

**TOWN OF PEACHAM
SELECTBOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday February 6, 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, Larry Jensen, Mark Clough, Diana Senturia

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. 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. School Update by Mark Clough, Nate, and Tom
 - b. Peacham Fire District Project Update
2. Possible Noise Ordinance/ Noise Complaint
 - a. The noise complaint is an isolated problem concerning one property. This particular issue has probably gone away due to no one currently living at the property causing the noise.
 - b. It was also not clear whether neighbors had taken legal action to deal with this challenge.
 - c. Tim feels that unless there is a problem now, the town doesn't need to proceed toward a noise ordinance. Peacham has gone so long without an ordinance, for the most part, with no issue. Tim doesn't think the town should set a precedent of fighting residents' problems for them.
 - d. Mike agrees. Nate suggests tabling the issue for now. It can be revisited if it becomes a problem again.
3. Transfer Station Attendant Safety Concern
 - a. In the last two years there were two incidents when someone was injured at the transfer station and there is no way of calling 911. Diana brought this up to the fire department and they suggested the town have a landline at the transfer station. She would recommend doing that soon.
 - b. Nate said that the gym is the other concern. Tom said the gym has cell service and wifi.
 - c. **Tim moves that if it is less than a thousand dollars for installation then Tom will have the phone company install a landline. Nate seconds. All in favor. So moved.**
4. School Update by Mark Clough, Nate, and Tom
 - a. The school board and the public discussed the possibility of the town assuming some of the school board budget items.
 - b. The Selectboard authorized Tom to spend up to \$1,000 with a specialized attorney to discuss these issues.
5. Peacham Fire District Project
 - a. Larry Jensen came to discuss the main Line Replacement for the fire district. The bids are due in about five days. The fire district hopes that the project will begin in March. It's a 75 day project according to the engineer. It may end in May or June, possibly July. The fire district is planning on using the triangle on top of the hill as the contractors' staging area. The fire district had offered up other sites, but the contractors had very good objections to it. The contractor has to restore the triangle to pre-project state, but it could still be under straw with lawn seed on the fourth of July.
 - b. It will be disruptive for the fourth of July even if the contractors are finished. Beatrice said that nothing is sacred about the fourth of July event. She suggested moving everything to the tennis court area/farmers market green/PCH green.

- c. The Memorial Day celebration is up at the monument and in the cemetery. The fire district will keep the contractors away from monument.
 - d. Nate moves to allow the fire district to use the triangle across from the fire station, as long as they stay away from the monument and as long as the fire department approves it, for the purpose of replacing the water line. Tim seconds. All in favor. So moved.**
6. Peacham Pond Greeter Program
 - a. The town's contribution is through managing the payroll and volunteer leadership for the project but there is no monetary commitment from the town.
 - b. Peacham Pond is drained every winter by GMP and because of that it is a unique ecosystem that has remained milfoil free, which keeps property values high. The properties on Peacham Pond probably represent 20% of the tax base,
 - c. Tim moves to approve the Peacham Pond Greeter Program for 2019. Nate seconds. All in favor. So moved.**
7. Town Plan Hearing Process
 - a. The Planning Commission hosted a hearing on 1/23/19 and will review the comments from the public and make final changes at their February meeting. After that, they will pass the draft over to the Selectboard, who will need to host a hearing and approve the new town plan.
 - b. The Selectboard chose 3/20/19 or 4/3/19 for the hearing date depending on the state requirement.
8. VLCT Policy Update
 - a. Mike moves to approve the Drug & Alcohol policy as presented by Tim with the one change of referring to Tom Galinat to the policy enforcer (or the most appropriate title). Nate seconds. All in favor. So moved.**
 - b. Jim Carey from VLCT will come and present this new policy to the road crew.
9. Website -
 - a. Tim moves to enhance the security of the town website for \$192. Nate seconds. All in favor. So moved.**
 - b. Submit an invoice before meeting to tom. Tim moves to pay the 2018 website expenses to Jerri Kohl. Nate seconds. All in favor. So moved.
 - c. Jerri will come to next meeting. We will talk about hiring me as an employee to skip the insurance
 - d. The Selectboard will reach out to terry mills about getting another maintenance estimate.
10. Retirement
 - a. Tom and the Selectboard discussed the pros and cons of various options.
11. Highway Department Updates & Requests
 - a. The transmission is gone on the blue mac. The cost for the transmission (before labor) is \$3800. It is seven years old. This reinforces the merit of switching to leasing these trucks for three years at a time to avoid maintenance costs.
 - b. The road foreman is not here tonight because of the forecast of freezing rain, which requires sanding of the roads.
12. Town Clerk Update and Requests
 - a. Tom requested a moment of silence for Mike Bruton. He was a very special man who was more dedicated to the town of Peacham than anyone Tom ever met. Everything Mike did was because he thought it was right for the town and it was fair, not for himself.
 - b. Mike Heath said he certainly kept us honest.
 - c. Tim said he was a resource, too. He knew the history of the town and we could ask him questions.
13. Review and Approve Minutes
 - a. Tim moves to approve the 1/16/19 minutes as written. Nate seconds. All in favor. So moved.**
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 9:08pm. Nate seconds. All in favor. So moved.