

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

**Present:**

**Selectboard Members:** Mike Heath, Nattie Emmons, and Tim Scott

**Selectboard Clerk:** Melissa Laurita Kohl

**Public:** Mike Bruton, Paul Evans, Town Clerk Tom Galinat, Road Foreman Jeremy Withers

**The meeting was called to order by Selectboard Chair Tim Scott at 6:36PM.**

**ACTIONS:**

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

1. Jeremy will do "reasonable suspicion" training related to the Drug & Alcohol Policy that will be adopted.
2. Tim will check in with Doug Morton of NVDA about adding a stop sign at the South Peacham Intersection and changing the speed.
3. Melissa will create a community survey about changing the speed limit through town.
4. Tom will reach out to Valerie about a bill of sale for the snow rollers.
5. Melissa will promote the creation of the snow roller barn committee.

**MINUTES:**

1. Additions to the Agenda for any additional business this meeting
  - a. No additions
2. Approve Minutes
  - a. **Tim moves to approve the minutes of 10/3/18 with two changes. Mike seconds. All in favor. So moved.**
3. Review Action Items from Previous Meetings
  - a. The Selectboard reviewed action items from previous meetings.
4. Aiken Farm Rd Box Culvert - Review of Engineering Bids
  - a. Tim Scott spoke with Tim Ruggles and received a verbal quote of \$17,000 for the project but believes it will be way less and he will charge by the hour. His initial bid was \$11,000 but the State advised Tim to increase the estimate. The Dufresne Group submitted a bid for \$25,735. The engineering for the design of this box culvert has to be done now in order for the culvert to be built and installed next year.
  - b. This project needs to be completed by fall 2019.
  - c. Once the engineer selected has a design, the Selectboard needs to put out a bid for building the box culvert.
  - d. **Tim Scott moves to hire Tim Ruggles as the engineer for the Aiken Farm Box Culvert at an hourly rate. Mike seconds. All in favor. So moved.**
5. Calex Contract
  - a. Tim moves to accept the Calex Contract as written and as presented by Michael Wright in the last meeting. Mike seconds. All in favor. So moved.
6. Soccer Field Improvements & Leach Field Location and Concerns
  - a. The corners of the leach field will be marked and put on the map within a week.
7. Snow Roller Barn Committee
  - a. This will be added to the next agenda.
  - b. The Chimientis want the town to get a quote from Green Mountain Power to see how much it would cost to run power to the snow roller barn. They would be able to donate toward the project.
8. Worcester Cemetery (Off of Maple Tree Lane)

- a. There is a small town cemetery off of maple tree lane. The corrections crew mows the property. There is only a two feet entrance to the cemetery. The crew has had to carry in lawn mowers over a stone wall and someone fell and cut their hand.
- b. There is no known right of way to the cemetery.
- c. The State wants the town to identify access to this cemetery.
- d. The corrections crew actually took apart the stone wall and left the stones on the Dedam property. The State has been using a private driveway to get in but that requires carrying in lawn mowers.

#### 9. Highway Department Update & Requests

- a. The road crew is trying to top off the sand pile and are preparing roads for winter time.
- b. The Blue Mac is having more issues. It has been going from mechanic to mechanic. It is currently running this week. It has almost 130,000 miles. More miles than the black mac had. Tom recommended that the trucks be on a 6 year cycle. The Blue Mac is six years old. Tom said the town would do 5 year leases and would have a year off and the budget line item would be the same each year.
- c. The depreciation accelerates the longer you have the truck.
- d. The six wheeler had to be brought to freightline and it was fixed in a day.
- e. The 2019 budget needs to include a new truck. It would allow the town to plough and sand Peacham Pond.
- f. Scott Abair will do the plowing and sanding for Peacham Pond this winter.
- g. The road crew has a 1999 chipper and it is time to replace it.
- h. The garage has had some problems with its furnace. That's probably on its last legs also and should be replaced soon. Should be okay this winter. It will probably be around \$6,500 or \$7,000 to replace this oil furnace and it would need to be installed. It would be \$3,000 to replace the firebox or about \$2,000 to replace the current firebox.
- i. Septic and water are both also an issue at the garage. It might be possible to purchase the property across the street if the price dropped enough. The current site is small enough, it is difficult to drill a well. Being next to the stream is an issue with the sand pile. The town should put a cover over it or move the sand pile. Mike Bruton pointed out that the property does have water rights on another property as per the deed.
- j. A letter was submitted to the Selectboard from Marilyn Magnus about the poor condition of East Peacham Rd. Mike Heath read the letter to the Selectboard and public. She believes signage should indicate the poor condition to warn motorists and cyclists. Jeremy doesn't recommend converting it to dirt due to traffic. Jeremy did ask for a quote from Pike earlier in this summer about shim and overlay. The pavement on East Peacham Rd is called cold mix and it crumbles and falls apart. Paving is very expensive. The road crew does hot patch the deep holes. The road crew will patch it as best they can.
- k. Paul suggested checking the well depths of surrounding properties (the State tracks it).

#### 10. Town Clerk Update & Requests

- a. Taxes are coming in.
- b. The lights in the gym will hopefully be installed before the Peacham Corner Guild craft show at the end of October.
- c. The emergency exit roof will be repaired according to Rusty Barber's specifications so that it meets State codes. This will cost more now but ultimately save more money.
- d. Annette Lorraine and Valerie Chimienti are gathering photos for the Dick Hovey Snow Roller Barn dedication.

#### 11. Review and Approve Bills

- a. The Selectboard reviewed and approved bills.

#### 12. Review Correspondence

- a. The Selectboard reviewed correspondence.

**Tim moves to adjourn at 8:15pm. Mike seconds. All in favor. So moved.**