

TOWN OF PEACHAM
MINUTES OF THE SELECTBOARD MEETING
Wednesday, August 7, 2019
APPROVED

Selectboard Members Present: Mike Heath, Peter Craig
Public: Town Clerk Thomas Galinat, Road Foreman Jeremy Withers, Selectboard Clerk Rebecca Washington,
Mary Daly, Paul Evans, Ron Craig, Nate Giroux, Ken Danielson, Barbara Grey

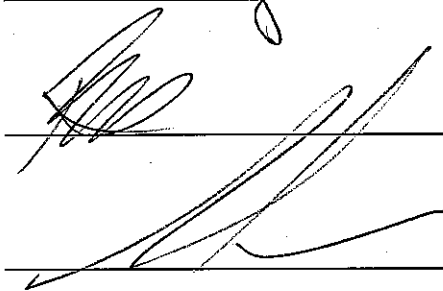
1. The meeting was called to order by Chair of the Selectboard Mike Heath at 6:33pm.
2. Additions to the agenda
 - a. Executive session for personnel-Jeremy Withers
 - i. Moved to after Town Clerk update.
 - b. Cemetery-Ron Craig
 - i. R. Craig asked for permission to clean up tree branches when they fall down in the cemetery. He won't charge for labor if he gets to keep the wood.
 - a) Heath asked about the current procedure for that and R. Craig answered that Cheryl Stevenson hires someone to do it.
 - b) Heath asked about liability and R. Craig answered that he is insured.
 - c) Heath said that he doesn't have a problem with it.
 - ii. R. Craig said they've been having some issues with a door lock and would like to replace it. He would buy the lock at Larrabee's and put it on the town's account.
 - a) Heath said that he's fine with that.
 - c. Planning Commission appointments
 - i. **P. Craig moved to appoint Rick Scholes to the Planning Commission and to appoint Bruce MacLean as an alternate to the Planning Commission. Heath seconded. All in favor. So moved.**
 - d. Set tax rate
 - i. Moved to Town Clerk update.
3. Old business
 - a. 3-D crosswalks
 - i. Heath contacted someone who paints crosswalks and he is not able to do them this year.
 - ii. P. Craig said that he didn't think that they would get done this year and Heath agreed that they should be put off until the paving and digging is squared away.
 - iii. Withers usually calls the state to paint the crosswalks and doesn't have any private contacts.
 - b. Wolfe town solar energy
 - i. Dori Wolfe is planning on coming to the August 21st Selectboard meeting to do a presentation. Wolfe will be looking to have the Selectboard sign a non-binding letter of intent.
 - ii. Daly said that the next thing for the Energy Committee to do is to write a mission statement and then update the Town Plan. She said that maybe the town doesn't need this now until the Energy Committee gets further down the road.
 - a) Heath said that this is really just about powering the town buildings with solar power and that he doesn't see any benefit in waiting. They are starting to put the array on the school this month and, by putting a commitment in that the town is joining in, it will be a lot easier and cheaper in the long run.
 - b) Daly said that she isn't interested in adding a lot of solar around town.
 - 1) Heath explained that this project is going on the roof of the school and that it will save the school \$12,000/year in electric and could save the town money as well.
 - c. Tennis court-Gretchen Kaija
 - i. No update.
 - d. Town Hall ADA improvements/stair lifts-Mary Daly
 - i. Daly present the Selectboard with information about stair lifts. The stairwell is good because it's wide and the landing at the top of the stairs is perfect. She's worried about the posts on the sides of the stairwell preventing installation and doesn't know how much it would cost.
 - a) Discussion ensued on the feasibility of a stair lift.
 - 1) Daly would like to get someone to come out and look at the stairwell.
 - 2) P. Craig pointed out that the stair lift wouldn't protrude out into the stairwell because it folds up when not in use.

