

**TOWN OF PEACHAM  
SELECTBOARD  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday April 4, 2018**

**UNAPPROVED DRAFT**

**Present:**

**Selectboard Members:** Mike Heath and Tim Scott

**Selectboard Clerk:** Melissa Laurita Kohl

**Public:** Mike Bruton, Road Foreman Jeremy Withers, Town Clerk Tom Galinat, David Jacobs, Larry Jensen, J.R. Washington

**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. Nattie will put the long board up on the Snow Roller Barn.
2. Emergency Hazard Mitigation Action Plan - Tim attending the required training
3. The Drug & Alcohol Policy will be sent to the town lawyer when a draft is complete.
4. Melissa will submit reimbursement request to NVDA Municipal Planning Grant.
5. Tom will get a quote for a new furnace after he sees the report from the energy audit.
6. Melissa will look into watermarking "draft" on unapproved minutes. Or possibility of a stamp.
7. Jeremy will do "reasonable suspicion" training related to the Drug & Alcohol Policy that will be adopted.
8. The town clerk's office will look into David's concern about the second test in the Drug & Alcohol Policy draft.
9. 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.
10. Melissa will advertise in paper - accepting applications for full time road crew member.
11. Tim will reach out to our two NVDA representatives to see if they are still interested.
12. Tim will sign the amended Sheriff's Contract.

**MINUTES:**

1. Additions to the Agenda for any additional business this meeting
  - a. Green Up Day
2. Approve Minutes
  - a. **Tim moves to approve the minutes of 3/21/18 as amended. Mike seconds. All in favor. So moved.**
  - b. **Tim moves to approve the minutes of Town Meeting Day 2018. Mike seconds. All in favor. So moved.**
3. J.R. Washington Re: Town Hall Gym
  - a. The Peacham Town Hall Gym is significantly out of date compared to neighboring towns and needs a renovation. J.R. asked the Selectboard for permission to use the 501c3 status of the town to do fundraising to build a budget for renovating the gym.
  - b. Tim thought that was a great idea. One of the things he wants to focus on this year is maintenance and care of existing town property.
4. Bike Ride
  - a. Ian Boswell is a Peacham resident and professional cyclist. He wants to organize a bike race out of Peacham on 10/13/18. He would like to make it a community oriented event, possibly including a band and kids race. It will be great publicity for the town. It will bring in money, which Ian wants to donate to the tennis court/town hall renovation.
  - b. Tom said that there is an events policy. The Selectboard was excited by the possibility of this event and would like to support it.
5. Cemetery Water

- a. Larry Jensen, as a representative of the Fire District and a member of the Prudential Committee, discussed the process for applying for a new water line. It involves an application, State approval, and approval from the Prudential Committee.
  - b. There is a curb stop on the green. One possibility is to put the line on the green, with a water bubbler for drinking (for events and for community members and visitors who are recreating) along with a frost free pump for cemetery use.
  - c. Larry said that the line replacement project will hopefully start in the next few months and it looks like the fire district will be trenching the roads. He will be in communication with the town and road foreman concerning the project.
  - d. Larry discussed the possibility of turning the old reservoir into a picnic area.
6. Green Up Day
- a. Jen Surat and the school PTF is interested in leading Green Up Day to make it a more vigorous event. They request the \$250 budget that used to be associated with the event.
  - b. Tim moves to appoint Jen Surat as the Green Up Day Chair and to give her a budget of \$500 for Green Up Day 2018. Mike seconds. All in favor. So moved.**
7. Highway Department Update
- a. Jeremy, the clerks, and the Selectboard discussed the road crew job opening and how to advertise.
  - b. Black mack truck - John Bogie in McIndoe was very interested in purchasing the black mack. He offered to tow it to his shop and has offered \$2500 for the truck. He is giving the town the rims, plow and wing, etc.
  - c. County Rd - there is a neighbor that parks a car at the end of County Rd in November and goes to Tokyo for winter. It is in the Groton right of way. In the last snow storm, Jeremy hit it with the plow. He popped a tire and scratched the door. A neighbor who had the keys gave Jeremy the keys and gave him permission to fix the tire and the door, which he did.
  - d. You can't block a right of way but there is nothing about parking in a right of way. a town policy would say town not liable for any damage within the town right of way.
8. Tennis Court Future
- a. David said that he met last week with a few community members about this project. Did a brainstorming meeting. At the next meeting he will have that all written out and categorized for us.
  - b. Tom said that there is an AARP grant that is due 5/16/18 but there is a completion deadline for November. It's a \$3,000 grant.
  - c. A resident wanted to know if we could take down the old fence for the tennis court. It's kind of a hazard now. Cedar posts and rusty woven wire.
  - d. We talked about the cedar trees for two or three years. David said they are really crowded and unhealthy but if they were cleaned up, the plan would be to possibly have access from the parking lot and part would be to increase ramp from town hall. The Selectboard is interested in doing a healthy thinning - david offered to tag the ones that need to get cut.
9. Sheriff Contract
- a. Tim will come in to the town hall office to sign the contract with the changes the board had approved at a previous meeting.
10. Fire District Payroll
- a. The town cannot do it. There is a law that says a municipality cannot work as a contractor.
11. Town Clerk Update & Requests
- a. Tom reviewed the town finances with the Selectboard. At the next meeting he will go over the quarterly reports so the Selectboard knows how to read them.
  - b. The Selectboard signed three cemetery deeds.
12. Peacham Elementary School Solar Project
- a. David read a letter from Jock Gill concerning the project. The board and public discussed the current scope of the project, which does not involve a bank of batteries, an

emergency shelter, nor involvement from the town. Currently, the school board is investigating creating a rooftop array to offset the school's \$15,000 annual electric bill.

- b. As there is growing interest in a sustainable energy future for Peacham, the Selectboard is interested in the creation of a town energy board to support the town energy coordinator's work.

13. Executive Session -

- a. **Tim moves to go into executive session to discuss private and confidential personnel information at 9:41pm. Mike seconds. All in favor. So moved.**
- b. **Tim moves to come out of executive session at 9:44. Mike seconds. All in favor. So moved.**
- c. **No action taken.**

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 9:51pm. Mike seconds. All in favor. So moved.**