

TOWN OF PEACHAM
MINUTES of the SELECTBOARD MEETING
Wednesday May 1st, 2019 UNAPPROVED

Selectboard Members Present: Mike Heath, Chair, Beatrice Ring
Public: Thomas Galinat, Town Clerk, Jock Gill, Eney Committee Chair, Paul Evans, Mary Daly,
Cheryl Stevenson, Allen Thresher, Ron Craig, Amber Lowell, Jessica Philippe

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Michael Heath, at 6:26pm.
2. Additions to the Agenda
 - a. Mary Daly wanted to address a house with garbage and debris outside.
 - i. Heath said he would contact Josh Kantrowitz, Health Officer, about the issue.
 - b. Thomas Galinat asked if the Selectboard would sell the Chandler's a 5' used culvert.
 - i. Galinat said it was from Old County Road when the culvert was replaced in 2014.
 - ii. Ring asked that because Galinat works in the Town Office is this fair for all residents. Discussion Ensued
 - iii. Heath said to put it on the next agenda.
3. Approve Minutes from 4/17/19
 - a. Heath moved this to after Town Clerk Update
4. Veterans Monument – Allen Thresher Sr.
 - a. Galinat spoke on behalf of Allen Thresher, stating he and other veterans are working on adding an additional monument at no cost to the Town, near the existing monument, which would include all veterans who are from Peacham during their life.
 - i. Ring asked that Allen come to the next meeting. She asked if there was a precedent anywhere in the country where a monument is for veterans who did not die in war, but served. Discussion ensued.
 - ii. Stevenson said that the other monuments are all for people who were born in Peacham.
5. Cemetery Maps and Flag/Flagpole – Ron Craig
 - a. Craig said the Flagpole was broken this winter. Ron and Peter made a new pole from a donated cedar tree. The new pole is need of new flags.
 - i. Stevenson said the flags are part of her job as Sextant. She said she buys new flags every year.
 - b. Craig asked for new maps for the Cemetery. The Town needs new maps.
 - i. Galinat said that a large map of the whole cemetery would be helpful for directions.
 - ii. Ring asked Galinat to explore costs of printing laminating maps.
- 4Cont. Veterans Monument - Allen Thresher Sr.
 - a. Thresher Sr. explained the need for a more inclusive monument to be placed to the left of the Civil War monument. This would make the memorials symmetrical. He said there are already 60+ names to add, all families have the choice to opt out, and there would be no cost to the town. He said that this would be a Tribute, not a Memorial.
 - i. Stevenson asked if families could opt out.
 1. Thresher said yes.
 - ii. Ring asked if there was precedence.
 1. Thresher said yes, you only have to go to Barnet to see one.
 - b. **Ring motions that the Town allow a monument for veterans who served in services located at the Town Memorial Site. Heath seconds, all in favor.**

14. Afterschool Program
 - a. The RFP is published and posted in 3 places.
 - i. Philippe asked if the published rate is \$7/day or is that after the subsidy.
 1. Heath said that this is the cost to families and not the published rate.
6. Peacham Pond Greeter Program – Martha Winston
 - a. Galinat said the Greeter Program Grant was \$1000 short of the budget. The Peacham Pond Association said that would cover \$500. Will the Selectboard okay an additional \$500 for the program.
 - i. Heath asked if Peacham Pond is milfoil free.
 1. Galinat said yes, Heath replied this is far cheaper than remediation.
 - b. **Heath motioned to give \$500 toward the Peacham Pond Grant. Ring seconds, all in favor.**
7. Transfer Station Punch-Card
 - a. Lowell said she was excited for the idea, she likes the idea of increased safety moving to a cashless system. She had concerns about getting the word out.
 - i. Heath said it would be a soft start. Ring gave the Town Clerk a handout to give Lowell.
 - ii. Ring said the Transfer Station will always take checks and the Town Office will always accept cash or check
 - iii. Lowell asked what to do if someone loses their card(s)?
 1. Galinat said they will have to buy more.
 - b. Lowell asked about the status of the phone install
 - i. Galinat said it was left with Consolidated Communications, he will follow up.
8. Pickup Truck Sale
 - a. Jeremy Withers said the truck should be available to residents and start at \$1000
 - i. Heath said it should be a signed bid and advertised in the Cal-Rec
 1. Galinat said he would put it in the Cal-Rec
 - ii. Heath said the decision will be on 6/5. No test drives, as-is, where-is, Ring said \$1000.
9. Update on Web Development
 - a. Galinat said she is developing a new framework, she will display this when she is done.
10. Cancelling May 15th Meeting
 - a. Heath, Ring and Craig will be away. Meeting Canceled.
11. What to do in the case of emergency with Ring and Craig away.
 - a. Galinat said most of our vendors use invoices that would be due after the board returns.
 - b. Heath said the purchasing policy has an exception for emergency.
12. Speeding
 - a. Heath spoke with the AOT, they told him to reach out to NVDA.
 - i. Galinat said he would reach out to NVDA.
 - b. Heath said he wanted to move forward with the 3-d crosswalks. Ring said there are residents who would like to take this on as an art project.
 - i. **Ring moves to have 3-d crosswalks at the library and school crosswalks. Heath Seconds, all in favor.**
13. Solar power proposal
 - a. Heath spoke about putting solar on Town Buildings.
 - i. Gill suggested the Town hire a consultant to compare a private investor vs bonding vs buying outright. Discussion ensued. Gill asked the Town authorize funding for a consultant.
 1. Heath presented a Letter of Intent, he wanted to see wanted other numbers.
 - ii. Ring asked Gill and the Energy Committee to research options to advise the Selectboard.

- iii. Gill provided two energy concepts to be used by citizens. Contact Gill for more information.
- 15. RFP Information Requests in the Absence of Ring
 - a. Heath will answer questions in her absence.
- 17. Town Clerk update
 - a. Galinat brought the handbook for VT Selectboards. The board was ecstatic, after a short fight over the handbook it was left with Heath as Ring will be out of the country. Such a coveted item should not leave the country.
 - b. Galinat showed the board the quarterly reports of the Town's finances.
 - c. Galinat asked if he should continuing pursuing the soccer field and roller barn projects.
 - i. Ring said Galinat should pursue both the roller barn and the dump power options.
 - ii. Heath said Galinat should continue pursuing both projects (soccer field survey and power).
 - iii. Gill asked about going off-grid at the dump. Discussion ensued.
 - iv. Galinat will get power prices, Gill will get off-grid prices.
 - d. Craig brought up a concern of a resident putting brush in the road.
 - i. Heath said he'll review the concern.
- 18. Review and approve bills
- 19. Review correspondence
- 20. Adjourn
 - a. Heath moved to adjourn at 8:54pm, Ring seconds. Meeting adjourned.