

**TOWN OF PEACHAM
SELECTBOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday January 17, 2018
UNAPPROVED**

Present:

Selectboard Members: David Jacobs (via facetime), Nattie Emmons, and Tim Scott
Public: Mike Bruton, Road Foreman Jeremy Withers, Joe Layn, Energy Coordinator Jock Gill, Tim McKay, Tree Warden Neil Monteith, School Board Member Mike Heath, Town Clerk Tom Galinat

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair of the Board Tim Scott at 6:32PM.

ACTIONS:

Carried Forward From Previous Meetings & From Today's Meeting:

1. Nattie will put the long board up on the Snow Roller Barn.
2. Emergency Hazard Mitigation Action Plan - Tim attending the required training
3. The Drug & Alcohol Policy will be sent to the town lawyer when a draft is complete.
4. Melissa will submit reimbursement request to NVDA Municipal Planning Grant.
5. Tom will get a quote for a new furnace after he sees the report from the energy audit.
6. Tim is going to send the town meeting day warning to David Jacobs for signing via dot loop.
7. Mike Heath and Tim Scott will attend the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday February 13th, 2018 at 7pm.
8. Melissa will look into watermarking "draft" on unapproved minutes.
9. Jeremy will do "reasonable suspicion" training related to the Drug & Alcohol Policy that will be adopted.
10. The town clerk's office will look into David's concern about the second test in the Drug & Alcohol Policy draft.
11. Melissa will add "electronic waste policy" to future agenda.
12. Tim will talk to Matt Langlais about the town forest logging update.
13. Someone will look into a thermostat that sends out alerts in the case of potential freezing since the town hall almost froze when the boiler went out over the weekend.

MINUTES:

1. Additions
 - a. Sheriff's Contract
 - b. Hazard Mitigation Plan Questions
 - c. Town Energy Plans/ Planning Commission
 - d. Watermarking Minutes with "draft"
2. Approve Minutes
 - a. **Tim moves to approve the minutes of 1/3/18 as amended. Nattie seconds. All in favor. So moved.**
3. Highway Department Update and Requests
 - a. Jeremy showed the Selectboard the financing for the new 10 wheeler truck. Tom will meet with Jeremy to complete the paperwork.
 - b. The pickup that was in the shop needed a new engine. The engine has a three year warranty.
 - c. Tom asked if Jeremy could move a small piece of roofing that had been knocked off the town hall by snow. He said it was the roof above the emergency exit door. The Selectboard and Jeremy agreed to have Jeremy move the piece of roofing to the transfer station until it could be fixed in the spring. The Selectboard also agreed to have Tom ask someone for a quote about snow guards on the roof.
4. Logging the Town Forest

- a. The firs in the town forest are infected with balsam wooly adelgid and are dying.
 - b. Matt Langlais (County Forester) Tim McKay (Peacham resident and nature enthusiast), and Neil Monteith (Peacham Tree Warden) will mark the trees to be cut. Most of them are away from trails so there will be minimal impact to recreationists.
 - c. **Tim moves to approve the logging of marked trees, which is approximately 20 acres, in the town forest subject to Matt Langlais being able to negotiate a price with Joe Layn and create a contract to be signed by the Selectboard. Nattie seconds. All in favor. So moved.**
5. Town Clerk Update and Requests
 - a. The budget increase may be as high as \$62,000, which would increase property taxes by \$70 per \$100,000 of property value. This is modest considering: the reappraisal; setting aside \$90,000 toward capital equipment, capital building, and paving and retreatment; etc.
 - b. The total municipal budget to be raised by taxes is \$628, 779.
6. Town Meeting Day Warning
 - a. **Tim moves to approve the warning for Town Meeting Day 2018. David seconds. All in favor. So moved.**
 - b. The Selectboard discussed the Selectboard Report for the town report, which David wrote.
7. Peacham Property Map Agreement
 - a. The new property map will be up to date and will be interactive with the grand list. There are errors in the current property map.
 - b. **Tim moves to approve the property map agreement. Nattie seconds. All in favor. So moved.**
8. Transfer Station
 - a. Tabled until a future meeting.
9. Hazard Mitigation Plan Questions
 - a. Neil Monteith had responded to these.
 - b. Tim started the required course, which should be completed by the next Selectboard meeting.
10. Town Energy Plans/ Planning Commission
 - a. If the school will also serve as an emergency shelter with off grid electricity from the solar array, the consultant said that it has to be a ground mount so that people can safely remove ice/snow from the solar panels. A 100 foot by 150 foot area should provide 85 kw. Behind the baseball field is a possible site. The consultant would like to have it installed this summer but due to permitting, it could be delayed until next year.
 - b. Melissa discussed some concerns raised about the project when it was brought up at the planning commission, including the fact that a ground array would need DRB approval. She recommended future discussions about the project be on the agenda as opposed to an addition so that the public can be as involved as possible. This project has been discussed extensively at school board meetings. The Selectboard wants to be as transparent as possible.
11. Watermarking Unapproved Minutes with "Draft"
 - a. This is what Danville does. Tim recommended Peacham does the same to avoid any confusion.
12. Sheriff's Contract
 - a. David wrote up a list of suggested areas to patrol and questions to consider as a board. The Selectboard discussed how to best make use of the sheriff department's time. The Selectboard reiterated the desire to make Peacham a speed trap due to interest from the public in reducing speeding.
 - b. No decisions were made.
13. Review Action Items from Previous Meetings
 - a. The Selectboard discussed past and future action items with the clerk.
14. Review and Approve Bills

a. The Selectboard reviewed and approved bills.

15. Review Correspondence

a. The Selectboard reviewed correspondence.

Tim moves to adjourn at 8:36pm. Nattie seconds. All in favor. So moved.