

# TOWN OF PEACHAM

## MINUTES OF THE SELECTBOARD MEETING

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

APPROVED

Selectboard Members Present: Mike Heath, Beatrice Ring, Peter Craig  
Public: Town Clerk Thomas Galinat, Road Foreman Jeremy Withers, Selectboard Clerk Rebecca Washington, Mark Clough, Jessica Philippe, Cornelia Hasenfuss, Tim Mckay, Wendy Morgan, Julie Hansen, Becky Jensen, Mary Daly, Rose Dedam, Gillian Sewake, Patrice McDonough

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair of the Selectboard Mike Heath at 6:40pm.
2. Childcare update
  - a. Discussion ensued on the plans of the Peacham Children's Center.
    - i. Philippe explained that PCC is undergoing a feasibility study with the Peacham Congregational Church to pursue renovating the basement of the church to use as a permanent location for a childcare center.
    - ii. Philippe stated that building a new building at the school is not totally off the table.
  - b. Discussion ensued about after-school childcare options for the remainder of 2019.
    - i. At the March 20th Selectboard meeting, the Selectboard agreed to take on funding for the after-school program for the remainder of 2019.
    - ii. Galinat found out from Peacham School Principal Ashley Gray that using the school for a 2019 summer childcare program would not be feasible.
    - iii. Peacham's Town Attorney recommended that the Selectboard put out an RFP for a subcontractor to take on the afterschool program through the end of 2019 and have the subcontractor be responsible for gaining licensing through the VT Department for Children and Families, hiring staff, and dealing with paperwork for state subsidies.
    - iv. Galinat suggested that PCC consider becoming a self-funded branch of the municipal government.
    - v. The Selectboard will get an RFP out for an after-school childcare provider for the remainder of 2019.
3. Additions to the agenda
  - a. Executive session for personnel
  - b. Executive session for personnel
4. 2019 Appointments
  - a. Cemetery Sexton
    - i. Craig recused himself from voting.
    - ii. **Heath nominated Ron Craig. Ring seconded. All in favor. Appointed.**
5. Sheriff's Department contract
  - a. Galinat explained that the previous Selectboard members did not sign the contract due to concern that hiring the Sheriff's Department to give out tickets wasn't slowing people down. They were interested in exploring other traffic-calming solutions before making a decision.
  - b. Discussion ensued on various traffic-calming methods including flashing speed signs, speed humps, and signs in the middle of the road.
  - c. **Ring moved that, for this year's budget, the Selectboard does not pay the Sheriff the incremental amount. Craig seconded. Majority in favor. So moved.**
  - d. The Selectboard plans to discuss other traffic-calming methods at future Selectboard meetings.
6. Transfer Station fees
  - a. Ring explained a resident's idea of eliminating cash at the Transfer Station by going to a coupon book system.
  - b. Ring presented NEKWMD Director Paul Tomasi's suggestion of eliminating cash by going to a punch card system.
    - i. Discussion ensued on the logistics of a punch card system.
    - ii. The Board agreed that the Transfer Station would still accept checks as well as punch cards.
    - iii. **Craig moved to make the Transfer Station cash-free starting on June 1st. Ring seconded. All in favor. So moved.**
7. Website RFP
  - a. The Selectboard opened two bids.
    - i. Terry Miller Web Design
    - ii. Suzanne Rhodes
  - b. The Selectboard members will review both bids and make a decision at the April 17th Selectboard meeting.
8. Conflict of Interest Policy
  - a. The Selectboard reviewed VLCT's model Conflict of Interest Policy.

- b. **Craig moved to adopt the policy regarding conflict of interest. Heath seconded. All in favor. So moved.**
- 9. Tax Anticipation Note
  - a. Galinat explained that, due to the recent down payment for the new fire truck and the upcoming payment for the Highway Department's new pickup truck, the town needs to borrow money this year in anticipation of taxes.
  - b. The Selectboard signed the Tax Anticipation Note.
- 10. Highway Department update
  - a. The road crew has been putting gravel out and turning over road surfaces.
  - b. Discussion ensued on adopting road standards.
- 11. Executive session for personnel
  - a. **Craig moved to go into executive session at 8:00pm. Heath seconded. All in favor. So moved.**
  - b. **Heath moved to come out of executive session at 8:30pm. Ring seconded. All in favor. So moved.**
  - c. No action taken.
- 12. Town Clerk update
  - a. Galinat presented the Selectboard with a quote for a new 3-shelf roller shelf for the Town Office vault.
    - i. **Craig moved to spend up to \$800 out of the Restoration Land Records fund to purchase a roller shelf. Ring seconded. All in favor. So moved.**
- 13. Executive session for personnel
  - a. **Heath moved to go into executive session at 8:35pm. Ring seconded. All in favor. So moved.**
  - b. **Heath moved to come out of executive session at 8:39pm. Ring seconded. All in favor. So moved.**
  - c. **Craig moved to keep the Selectboard Clerk's salary at \$5,500 annually and have the clerk back paid to March 18, 2019. Ring seconded. All in favor. So moved.**
- 14. Approve minutes
  - a. February 20, 2019
    - i. No action taken.
  - b. March 20, 2019
    - i. **Craig moved to approve the minutes of March 20, 2019 as written. Ring seconded. All in favor. So moved.**
- 15. Review and approve bills
  - a. The Selectboard reviewed and approved bills.
- 16. Review correspondence
  - a. The Selectboard reviewed correspondence.
- 17. Adjourn
  - a. Heath moved to adjourn. Craig seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:53pm.

  
 Craig