

**TOWN OF PEACHAM
SELECTBOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday February 20, 2019
UNAPPROVED DRAFT**

Present:

Selectboard Members: Nate Giroux, Mike Heath, and Tim Scott

Selectboard Clerk: Melissa Laurita Kohl

Public: Road Foreman Jeremy Withers, Mary Daly, Beatrice Ring, Town Clerk Tom Galinat, Jerri Kohl

The meeting was called to order by Selectboard Chair Tim Scott at 6:34PM.

ACTIONS:

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

1. Tim will check in with Doug Morton of NVDA about adding a stop sign at the South Peacham Intersection and changing the speed.
2. 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. Transfer Station - Nate told Amber she could purchase new signs advertising the new prices to the public. The cost was about \$150.
2. Highway Department Update & Requests
 - a. Due to the icy winter, Jeremy ordered in lots of salt and the sand pile is low.
 - b. The garage has a waste oil heater. The garage is currently out of waste oil and has $\frac{3}{4}$ of a tank right now. One of the big sources is no longer able to give us waste oil as they bought a waste oil furnace.
 - c. The roads are rough. Any black top road you travel in any of the surrounding area is rough. Road crew filled in the deeper potholes. They plow about every other day. There is not a lot of extra time. It's hard to fill holes when they are full of ice and snow. The road crew is doing the best they can. Frost heaves are showing up on some back roads. There is a layer of ice on the back roads. People still not slowing down.
 - d. Jeremy got an estimate from Pike to pave 6,500 feet of East Peacham Road for \$310,000. This is for grinding and repaving. Shim and overlay would only last a year. Jeremy will apply to the state for funding for this project. Peacham is right on the edge of being able to get the grant (the state usually waits a certain number of years to award a town another paving grant).
 - e. It cost just over 5 grand to put a new transmission in the blue mac. This truck will be traded in soon.
 - f. The road crew is trying to move snowbanks back to preserve visibility.
3. Discuss School Board Budget and Possibility of the Municipality of Peacham paying for certain costs.
 - a. The Selectboard will discuss this issue further with the special attorney and will attend Monday's school board meeting.
4. Tim has a map that was his dad's uncle's map. It is from 1858 and is a map of Caledonia County. Peacham Corner marks the center of town (Peacham Village). It made Tim think of Mike Bruton. Melissa will gather signatures for a petition to have the location of Peacham Corner changed to the main village.
5. Town Plan Hearing Date
 - a. The Planning Commission just approved their final draft, which needs some minor changes/formatting before it is submitted to the Selectboard. Since two of three Selectboard members are not returning, the Planning Commission will submit the draft to the new board at their first meeting. The Selectboard will have to host a hearing within 120 days of receiving that draft.
6. Retirement for Town Employees
 - a. The retirement company the Selectboard is considering represented 450 towns and school districts. Since consolidation that number is down to 280. The plans are the exact same as the teacher program.

- b. The board and the town clerk discussed the three plan options. Plan A would add \$9,300 to the annual budget. Plan B would add \$12,700. Plan C would add \$16,700 annually.
 - c. The Selectboard budgeted 7 grand to cover retirement program costs in 2019. The plan would be starting in the second quarter so if the Selectboard wants Plan B (\$12,700 for a full year), the budget will be \$2,400 short.
 - d. Mike moves to go with retirement Plan B. Nate seconds. All in favor. So moved.**
7. Website Bids
- a. Terry Miller, Gail, and Jerri Kohl submitted bids for maintaining and enhancing the town website.
 - b. Jerri Kohl, the software developer who created a bare bones municipal website for the town that was launched in 2017 was there to discuss his bid.
 - c. Jerri mentioned configuring town email addresses so that they cannot be spoofed. Mike was interested in this.
 - d. Tim thought that Danville has a nice website.
 - e. Mike is interested in creating a central Peacham website that would essentially be an online gateway to Peacham. Ideally, the community information on peacham.net would be incorporated into the peacham.vt.gov site. Peacham has the most active library per capita in the state of Vermont. The library calendar should be on the town website. Mike suggested a committee or at least working with interested community members to hear what they think should be included in a town website.
 - f. The current bids were all radically different from each other. The Selectboard will approve a RFP at their next meeting.
8. Town Clerk Update and Requests
- a. Update on transfer station landline.
 - i. Tom coordinated a 911 test call and it did not go through.
 - ii. The transfer station will need a landline. There may be an installation cost. Consolidated Communications is having their engineers review the site.
 - b. Town reports were distributed within hours of the deadline so that they don't need to be mailed to everyone.
 - c. The Department of Corrections had a lot of turnover in the last few years. Peacham had a recent incident at a cemetery. The Peacham contract had not been negotiated in 15 years. Tom renegotiated. The price went up from \$3,600 to \$9,000, but that includes mowing, trimming, raking, and brush removal for the main cemetery, Peacham triangle intersections, the transfer station, town garage, fire department, ewells mill historic park, the soccer field (which would have cost \$2,300 with an independent contractor), town hall, Peacham Groton cemetery and Worcester cemetery. The selectboard agreed to this contract cost.
 - d. The Selectboard reviewed an online invoice that came in today. It is for Jeremy's new computer and tablet. The tablet has GPS so it meets the municipal roads permit app requirement. **Nate moves to approve the bill. Tim seconds. All in favor. So moved.**
9. Review and Approve Minutes
- a. The board postponed this until the next meeting.
10. Review and Approve Bills
- a. The Selectboard reviewed and approved bills.
11. Review Correspondence
- a. The Selectboard reviewed correspondence.

Tim moves to adjourn at 9:05pm. Nate seconds. All in favor. So moved.