

**TOWN OF PEACHAM
SELECTBOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday September 19, 2018
UNAPPROVED DRAFT**

Present:

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

Selectboard Clerk: Melissa Laurita Kohl

Public: Mike Bruton, Town Attorney Bill Cobb, Jeff Lampiere, Paul Evans, Caledonia County Sheriff Dean, Sharon Jones, Jim Miniciello, Steve

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. 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.
10. Tom will put up a "Gender Neutral" sign on the former women's room.

MINUTES:

1. Additions to the Agenda for any additional business this meeting
 - a. No additions
2. Discussing Speed Limit Enforcement with Caledonia County Sheriff's Office
 - a. The patrol schedule for Peacham is an average of 14 hours a month, which is less than an hour every other day. Sheriff Dean wants to target certain areas at key times to catch speeders. That is the information the Selectboard needs to provide them. Community members can let the Selectboard know when and where regular speeding is occurring.
 - b. In South Peacham, hay trucks speed and do not stop at the stop sign. Sharon recommended the sheriff's department park at the old South Peacham store.
 - c. Sometimes community members do not want a cruiser parking on their property. Community members can call the sheriff's department and say, "park a cruiser in my driveway" and they will.
 - d. They sheriff's department can bring the radar cart to Peacham and it can be set up with a camera to catch speeders. Doesn't cost the town anything. And the tickets issued from it are legal and hold up in court.
 - e. Mike Bruton asked if those speed lights are effective. The sheriff said that overall they do help. The town can apply for a grant with governor highway safety for one of those speed signs. Peacham can apply once the speed study is done.
 - f. Unmarked roads in Vermont, including dirt roads, are 50 mph.
 - g. In terms of changing the speed limit, Dean said that it's up to the people who live there but he would err on the side of caution, especially when children live there. So if it is 45 mph, he would drop it to 35mph.

- h. Sharon wondered if we could put a “Children at Play” signs” in South Peacham.
 - i. Paul said that in regard to Peacham Danville Rd, it’s a long straight open piece of road with a history of kids living on that road and no accidents/incidents.
3. Running Power Under the Road on Keiser Pond Rd for a private residence
- a. **Tim moves to allow Jeff to run power under Keiser Pond Rd to the spec provided by Jeremy. Mike seconds. All in favor. So moved.**
4. Peacham Pavillion Project Update
- a. Jim Miniciello spoke about the project and passed a letter out to the public and the Selectboard. This is a draft of the letter the committee would like to send out to all Peacham residents to solicit feedback on the project.
 - b. The Pavillion committee has met four times. They do not have a design yet. They are not assuming approval; they just want to keep the ball rolling.
 - c. Some of the abutters have concerns and some are in favor but want their concerns addressed. If you want to join the committee, they would love to have more people, more help.
 - d. The committee believes there will be little impact if any on taxes. There are 10 possible grants that have been identified. One or two of the grants require a minor input of funds from the town in order for the grant to be approved. The committee has a talented grant writer in their group.
 - e. Paul expressed concern about unknown costs to build the pavillion and also future maintenance.
 - f. All of the activities/events can happen at the tennis court whether or not there is a pavillion.
5. Possible Noise Ordinance Follow Up
- a. Bill said in Morrisville roosters violated the noise ordinance. Peacham can adopt a noise ordinance and enforce it as the Selectboard sees fit. What could be done is looking at other noise ordinances out there. Bill will send Selectboard noise ordinances from other towns..
 - b. In regards to the property that has garnered many complaints due to noise, Tim has called, texted, and sent messages to the property owner and never heard back.
6. Approve Minutes
- a. **Mike moves to approve the minutes of 9/5/18. Tim seconds. All in favor. So moved.**
7. Review and Approve Bills
- a. The Selectboard reviewed and approved bills.
8. Review Correspondence
- a. The Selectboard reviewed correspondence.

Tim moves to adjourn at 8:17pm. Mike seconds. All in favor. So moved.