

**TOWN OF PEACHAM
SELECTBOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday August 1, 2018**

UNAPPROVED DRAFT

Present:

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

Selectboard Clerk: Not present

Public: Mike Bruton, Town Clerk Tom Galinat, John Reiss, Neil Monteith, Stan Welch, Road Foreman Jeremy Withers, and others

The meeting was called to order by Selectboard Chair Tim Scott at 6:37PM.

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.

MINUTES:

1. Additions to the Agenda for any additional business this meeting
 - a. None
2. Possible Creation of a Noise Ordinance
 - a. The Selectboard, town clerk, and concerned residents discussed the issues with the extreme regular noise volume produced on a property on Keiser Pond Rd.
 - b. Tom did additional research and spoke with lawyers about the possible creation of a noise ordinance and how it would be enforced, along with what legal options currently existed for neighbors. The State police can be called for disturbing the peace, even without a noise ordinance.
 - c. It is challenging to create a noise ordinance for a rural area due to lifestyle.
 - d. Danville they resolved a noise issue between two neighbors with mediation. At this point in time, the property owner producing the noise does not seem interested in resolving this and has responded with hostility to complaints.
 - e. The noise is the continuous pounding of loud diesel engines for 7 or 8 hours until 10 or 11 or later along with shooting guns at late hours. The noise volume at a neighbors is so loud it is hard to hear their TV with all of the windows and doors closed.
 - f. The property has a lot of wetlands. The wetlands section of the State is investigating. This is probably the best way of resolving the issue as the State takes the preservation of wetlands very seriously.
 - g. Neighbors believe the property owners are also building something back there now. If it requires a permit or conditional use, this is another way the town could get involved.
 - h. The neighbors are also concerned that there are teenagers drinking there. The residents producing the noise also speed 70 down the road while drinking.
 - i. The state police said to call when they are partying and they will come to catch them for DUIs.

- j. John Reiss encouraged the neighbors to be proactive and initiate litigation if they need to, rather than trying to create a noise ordinance for the whole town.
 - k. Neighbors want support from the Selectboard to resolve this issue.
 - l. **Tim moves for Tim to call ANR, other people at the state level, Tory the landowner, the state police and the sheriff. Nattie seconds. All in favor. So moved.**
3. Highway Department Update & Requests
- a. Peacham officially received a \$175,000 grant from the State to put in a box culvert on Aiken Farm Rd. The Selectboard Chair signed the grant paperwork.
 - b. The town has a 30% match that is usually met with labor from the town highway department. The project will likely cost less than \$175,000.
 - c. The new 10 wheeler is in the body shop and will likely be to the Peacham Garage by mid September if not sooner.
 - d. The roads are in pretty good shape right now. Not too many washouts with the heavy rains. The road crew is still doing summer maintenance.
 - e. Everything is going well.
4. Soccer Field
- a. Joe said he finished the brush hogging up today and wants a Selectboard member to go look at it. He wants to broaden the brush hogging as some of the trees are encroaching on the field. Mike Heath will go with Tom to look at the field.
5. Ramp to the Town Office
- a. Tom will get estimates from local Peacham contractors about repairing the ramp.
6. Town Clerk Update and Requests
- a. The town clerk's office was struck by lightning last Friday. A computer from 2007 and a switch for the server were damaged. The town clerks had to order a new computer (which they were considering anyway due to the age of the computer that was struck). The new computer will be less than a thousand dollars but will be super powerful.
 - b. The town had an inspection for their fire system and all of the heat sensors failed. The town had until July 31st to pass this inspection so Tom had them all replaced.
 - c. The roof work for the town hall is being done and some septic venting repairs need to be done as well.
7. Lighting in the Gym
- a. They don't sell mercury vapor bulbs anymore, which the gym uses. Mike Heath replaced mercury vapor bulbs with LED in the parking lot of his business and saved \$300 a month on electricity. This will be added to the next agenda.
8. PAMFest
- a. **Tim moves to allow PAMFest as presented in the letter to the Selectboard from Frank Miller. Mike seconds. All in favor. So moved.**
9. Review and Approve Bills
- a. The Selectboard reviewed and approved bills.
10. Review Correspondence
- a. The Selectboard reviewed correspondence.

Tim moves to adjourn at 8:07pm. Mike seconds. All in favor. So moved.