

TOWN OF PEACHAM
MINUTES OF THE SELECTBOARD MEETING
Wednesday, April 15, 2020
APPROVED

Selectboard Members Present (all via phone conference): Mike Heath, Beatrice Ring, Peter Craig
Public (all via phone conference): Road Foreman Jeremy Withers, Selectboard Clerk Rebecca Washington,
Neil Monteith, David Edwards, Cheryl Stevenson, Bruce Westcott

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair of the Selectboard Mike Heath at 6:31pm.
2. Additions to the agenda
 - a. Discussion ensued on unleashed dogs in the village.
 - i. Heath explained that dog issues should continue to go through Keeper of the Pound Jo Guertin.
 - ii. Washington will email Peacham's Dogs and Wolf Hybrids Ordinance to the Selectboard.
3. Highway Department update
 - a. The road crew is continuing to do spring maintenance and has been laying out gravel on rough roads.
 - b. Discussion ensued on Governor Phil Scott's Addendum 6 to Executive Order 01-20 which placed restrictions on municipal road work.
 - i. **Ring moved that for the balance until April 17th, the road crew be paid but asked to stay home. Craig seconded.**
 - ii. Heath suggested amending the motion to be left open-ended.
 - iii. **Ring amended the motion to move that the town continue to pay the road crew for the foreseeable future until the process under this emergency is understood. Craig seconded. All in favor. So moved.**
 - a) Heath reiterated that the road crew should remain on call.
 - iv. Withers will reach out to Shauna Clifford at VTrans as well as surrounding towns to find out more information.
 - v. Washington will find out if municipalities qualify for the Payroll Protection Program.
4. Town Clerk update
 - a. Ring read an update from Town Clerk Thomas Galinat.
 - i. The Town Clerk's office remains closed to the public but Galinat is still fulfilling document requests.
 - ii. Galinat encouraged the Selectboard to address oversight of payments at the Transfer Station.
 - a) Discussion ensued on how to guarantee that residents pay the correct amount at the Transfer Station.
 - b) The Selectboard agreed that the Transfer Station will be on a check-only basis until the Covid emergency is over. Punch cards that residents already have can also be used.
 - iii. Galinat asked about a Facebook post which offered bulk milk purchases billed by the town and how the decision to offer milk to all residents was made.
 - a) Discussion ensued.
 - 1) The decision was made through the Emergency Management Team and was part of the CSA food order. The town will be reimbursed by the residents who received the milk.
 - 2) Ring asked about the process for ending the emergency response and whether or not the town needed to continue the response at this time.
 - 1) Discussion ensued.
 - 2) The current emergency response and food deliveries will continue as is and the Selectboard will re-evaluate the need at the next Selectboard meeting.
 - iv. The Fall Fondo Fund currently has \$1,087 in the fund and, historically, the Pavilion Committee assigned these funds.
 5. Covid-19 update
 - a. Covid-19 Fund
 - i. Edwards presented a draft detailing the proposed process for the Peacham Covid-19 Relief Fund.
 - a) Edwards is trying to make the process both as simple as possible and as fair and equitable as possible.
 - b) Discussion ensued.
 - ii. **Ring moved to approve the Covid-19 Fund and allow David Edwards to go to the next steps and that he ask for public comments. Craig seconded. All in favor. So moved.**

- iii. Edwards clarified that asking for public comments would be in lieu of the Selectboard approving the fund, not in addition to approving the fund.
 - iv. **Craig moved to approve the Covid-19 Fund draft and allow David Edwards to move forward. Ring seconded. All in favor. So moved.**
- 6. Picnic tables for town
 - a. The Fall Fondo money is in a restricted fund and the Pavilion Committee can decide what to do with it. The permission they need from the town is to keep the picnic tables on town property.
 - b. The Selectboard is fine with having the picnic tables on the old tennis court but is concerned about how trash will be managed in that area.
- 7. Conservation Commission request
 - a. The Selectboard is fine with the Conservation Commission spending money out of the Conservation Reserve Fund to have Sue Morse do a presentation in August.
 - b. The Selectboard agreed that residents should not be charged to attend the presentation but that non-residents could be charged \$35 per person.
- 8. 2020 Selectboard appointments
 - a. NVDA Representative
 - i. **Craig nominated Anna Rubin as one of Peacham's NVDA Representatives. Ring seconded. All in favor. So moved.**
 - b. Development Review Board
 - i. **Ring nominated Rick Scholes to be a member of the Development Review Board. Craig seconded. All in favor. So moved.**
 - c. Washington will solicit volunteers for the Cemetery Preservation Committee and the Appropriations Committee. Each committee recently had a member step down.
 - i. Discussion ensued on the need for a Cemetery Preservation Committee.
- 9. Old business
 - a. Summer mowing for town properties
 - i. The work crew is not mowing at this point due to guidance from the state that mowing and landscaping is non-essential.
 - ii. Full burials are essential but cremations are not.
 - a) There is a limit to the number of people who attend a full burial and attendees cannot be within 35 feet of the grave.
 - b. Paint Town Hall-Katelyn Langham
 - i. No update.
 - c. Town Hall renovations/ADA improvements
 - i. No update.
 - d. Town solar project
 - i. No update.
- 10. Approve minutes
 - a. **Craig moved to approve the minutes from the April 1, 2020. Ring seconded. All in favor. So moved.**
- 11. Review and approve bills
 - a. **Ring moved to approve the bills sent by the Treasurer. Craig seconded. All in favor. So moved.**
 - i. Craig will sign all of the warrants in person.
- 12. Review correspondence
 - a. No correspondence present.
- 13. Adjourn
 - a. **Craig moved to adjourn. Ring seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.**

These minutes were approved as revised by the Peacham Selectboard at its regular meeting on 5/6/20.

Rebecca Washington, Selectboard Clerk

