

**TOWN OF PEACHAM
SELECTBOARD
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday June 20, 2018**

UNAPPROVED DRAFT

Present:

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

Selectboard Clerk: Melissa Laurita Kohl

Public: Mike Bruton, Town Clerk Tom Galinat, Paul Evans, Fire Chief Jeff Berwick, Martha Winston, Tim McKay, Morgan Gold, Town Energy Coordinator Jock Gill

The meeting was called to order by Selectboard Chair Tim Scott at 6:27PM.

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.

MINUTES:

1. Additions to the Agenda for any additional business this meeting
 - a. Executive Session for Personnel
 - b. Peacham Pond Greeter Program
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. **Tim moves to approve the minutes of June 6, 2018 with one amendment. Nattie seconds. All in favor. So moved.**
3. Review Action Items from Previous Meetings
 - a. Nattie and Tom put up the long board on the Roller Barn.
4. Peacham Pond Greeter Program
 - a. Martha Winston, President of the Peacham Pond Association gave an update on the greeter program to help keep milfoil out of the pond. This program is granted funded for the weekends. The Association hopes to do this every year. Martha came to the meeting to thank the Selectboard for their support.
 - b. She brought an invitation to family day in July at Peacham Pond.
 - c. A few residents on Peacham Pond would like to have an email chain to keep up with road updates and requests rather than people calling Jeremy. individually. The class 3 road is in much better shape now that it is a class 3. Tim, Jeremy, and Nattie shared their emails and agreed to be on the list.
5. Fire Chief Update and Requests
 - a. In the fall Jeff came to the board because the tanker is leaking. The Selectboard supported the fire department's need to get a new truck. They have a 1500 gallon tanker now. They think a 2500 gallon tanker is more appropriate due to fewer personnel. More water at a quicker pace. Other towns are going that way. They have gotten estimates from several companies and are leading toward a Kenworth. The cost is \$343,931.94. They received higher quotes for fewer options. Jeff shared the lease proposal.
6. Exploration of Child Care Center in the PCH Science Building
 - a. The vision is to create The Peacham Children's Center - a quality certified daycare center for up to 40 children ages 6 weeks and up. The school board and PCH are supportive. A municipal planning grant for a feasibility study may be possible.

- b. Right now they are working on the feasibility piece. In addition to looking at demand, part of the feasibility is figuring out a business model that will work.
 - c. Rusty Barber is working on the building design. They have been through an analysis of square footage needs for each age group.
 - d. There will be use of the outdoors around the building so as the town is thinking about uses of the tennis court and the green that should be taken into account.
 - e. Paul was concerned that the building was deemed unreparable. Tim Scott said he looked at the building as a community member to see if PCH could rent it out as a four unit apartment building but it didn't make sense financially to get it to code.
 - f. The building was abandoned in 2010. Structurally it's in good shape. There are water problems in the basement, but so far it looks like it will fit the purpose.
 - g. Financing will have to be a combination of grant money and private donations.
 - h. Mike Heath said the benefit of this is to draw more young families to the area and every student reduces taxes for everyone.
7. July Community Picnic
- a. Melissa presented the budget for the community picnic. The picnic group is fundraising for the event. They hired famous fiddler Patrick Ross for the event.
 - b. Tim moves to approve the budget for the July 15th town picnic. Mike seconds. All in favor. So moved.**
8. Peacham Conservation Commission with trails as their primary mission
- a. Tim McKay said there is a trail loop in the town forest, but there is no legal right of way to the town forest. He thinks it is a problem that not many people get up there. trails would be better. no place to park a car. he talked to david priester who owns land just below the gate on Penny st about putting in a spot for 2 or 3 cars and he was all for it. would require a load or two of gravel and some signs (Tim McKay could make a sign). There is a legal trail from Slack St to Penny St. Just below the gate. Tim is asking for a couple loads of gravel somewhere for some people to park.
 - b. Spent the day with luco bryan a couple of weeks ago -0 he is doing trails for nek through state. looking at ways to improve groton state forest trails on this side. they might create a couple of new loops. that is in the works, too.
 - c. one thing to consider is that forest and parks wont take on a new trail without a group sponsoring to maintain it. we ought to consider that trails be the primary mission of the conservation commission rather than one aspect so conservation commission can maintain the trails. cc is completely dormant so this might be a vehicle to energize the conservation commission.
9. Speeding on the Peacham Danville road where slack st meets peacham rd north of the village
- a. mike wants to tie into ewell mills as well. he said he was going 30 there the other day and the littlest cobb girl shot out and if he had been going 60 could have been a challenge. jock suggested a "watch out for children" sign
 - b. the inconsistency of the speeds through town is a concern for enforcement. Tim will punt this to another meeting., let's keep talking about.
 - c. Paul expressed concerns that the Selectboard to come out and say that they want the town to be a speed trap.
 - d. Tim said the concern is safety with children walking in the road
 - e. Jock said why not put a crosswalk or "look out for children" signs.
10. Energy Committee Formation & Appointments
- a. Jock and Tom feel that there has been insufficient time to recruit or alert people. Jock is putting the word out. Tom thinks that at this meeting we could determine the structure and mission of the committee and in two weeks they could come back with recommendations. He thinks we need a diverse range of interests of peacham reflected. as much control over our energy future.
 - b. Committee would do the research on what short term and long term goals the town could do and bring them to the selectboard.
 - c. Jock recommended 7 people.
 - d. This commission will be a formal committee and have all the legal required agendas and minutes

11. Noise Ordinance

- a. On Keiser Pond Rd there have been a lot of complaints. This is going to be added to next agenda. The state police cannot do anything unless the town has a noise ordinance. If so constable can write tickets and if need back up then state police can write tickets.

12. Highway Department Updates & Requests

- a. The new truck should be coming up the end of the week or next week and the town should have to wait another month and a half for body work, etc.
- b. The road crew is down two trucks. The other ten wheeler is going to Burlington tomorrow. The road crew is feeling the effects of being down one truck.
- c. Might need to hire some help to haul sand. it will put us over budget. some line items creeping up. equipment maintenance budgeted 30 grand and aqready spent 27 grand. stuff coming to head all at once. blue mac doesn't go 2 weeks without needing to be fixed. with our fuel. budget 37 grand for fuel. already at 34. part of that is that ordered fuel from december wasn't delivered until january. made us under budget last year and over budget this year. but fuel also 25% higher.
- d. Still researching laptop and tablet. Rebecca helping.
- e. New employee started. Jeremy is glad we hired him.

13. Town Clerk Update & Requests

- a. Tim read Tom's letter with updates.
- b. Tim moves to have Allen Thresher scoop up, lay down gravel and compact it on Monday. Mike seconds. All in favor. So moved.**
- c. John Reiss suggested moving Selectboard meetings to the library. The Selectboard will look into this option.

14. Executive Session for Personnel

- a. Mike moves to go into executive session at 8:31pm. Nattie seconds. All in favor. So moved.**
- b. Tim moves to come out of executive session at 8:39pm. Nattie seconds. All in favor. So moved.**
- c. No action taken.**
- d. Tim moves to give Dylan Gombas a \$1 raise from \$15 to \$16. Nattie seconds. All in favor. So moved.**

15. Review and Approve Bills

- a. The Selectboard reviewed and approved bills.

16. Review Correspondence

- a. The Selectboard reviewed correspondence.

Tim moves to adjourn at 8:40pm. Mike seconds. All in favor. So moved.