TOWN OF PEACHAM

MINUTES OF THE SELECTBOARD MEETING

Wednesday, November 20, 2019 APPROVED

Selectboard Members Present: Mike Heath, Beatrice Ring, Peter Craig Public: Selectboard Clerk Rebecca Washington, Mary Daly, Jock Gill, Tyler LaFountaine

- 1. The meeting was called to order by Chair of the Selectboard Mike Heath at 6:35pm.
- 2. Additions to the agenda
 - a. Emergency shelter-Jock Gill
 - i. The school is currently designated as Peacham's emergency shelter but it does not meet all of the Red Cross standards.
 - ii. Because of the growing frequency and severity of storms, Gill recommended that the Selectboard discuss emergency shelters with Emergency Management Coordinator Neil Monteith.
 - b. Executive session for personnel
 - i. Moved to agenda item number 10.
- 3. Selectboard appointment updates
 - a. Planning Commission
 - i. Gill explained that the Town Plan was adopted this year and that the next two projects for the Planning Commission are getting Village Center Designation status and reviewing the Zoning Regulations.
 - ii. The Planning Commission is also currently working with the Energy Committee and NVDA's Alison Low on an Enhanced Energy Plan.
 - iii. LaFountaine introduced himself to the Selectboard and expressed interest in joining the Planning Commission, which has openings for both a member and an alternate.
 - Heath moved to appoint Tyler LaFountaine as an alternate on the Planning Commission. Craig seconded. All in favor. So moved.
 - b. Zoning Administrator
 - i. Zoning Administrator not present.
- 4. Old Business
 - a. Maple tree on Bayley Hazen Rd
 - The Selectboard is waiting on Tree Warden Neil Monteith to come back with quotes to take the tree down.
 - b. Town Hall renovation
 - i. The Selectboard is waiting on Rusty Barber to come back with estimates for the renovation.
 - c. Town Hall ADA improvements
 - i. Discussion ensued on whether or not the ADA improvements should become part of the Town Hall renovation project.
 - ii. Gill will ask Alison Low about the availability of grant money for ADA improvements.
 - d. Town publicity
 - i. Gill has encouraged Peacham businesses to form a town business club or chamber of commerce to work in collaboration with each other.
 - ii. Ring will follow up with Mel Reis on the press release she wrote for the new town website.
 - e. Town solar project
 - i. Ring moved to accept Dori Wolfe's recommendation for going ahead with the solar for the town as defined as the District Bond at Year 7. Craig seconded. Heath and Ring in favor. Craig abstained. Majority in favor. So moved.
 - f. Purchasing Policy
 - i. No update.
 - g. Cemetery administration
 - i. No update.
 - h. Soccer field
 - i. No update.
 - i. Aiken Farm Rd box culvert
 - i. The Selectboard reviewed the engineering plan prepared by the engineer, Tim Ruggles.
 - ii. Ruggles is currently working on the RFP.
 - i. New 6-wheeler
 - i. The Selectboard would like to discuss the options with Highway Foreman Jeremy Withers before making a decision.
- 5. Highway Department update

a. Highway Foreman not present.

- 6. Town Clerk update
 - a. The Selectboard reviewed information provided by Town Clerk Thomas Galinat and discussed line items for the 2020 budget.
 - i. The Selectboard agreed to have a tax sale in 2020.
 - ii. The Selectboard agreed to contribute \$50,000 to the Retreatment Fund and \$40,000 to the Capital Building Fund in 2020.
 - iii. The Selectboard agreed to repave a section of East Peacham Road in 2020.
 - iv. The Selectboard would like to hear from Heather Smires about how the afterschool program has been going this year as well as how much it will cost in 2020 if the town continues to fund it.
 - b. Heath will have a budget meeting next week with Galinat and Withers.
- 7. Approve minutes
 - a. The Selectboard approved the November 6, 2019 minutes as written.
- 8. Review and approve bills
 - The Selectboard reviewed and approved all the bills except the bill for Burlington Communications Service Center.
- 9. Review correspondence
 - a. The Selectboard reviewed correspondence.
- 10. Executive session for personnel
 - a. Heath moved to enter executive session for personnel at 7:30pm. Ring seconded. All in favor. So moved.
 - b. The Selectboard came out of executive session at 7:42pm.
 - c. No action taken.
- 11. Adjourn
 - a. Craig moved to adjourn. Ring seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm.