

**TOWN OF PEACHAM
SELECTBOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday January 3, 2018
UNAPPROVED**

Present:

Selectboard Members: David Jacobs, Nattie Emmons, and Tim Scott

Public: Lister Rusty Barber, Mike Bruton, Dan St. Cyr, Sandy Ladd, Mike Perrigo, Road Foreman
Jeremy Withers, Joe Layn

The meeting was called to order by Chair of the Board David Jacobs at 6:30PM.

ACTIONS:

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

1. Tim will talk to Doug Morton at NVDA about a traffic study and a four way stop sign for South Peacham.
2. Nattie will put the long board up on the Snow Roller Barn.
3. Emergency Hazard Mitigation Action Plan - Tim attending the required training
4. David will review the Drug & Alcohol Policy and will email Melissa with any changes.
5. Melissa will submit reimbursement request to NVDA Municipal Planning Grant.
6. Tom will get a quote for a new furnace after he sees the report from the energy audit.
7. Tim will talk to Matt Langless and Neil Monteith about logging the town forest
8. VLCT will write the article for the town meeting day warning about the capital building fund.

MINUTES:

1. Additions
 - a. Review Action Items from Previous Meetings
 - b. Article on Tennis Court
 - c. Mini Re: Proposed Article for Town Meeting Day
 - d. Joe Layn Re: Logging Town Forest
 - e. Tom Re: Transfer Station
 - f. David Re: Selectboard Report for Town Report
 - g. Mike Re: Cemetery
 - h. Jock Re: Energy Coordinator Progress
2. Approve Minutes
 - a. **David moves to approve the minutes of 12/6/17 with a minor change. Tim seconds. All in favor. So moved.**
 - b. **David moves to approve the minutes of 12/27/17 with minor changes. Nattie seconds. All in favor. So moved.**
3. Review Action Items from Previous Meetings
 - a. The Selectboard reviewed action items.
4. Joe Layn Re: Logging the Town Forest
 - a. Joe talked to Matt Langless County Forester. Matt said that as County Forester he is available to the towns for administering timber sales but has to be approached by a Selectboard member.
 - b. It's a spruce budworm that is attacking the trees.
 - c. Joe said he cannot give a good estimate until he knows what the Selectboard wants to do and how Matt marks the trees. Ballpark is \$130 per 1000 board feet.
 - d. **Tim moves to talk to Matt Landless about administering a timber sale. David seconds. All in favor. So moved.**
5. Mike Bruton Re: Cemetery Budget

- a. Mike talked to Cheryl about budget changes and recommendations that the Selectboard made and she is fine with all of it.
6. Jock Gill
- a. Jock said that the energy group is investigating the possibility of creating a disaster energy center at the school with solar and batteries. They have arranged for a consultant to come for free.
 - b. Adam Kane has potentially found an angel investor so there would be no cost for the town and the town would save 5% on energy bill. They are considering creating an educational facility around this. If we get 80 kilowatts it looks like we could cover the school, the town, and the garage electricity needs. Suncommon had estimated that you could get 80-90 kilowatts on the roof. The school board is 100% behind this.
 - c. Tom asked who ultimately owns the school property and what would happen if the school district ever closes down. He wondered if it should be located on town property.
 - d. David Jacobs, Mike Heath, and Jock Gill signed a letter of intent to enter into an agreement to develop community solar with Wolfe Energy. This is an exploratory phase and there is no obligation to the town.
 - e. Tim Scott is going to participate in future meetings since David will be out of town.
 - f. **Tim moves to go ahead with the investigation of the solar energy and storage at the school performed by Wolfe Energy at no obligation from the town. Nattie seconds. All in favor. So moved.**
7. Town Hall Renovation
- a. The boiler in the town hall was out. It was 42 degrees in the building.
 - b. The postmaster would like to have the town hall take over some of the space leased to the post office, including utilizing the post office bathroom space. As long as the town meets the needs of the lease they can do so with less square footage. The town can have fully handicapped accessible bathrooms, a larger conference room, room in the vault to grow, additional office space, etc. Tom spoke with Rusty Barber and he was excited about utilizing more space in the renovation and design.
 - c. Tom said that the new high efficiency boilers need a drain line so it will require a lot of work over the post office so it might make sense to tie this in.
 - d. Rusty would prefer to rework the plan.
 - e. Tim thinks that reducing the post office space might make them stay longer, since it will be more affordable. Tim thinks if we are talking about the solar route we should do the electric heat pump with boiler back up.
 - f. The Selectboard decided to postpone the renovation.
 - g. Tom said that right now the Selectboard is raising the budget by \$67,000.
 - h. The Selectboard is already putting \$10,000 into the capital building fund. Tom said that the Selectboard budgeted funds of \$48,750 for the renovation project and had a surplus of \$45,000.
 - i. The Selectboard could have a town meeting day article to move unused funds from 2017 into the capital building fund. Or the Selectboard could use some of the unexpended funds to pay off debt and move some into the capital building fund.
 - j. Paying off the loader would only save \$800 over two years so the Selectboard decided to move all funds into the capital building fund.
8. Tennis Court
- a. David will write a simple non binding article on what can be done with the tennis court. He has drawn up a plan for the space. David wants to create a multi-use space where the tennis court is. Ideally this would be done at no cost to the town via grants and capital fundraising.
 - b. **Tim moves to add a non binding article to the town meeting day warning to start the process of planning and exploring funding options, including grants, to turn the tennis court into a multi-use space with a post and beam pavilion. Nattie seconds. All in favor. So moved.**
9. Mini

- a. **Tim moves to add the following article to the warning for Town Meeting Day: “SHALL THE VOTERS OF PEACHAM REQUEST THE VERMONT STATE LEGISLATURE TO: SUPPORT HR 105, A BILL THAT PROPOSES TO 1. PROHIBIT RETAILERS FROM PROVIDING SINGLE-USE CARRYOUT BAGS AND, 2. ESTABLISH STANDARDS FOR REUSEABLE AND COMPOSTABLE BAGS PROVIDED BY RETAILERS?” David seconds. All in favor. So moved.**

10. Town Clerk Update and Requests

- a. Tom said that things are good and 2017 end of the year will be closed out after this meeting.

11. Highway Department Update and Requests

- a. Jeremy gave the Selectboard copies of the personnel policy with highlighted suggested changes. Jeremy reviewed the changes with the Selectboard and Tom.
- b. Tim moves to accept the new personnel policy adopted 5/16/17 and revised 1/3/18.**
- c. The town pickup is out of commission due to mechanical issues. It's in the shop now.

12. Sheriff's Contract

- a. Will be postponed until the next meeting. The Selectboard decided to have a \$4,000 budget for next year. David will draft a guide for the sheriff's department concerning times and days and times of year the police should be active.

13. Transfer Station

- a. Amber was concerned about the -9 temperature with -30 wind chill on Saturday and wanted to open on Monday instead.
- b. The Selectboard was concerned about how to notice the public. The office at the transfer station is usually toasty but Amber said the week before she had to be in her car most of the time. The Selectboard said that she can stay in the office and have people come to her to pay..
- c. Tom will fill up the tank for the compactor and start that at 8am so she does not have to come out.

14. Budget

- a. Tom discussed the budget with the Selectboard.

15. Review and Approve Bills

- a. The Selectboard reviewed and approved bills.

16. Review Correspondence

- a. The Selectboard reviewed correspondence.
- b. The Selectboard signed the Certificate of Highway Mileage.

David moves to adjourn at 9:350pm. Tim seconds. All in favor. So moved.