

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

Present:

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

Selectboard Clerk: Melissa Laurita Kohl

Public: Mike Bruton, Kathy Schauer, Paul Evans, Calex CEO Michael Wright, Sharon Jones, Madge Rosinoff, Tom Bryer, Town Clerk Tom Galinat, David Jacobs, Jane Alper, Road Foreman Jeremy Withers

The meeting was called to order by Selectboard Chair Tim Scott at 6:30PM.

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 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.
3. Tim will check in with Doug Morton of NVDA about adding a stop sign at the South Peacham Intersection and changing the speed.
4. Melissa will create a community survey about changing the speed limit through town.
5. Tim will write up a 5 point goals for energy committee with a couple of sentences for each goal.
6. Melissa will invite people to contact Tom if interested in being part of the energy committee and to come to the July 18th meeting if interested.
7. Tim will write the letter and have it sent to them.
8. Tom will invite abutters to the next meeting.
9. Tim will call ANR, other people at the state level, Tory the landowner, the state police and the sheriff.
10. Tom will put up a "Gender Neutral" sign on the former women's room.
11. Tom will reach out to Valerie about a bill of sale for the snow rollers.

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 9/19/18. Nattie seconds. All in favor. So moved.**
3. Highway Department Update & Requests
 - a. The blue mac is out of commission again with some clutch issues. It should be a small repair.
 - b. On Thaddeus Stevens, the road crew has started working on the grant work, replacing culverts and ditching. It needs to be done by the end of October.
 - c. Last Friday Jeremy went to a meeting with the Peacham Pond Association. They have created a road committee at Peacham Pond with four community members. They sprayed painted rocks that were sticking up on the edge of the road. The road is only 12 feet wide and they have marked trees on the edge they would like to be removed. They would like more service over there and will communicate with Jerri about road conditions. Next summer the road crew will be replacing culverts and doing some work over there, but it is a long way from the garage. They do have three miles of class 3 road. Tom pointed out that it's really not neglect from the road crew, it's that it takes time to convert a class 4 road to a class 3 road in terms of conditioning. The Peacham Pond committee wants the road crew to dig out massive boulders out of the road. Mike

Bruton said that Shane Stevenson has a tool that he can drill into a boulder and separate it and break it up to remove the boulders. He removed one in the past. They wouldn't have to remove the boulders entirely. There is a resident there who has a skid steer who can have a machine to break the boulders. Next summer maybe the road crew can rent an excavator next year and pound them/break them down. Tim said maybe the Selectboard should think about budgeting some money each year to improve the roads out there. The Peacham Pond committee provided a powerpoint to Jeremy and to the Selectboard with information about the road conditions.

- d. Sharon said that a road sign is laying over at four corners.
 - e. Jeremy spoke to Scott Abair about plowing and sanding at Peacham Pond again. The Selectboard would like to hire him again for that job.
4. Aiken Farm Rd Box Culvert - Review of Engineering Bids
- a. Tim is not prepared to make a decision on that tonight because he keeps playing phone tag with Tim Ruggles.
 - b. The Selectboard will make a decision at the next Selectboard meeting.
5. Calnex
- a. Michael, CEO of Calnex, presented an Ambulance Services Agreement to the Selectboard outlining what the town receives from Calnex along with the cost for the next three years.
 - b. Calnex is operating out of the Danville Rescue building since acquiring Danville Rescue. Rather than continuing to fund via appropriations route, Calnex wants to fund via the contract route with towns so that Calnex can appropriately budget and the town has a clear idea of what services are provided.
 - c. Danville Rescue was 100% volunteer run. Calnex is staffing there at peak times and acuity. However, there are times when they come from St J. They always provide a paramedic when a patient requires it whereas before that wasn't always possible.
 - d. They provide CPR training to all town employees.
 - e. There is no charge for staffing certain events or if our fire department is doing a live burn building and want standby ambulance services.
 - f. They replace equipment used by Peacham Fire Department like bandages.
 - g. Calnex's goal is to charge \$20 per capita by 2020. This agreement is for \$11,970 in 2019 and \$13,300 for 2020 and 2021. The 2019 cost is only \$270 more than the 2018 appropriations.
 - h. This is the cost of readiness. Calnex can't always bill to insurance for assisting people in their homes, such as lift assists or for individuals with diabetes. They can only bill insurance if they transport.
 - i. The Selectboard will read the agreement and make a decision at the next meeting.
6. Town Information Booth
- a. Annette Lorraine and Rick Scholes have offered to paint and do some structural work to the information booth. They would pay for the materials as well. This would improve the look of the booth and would make it a permanent structure (currently it disassembles for winter storage).
 - b. Tim moves to allow Annette to make improvements to the town information booth and make it a permanent structure. Nattie seconds. All in favor. So moved.**
7. Peacham Pavilion Project Update & Possible Approval
- a. David wanted to reiterate the public outreach the Peacham Pavillion Committee is doing by sending a letter to all town residents. This letter requests comments and input and will probably be sent out in a week or 10 days. All of the committee email addresses and phone numbers are on that letter.
 - b. David said that they want time for receiving feedback from the community before they go through the town permit process.
 - c. Kathy says that abutters input should be considered.
 - d. Tom Galinat pointed out that the permit process is separate from Selectboard approval.

