favro and carried to pay the following bills:

General Abstract 9 Vouchers 239-272	\$27,469.04
Highway Abstract 9 Vouchers 1161-1179	\$188,308.07

A motion was made by David Parsons, seconded by Al Favro and carried to accept the following budget modifications:

General	Debit	Credit
A3021 Court Facilities Grant	\$1,820.00	
A1110.200G Justice Court Facilities Grant *2016 NYS Justice Grant		\$1,820.00
A1910.400 Unallocated Insurance	\$ 5.00	
A8090.400 Garage Repairs-Reserve Funds *Watershed Contribution		\$ 5.00
 Total General	 \$1,825.00	 \$1,825.00

Highway		Debit	Credit
DA3501	Consolidate Highway Aid	\$38,835.88	
DA5112.200	Chips Rollover		\$38,835.88
	*To book chips rollover from 2015 plus adjustment		
DA3501	Consolidated Highway Aid	\$26,075.43	
DA5112.200	Chips-Pave NY		\$26,075.43
	*To book chips increase-Pave NY Funds		
Total Highway			\$64,911.31

A motion was made by David Parson, seconded by Al Favro and carried to accept the Supervisor's report for the month of August.

Sandy Riker presented the Planning and Zoning Board reports. The Planning Board will meet this week and would like some guidelines from the Town Board regarding alternative energy and specifically solar and wind farms. Currently there is nothing in the code regarding the abandonment of these farms that can be up to 30 acres in size. Discussion was held with the Board and a copy of the Board's guidelines is attached to these minutes.

The Highway report was given by Ron Wilson. There was discussion as to why the striping of roads has not been done and Ron said he would look into it. The Board also stated that regular weekly inspections should be done on all the trucks and records of those inspections kept on file.

The Town Clerk's report was given by Pat Sanford. The Bulk water sales for the month of August were \$1773.00.

A motion was made by Al Favro, seconded by David Parsons and carried to accept these reports.

A discussion was held regarding the transfer of the Coddling property to the Town Park. A motion was made by Tom Stevens, seconded by Al Favro and carried to receive the property providing it has a clear deed. Bill Kenyon will do a search for judgments or liens.

The Town Board went in to executive session at 8:05 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Patricia Sanford  
Deputy Town Clerk

Bristol Town Board

September 13, 2016

Directive to Planning Board regarding Renewable Energy with an Emphasis on Solar and Wind:

Given the ever-changing forward moving push from NYS to provide solar to as much of the State as it can by the year 2030 (50% solar energy by 2030, as of 2016 we are 30% on target), Patti Giordano has asked that the Planning Board be given a written directive from the Town Board indicating direction and timeline to provide PB recommendations on energy for the town of Bristol:

Would the Town Board prefer that the PB:

- Continue to address only the solar component of sustainable energy by recommending updates to local zoning?
- Update the Local Law on towers, wind from 2007 to include solar both minor and major installations and take the time to update the information regarding towers and wind
- Draft a stand-alone Energy Plan regarding Wind and Solar that could later act as a directive for both the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Regulations
- Other combinations of the above?

The rapidly changing landscape of sustainable energy in addition to the more aggressive stance from New York State makes it unclear to me what our final output should be.

The Town Board discussed the above request at the September 12, 2016 meeting of the Town Board and at that time a consensus was achieved that the Town Board would like to see the Planning Board proceed in drafting a stand-alone Energy Plan with the emphasis on Solar and later amending to add Wind. This could be a directive for both the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Regulations.

The documents should include:

- Solar Collectors and installations for Minor Systems

- Residential
  - Rooftop and building mounted systems
  - Ground Mounted Systems
- Solar Collectors and Installations for Major Systems or Solar Farms
  - Site Plan requirements
  - Areas of potential sensitivity both historic and cultural
  - Areas of the Town where permitted
  - Design Standards
  - Signage
  - Abandonment
  - Guidance for Removal

The Town Board would like to see this document a priority for the Planning Board should take the opportunity to use additional meeting dates as workshops for this project.