

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

Selectboard Members Present (all via phone/video conference): Mike Heath, Peter Craig, Beatrice Ring
Public (all via phone/video conference): Road Foreman Jeremy Withers, Selectboard Clerk Rebecca Washington, Rusty Barber, Ralph Crocker, Martha Winston, Dave Edwards, Neil Monteith

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair of the Selectboard Mike Heath at 6:31pm.
2. Additions to the agenda
 - a. Corrective Partial Release of Conservation Restrictions
 - i. Moved to agenda item 10.
3. Highway department update
 - a. The crosswalks in the village have been painted and Withers has ordered slow signs.
 - b. Withers would like to cancel service for the pagers since the road crew members all have cell phones and don't use the pagers.
 - i. The Selectboard agreed to have the pager service cancelled.
 - c. Discussion ensued on the necessity of putting the Peacham Pond plowing and sanding out to bid to comply with Peacham's Purchasing Policy.
 - i. The Selectboard agreed that it should go out to bid.
 - ii. Withers will put together a request for bids to go in the Caledonian-Record.
 - d. Withers has received five applications for the open road crew worker position.
 - i. Withers and Heath will start conducting interviews.
 - e. Discussion ensued on repaving East Peacham Road.
 - i. Withers has heard very little feedback on the current state of the road, other than one person commenting on the dust.
 - a) Ring has heard only positive feedback.
 - ii. Heath said that leaving it unpaved for the winter would be best for the budget.
 - iii. The Selectboard agreed to leave East Peacham Road unpaved through the winter.
4. Town Clerk update
 - a. Town Clerk not present.
5. Covid-19 response update
 - a. Monteith explained that there is \$51.75 owed to the town for food reimbursements.
 - i. Washington will send out statements.
 - b. Governor Scott extended the state of emergency to September 15th.
 - c. The Fire Department received 180 cloth masks for distribution.
 - i. They are available at the library.
 - d. Edwards explained that there is about \$15,800 remaining in the Covid-19 Relief Fund and that there were no applicants in August. He expects more applications as winter approaches, unemployment checks stop, and property taxes are due.
6. Peacham Pond Grant-Martha Winston
 - a. Winston, President of the Peacham Pond Association, gave a report on the Public Access Greeter Program operating at Peacham Pond. See attached report.
 - b. The Selectboard thanked Winston for her work.
7. New Zoning Regulations
 - a. Planning Commission not present.
8. Town Hall renovation/ADA improvements
 - a. Barber explained that he didn't think the project could be completed in 2020 due to the lack of available builders and the difficulty in getting a bid due to the current availability and price of materials.
 - i. Ring will research additional grants opportunities for the bid process in the spring.
 - b. Craig said that a handrail needed to be put up as soon as possible because of the safety concern and because the town already received the insurance payment.
 - i. The Selectboard agreed that a handrail should be installed, even if it was temporary.
 - ii. Craig will discuss it with Town Clerk Thomas Galinat.
9. Old business
 - a. Public nuisance issue
 - i. Heath will follow up with the Town Attorney.
 - b. East Peacham Road paving
 - i. Discussed during Highway Department update.
 - c. Personnel Policy update
 - i. No update.
 - d. Town solar project
 - i. No update.
10. Corrective Partial Release of Conservation Restrictions

- a. The Selectboard reviewed materials regarding a Corrective Partial Release of Conservation Restrictions by Passumpsic Valley Land Trust and the Town of Peacham to Molly Willard and Nedra Calvi.
 - b. **Craig moved to turn it over to the Town Agent to Convey Real Estate, Annette Lorraine. Ring seconded. All in favor. So moved.**
11. Approve minutes
 - a. **Craig moved to approve the minutes from August 5, 2020. Ring seconded. Majority in favor. Heath abstained. So moved.**
12. Review and approve bills
 - a. **Ring moved to accept the warrants as provided. Craig seconded. All in favor. So moved.**
 - i. Craig will go to the Town Office to sign the warrants.
13. Review correspondence
 - a. No correspondence present.
14. Adjourn
 - a. **Ring moved to adjourn. Craig seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:22pm.**

These minutes were approved as written by the Peacham Selectboard at its regular meeting on 9/2/2020.

Rebecca Washington, Selectboard Clerk