- e. Madge said that at the last meeting, she got the impression that they could make some requests about the structure and the project. Tim asked her to share her concerns. Tom Bryer and Madge's concerns as abutters are:
 - i. Lighting- they would hope the lighting remains inside the structure and there would not be a lot of light outside of the structure.
 - ii. Structure - Tom is concerned by size of structure. The proposed structure is very large at 36'x72'. They want an aesthetically pleasing design.
 - iii. Privacy screening with shrubbery is included and they would like to give feedback on what that is like.
 - iv. Noise question - would there be sound amplification?
 - v. Amount of use - the list of prospective uses was intimidating - made it sound like a theme park would be in their yard. There should be some sort of permit process or rules and restrictions.
 - vi. They sit outside every evening in the summer and it is so peaceful and beautiful. Madge isn't worried about monthly or even weekly events. She is worried about daily noise and light issues that would ruin that.
 - f. Tim doesn't feel equipped to write the policy for this project. He would like the committee to come up with a proposal, which includes a set of policies and rules.
 - g. Mike Bruton suggested bringing this to town meeting; maybe it can be decided there.
 - h. Tom Bryer said he would like to be part of creating the rules regulations and design.
 - i. The committee needs to come up with specific designs and policies. When the committee is ready to present more information, they can get back to the selectboard. If abutters can't be at the Selectboard meetings, the town will wait until the abutters can attend.
 - j. Paul was concerned that the cost to the town has not been discussed much. David said that the town of Strafford has a 60 grand structure but town only spent 4 grand.
 - k. The Peacham Fall Fondo is a fundraising event for this project.
 - l. Paul is concerned about maintenance since it seems challenging to maintain a lot of things in the town.
 - m. Tim thinks the town needs to budget more improvements to its properties.
8. Soccer Field Improvements & Leach Field Location and Concerns
- a. The town clerk met with ANR on the leach field. ANR knows where the valve is but not the exact dimensions of the leach field. Tom wants to reach out to a surveyor/wastewater designer to mark out those points to determine the best location of the soccer field. The town can leave the soccer field where it is but if the leach field is the on soccer field, the town can move the soccer field 90 degrees.
 - b. Kathy gave an orthophoto, which is new information to the town. Kathy's property has the tanks, not the town. Kathy has had issues with the use and maintenance of that septic system. Her concerns are what the soccer field project entails. Scraping the top of the field is a potential problem with the piping under the field. The leach field is an easement on the town property. She is concerned that if anything happens to piping on town land there could be waste issues on her property. This happened a few years back and she had contamination on her land. The problem was that this system was not properly maintained and it never functioned properly. Also another neighbor is part of this four party septic agreement. It goes under their driveway. There were two failures of the system there. Raw wastewater was gushing through the wall at the end of their driveway. It's an aging system. If any work is going to be done, she recommends the town consult the four properties that are part of the agreement.
 - c. Tom said the intention is to move the soccer field further away from the leach field so there won't be any issues.
 - d. Kathy said in the past there was some discussion about putting a walking path around the soccer field. Mike Heath said that the school had a grant from Ben and Jerry's with 100 volunteers so they thought they could use that energy to do a fitness path around the field but it did not happen then and there are no plans to make it happen now.

- e. **Tim moves to hire Shane to mark all structures pertinent to the leach field for a thousand dollars or less and to get an estimate to mark the line between the town property and Kathy Schauer's property. Mike seconds. All in favor. So moved.**

9. Roller Barn

- a. Dick Hovey's daughter Valerie Hovey Chimienti sent a letter to the Selectboard. She recommends community members should be found to take care of the roller barn and staff during events. Electricity for lighting the interior should be considered. The doors ice during the winter. It took hours to get them open for winter carnival.
- b. The barn is set up and is museum ready, and docent ready.
- c. The town has probably put 30 grand or better into this building so rollers should be property of town. Annette Lorraine offered to write a bill of sale free of charge to get those rollers into the town possession. Currently they all belong to Dick Hovey except for one snow roller that is on 5 year loan from West Barnet.
- d. PHA could manage the museum. They could provide the docents and retain paperwork.
- e. Tom requested that the town dedicates the building to Dick Hovey.
- f. **Tim moves to put \$250 toward a dedication plaque with Dick Hovey's picture and dedicating the barn to him. Tim seconds. All in favor. So moved.**
- g. Jane said that she is opening the snow roller barn tomorrow for Fall Foliage Festival. She thinks it's not necessary to involve the PHA since there are members of the community who are particularly interested in the barn and would be happy to man the barn.

10. Gym Lighting

- a. Tom called Catamount Electric and gave them measurements for the gym lighting and the wattage for the current lighting. Each light is about \$179 each with an hour of labor. So roughly \$275 per light. There are only 8 lights. There are additional fluorescent lights that could be replaced as well. There is a rebate per light from Efficiency Vermont.
- b. **Tim moves to change all of the lights in the gym, including the fluorescents to LEDs. Mike seconds. All in favor. So moved.**

11. Town Clerk Updates and Requests

- a. Town Hall Maintenance
 - i. The back of the roof has been replaced (and the information booth) for \$1200. There are a lot of long time better solutions for preventing leaks into the building and protecting bathroom vents from snow/water/ice damage. There was water leakage into the building. A bathroom vent solution was found.
 - ii. Ramp - waiting for numbers from Allen Thresher. Greg Schoolcraft thought replacing the ramp was a bad idea. Pulling it out completely and adding two parking spots off of Church St near a new shorter ramp would be a cheaper easier solution.
 - iii. No longer need a tax sale as delinquent taxes are coming in. When Tom started as the clerk, delinquent taxes were almost 300 grand and now it's only 58 grand.

12. Review and Approve Bills

- a. The Selectboard reviewed and approved bills.

13. Review Correspondence

- a. The Selectboard reviewed correspondence.

Tim moves to adjourn at 8:47pm. Mike seconds. All in favor. So moved.