

**TOWN OF PEACHAM**  
**MINUTES OF THE SELECTBOARD MEETING**  
Wednesday, February 19, 2020  
APPROVED

Selectboard Members Present: Mike Heath, Beatrice Ring, Peter Craig  
Public: Selectboard Clerk Rebecca Washington, Kalanani Gallas, Nick Comerci

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair of the Selectboard Mike Heath at 6:34pm.
2. Additions to the agenda
  - a. No additions
3. Selectboard appointment updates
  - a. Fence Viewers
    - i. Gallas explained that the current Fence Viewers are Kathy Corcoran, Kalanani Gallas, Julie Lang, and Anna Rubin.
    - ii. The Selectboard did not task the Fence Viewers with any fence-related disputes over the past year. Thus, no fences were viewed.
    - iii. Discussion ensued on the duties of and the statutory need for Fence Viewers.
  - b. Development Review Board
    - i. Comerci explained that the DRB is currently made up of Nick Comerci, Matt Kempton, Morris McCain, Marilyn Magnus, and Greg Schoolcraft. Most of the board was appointed in 2011.
    - ii. The DRB held three public hearings in 2019 to act on two subdivisions and one boundary line adjustment. All three application requests were approved.
    - iii. The biggest challenge for the board is getting a quorum together for hearings while leaving enough time to meet posting requirements.
    - iv. Comerci detailed the committee's process from the time an application is received from the Zoning Administrator to the time the Record of Decision is distributed and recorded.
    - v. Comerci is currently the chair but is stepping down from the board after Town Meeting.
      - a) Discussion ensued on possible replacements for Comerci.
4. Old business
  - a. Town Hall renovation/Town Hall ADA improvements
    - i. No update
  - b. Town solar project
    - i. Heath is waiting on usage numbers from the organizations in town that are interested in joining the project.
  - c. Cemetery administration
    - i. No update.
5. Review of town policies
  - a. The Selectboard would like to start reviewing and updating town policies on a regular basis to ensure that they are in line with VLCT model policies.
  - b. The Selectboard will start by reviewing the Purchasing Policy at the next meeting.
6. Highway Department update
  - a. No update.
7. Town Clerk update
  - a. The Selectboard read an update from Town Clerk Thomas Galinat and looked through the newly-printed town reports.
  - b. Discussion ensued on the Selectboard's role at Town Meeting and as ballot counters for the Presidential Primary.
8. Approve minutes
  - a. The Selectboard approved the February 5, 2020 minutes as written.
9. Review and approve bills
  - a. The Selectboard reviewed and approved bills.
10. Review correspondence
  - a. The Selectboard reviewed correspondence.
  - b. Correspondence included a recommendation from the Peacham Volunteer Fire Department to appoint Jeff Berwick as fire chief after Town Meeting.
11. Executive session for personnel
  - a. **Heath moved to enter executive session for personnel at 7:05pm. Craig seconded. All in favor. So moved.**
  - b. The Selectboard came out of executive session at 7:28pm.
  - c. **Ring moved to compensate the Road Foreman for hours spent at meetings and on days off by providing three weeks of compensatory time. Craig seconded. All in favor. So moved.**
12. Adjourn

- a. Craig moved to adjourn. Ring seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:29pm.

Peacham Selectboard:



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