- ii. The Selectboard reviewed a drawing done by David Jacobs of the proposed driveway on the back of the building.
 - iii. Evans asked if the ramp that's there now is just too steep.
 - a) The ramp is in disrepair and doesn't meet ADA requirements for landings.
- e. Soccer field
 - i. No update.
- f. Post Office lease
 - i. No update.
- g. Recreation Committee
 - i. No update.
- 4. Worcester Road-Ken Danielson
 - a. The Selectboard reviewed information provided by Danielson about Worcester Rd.
 - b. Danielson said that Worcester Rd actually goes up to his house but that the town has been maintaining a 100' section of a right-of-way going up towards the Dedam house as if it were Worcester Road since 2012. The southwest corner of the Danielson property is now near the middle of what is being used as a town road. He is worried about the damage that has been done to the maple trees as a result of this error and would like the town to go back to maintaining the town road going up to his house instead of the right-of-way.
 - c. Galinat pointed out that this brings up the issue of town equipment needing a place to turn around on dead-end roads. The section that the town currently maintains has a turn-around.
 - d. Discussion ensued and Heath said that it could use more research on the town's part.
- 5. Bench at Town Hall-John Reiss
 - a. Reiss not present. Galinat explained that there used to be a bench outside of Town Hall and Reiss would like to have a bench there again.
 - b. The Selectboard will discuss it further the next time Reiss is at a Selectboard meeting.
- 6. PCH Board appointment
 - a. **P. Craig moved to appoint Alfred Dedam to the Peacham Community Housing Board. Heath seconded. All in favor. So moved.**
- 7. Transfer Station
 - a. Giroux explained the steps Willow Brook Construction took to repair the damage to the bulk waste building at the Transfer Station.
 - i. P. Craig recommended that the other side of the building be fixed as well.
 - ii. Galinat suggested installing rubber flaps to prevent debris from getting between the wall and the dumpsters. Debris gets piled up there and then gets pulled out with the dumpster and causes damage to the building.
 - iii. Withers said that part of the problem is that dump trucks try to come in and dump into the dumpsters. It should be made more obvious that it is hand unload only either verbally by the attendant or by a sign.
 - iv. **P. Craig moved to hire someone to fix the metal dumpster side of the building and install rubber flaps on both dumpsters not to exceed \$1,500. Heath seconded. All in favor. So moved.**
 - b. Discussion ensued on how to get a phone put in at the Transfer Station.
 - i. **P. Craig moved to get a phone installed at the Transfer Station not to exceed \$2,000. Heath seconded. All in favor. So moved.**
 - c. Galinat explained that the Transfer Station attendant's timesheets are not approved by a supervisor like other town employee timesheets are. Sometimes the attendant has hours outside of her regular work week and Galinat asked if the Selectboard, as her supervisor, could approve her timesheets in these instances. The Selectboard agreed.
 - i. Galinat asked the Selectboard to approve the three extra hours that the Transfer Station attendant submitted on her last timesheet. The Selectboard approved.
- 8. Highway Department update
 - a. Withers is getting ready to do a grant-funded project on Old County Rd to address an area that washes out every spring. They will be upsizing a couple of culverts as well as adding a new culvert.
 - i. Galinat talked to an attorney at VLCT and learned that the town does not need water rights or landowner permission to put the culvert in but it is suggested to speak with landowners if necessary.
 - b. Withers will move forward with replacing the furnace at the Town Garage.
 - c. Withers is back to the hiring process because Stan Linkovitch just finished his last day.
 - i. Washington will run an ad in the Caledonian-Record for two weeks and post the job opening online.
 - d. Pike hasn't given Withers a start date for the paving project on Peacham-Danville Rd.
 - e. The build date for the new truck was August 6th and Withers doesn't know when the delivery date will be.
 - f. Grey would like the town to take care of two large poplar trees on the edge of the road across the road from her house before they fall down.

- i. Withers knew which trees she was referring to and said that they would have to contract it out.
 - ii. Discussion ensued.
9. Town Clerk update
 - a. Galinat presented the Selectboard with the 2019 Grand List Computations which the Selectboard then signed.
 - i. Galinat is planning on sending tax bills out on Monday.
 - b. There were six appeals to the BCA this year.
10. Executive session for personnel-Jeremy Withers
 - a. **P. Craig moved to enter executive session at 7:58pm. Heath seconded. All in favor. So moved.**
 - b. **The Selectboard came out of executive session at 8:09pm.**
 - c. No action taken.
11. Approve minutes
 - a. The Selectboard approved the July 17, 2019 minutes as written.
12. Review and approve bills
 - a. The Selectboard reviewed and approved bills.
13. Review correspondence
 - a. The Selectboard reviewed correspondence.
14. Adjourn
 - a. **P. Craig moved to adjourn. Heath seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.**

Peacham Selectboard:

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