

TOWN OF PEACHAM  
MINUTES OF THE SELECTBOARD MEETING

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

APPROVED

Selectboard Members Present: Mike Heath, Beatrice Ring, Peter Craig  
Public: Town Clerk Thomas Galinat, Road Foreman Jeremy Withers, Selectboard Clerk Rebecca Washington,  
Josette Lyders, Mel Reis, Nancy Saidi, Mary Daly

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair of the Selectboard Mike Heath at 6:30pm.
2. Additions to the agenda
  - a. No additions.
3. Aiken Farm Rd box culvert bid opening
  - a. The Selectboard will have a special meeting at 6:15pm on January 15, 2020 at the Peacham Library to open bids.
4. Planning Commission appointment
  - a. On the recommendation of Jock Gill, **Craig moved to appoint Anna Rubin to the Planning Commission for a three-year term. Ring seconded. All in favor. So moved.**
5. Selectboard appointment updates
  - a. Appropriations Committee
    - i. Lyders explained that the current committee is made up of Lyders, Reis, and Saidi.
    - ii. In 2019, the committee updated the appropriations contact list, updated the appropriations guidelines, reviewed all appropriations requests, and established written procedures for the committee's work.
    - iii. The committee would like to put a standing description annually in the Town Report, as well as make a brief presentation at Town Meeting, explaining the committee's purpose.
    - iv. Reis pointed out that making the appropriations guidelines as transparent as possible is helpful for the organizations making requests.
      - a) Washington will post the guidelines on the town's website.
  - b. NVDA representatives
    - i. NVDA representatives not present.
      - a) Washington will email them a request for a written update.
6. Old business
  - a. Town Hall renovation
    - i. No update.
  - b. Town Hall ADA improvements
    - i. No update.
  - c. Town solar project
    - i. No update.
    - ii. Jock Gill approached Heath about a solar street light program and Heath will let him know that the only street lights in the village are the responsibility of the Peacham Fire District.
  - d. Cemetery administration
    - i. No update.
    - ii. The Cemetery Committee is scheduled for a Selectboard appointment update at the January 22, 2020 meeting.
7. Town Meeting Warning
  - a. Discussion ensued on how to group the appropriations requests on the Town Meeting Warning.
    - i. The Appropriations Committee recommended that the Selectboard group the requests that have not changed since 2019 together in one article and to include separate articles for each organization either requesting an increase or making a new request.
    - ii. The Selectboard agreed with the committee's recommendation.
  - b. Discussion ensued on an article about the afternoon childcare program.
  - c. Discussion ensued on adding an article to the warning establishing a Cemetery Commission.
    - i. Craig moved to not include an article establishing a Cemetery Commission on the Town Meeting Warning. The motion was not seconded.
  - d. The Selectboard will finalize the warning at the January 15, 2020 Special Meeting.
8. Certificate of Highway Mileage
  - a. Discussion ensued on whether or not the highway mileage was changed in 2012 to reflect the Selectboard's decision on Worcester Road. If so, the current highway mileage would need to be changed to reflect the 2019 Selectboard decision on Worcester Road, which reversed the 2012 decision.

- i. Certificate of Highway Mileage was not signed.
9. Highway Department update
  - a. The sand pile can't handle sanding every time it snows.
  - b. Withers recently tried a different tactic and didn't plow an inch of snow that fell on New Year's Day. There was a heated discussion about it on social media, but Withers did not receive any phone calls.
  - c. The 6-wheeler is back after being out-of-service for repairs for two weeks.
  - d. Withers expressed concern over some residents plowing or snow blowing their driveways across town roads.
    - i. It is against the law and, if it's not cleaned up, it becomes dangerous when it freezes. It can also collect in ditches and prevent the flow of water.
    - ii. Withers will call the people who are doing it and may post a reminder on social media to try to prevent it from happening in the future.
10. Town Clerk update
  - a. Galinat has been busy getting reports ready for the Town Report. The reports were due on January 8th this year instead of when they're usually due at the end of January.
  - b. The books are closed on 2019.
11. Approve minutes
  - a. The Selectboard approved the December 18, 2019 minutes as written.
  - b. The Selectboard approved the December 30, 2019 Special Meeting minutes as written.
12. Review and approve bills
  - a. The Selectboard reviewed and approved bills.
13. Review correspondence
  - a. The Selectboard reviewed an annual report from the Vermont State Police.
    - i. Craig said that he had a resident express concern about the State Police failing to respond to her call about snowmobiles on a town road.
  - b. The Selectboard reviewed all other correspondence.
14. Adjourn
  - a. **Craig moved to adjourn. Ring seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.**

Peacham Selectboard:



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