

TOWN OF PEACHAM
MINUTES OF THE SELECTBOARD MEETING
Wednesday, October 21, 2020
APPROVED

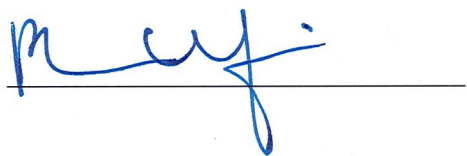
Selectboard Members Present (all via phone/video conference): Mike Heath, Peter Craig, Beatrice Ring
Public (all via phone/video conference): Town Clerk Thomas Galinat, Road Foreman Jeremy Withers,
Selectboard Clerk Rebecca Washington, Ron Craig, Jock Gill, Jake Thomas

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair of the Selectboard Mike Heath at 6:33pm.
2. Additions to the agenda
 - a. Energy Committee appointment
 - i. Moved to agenda item 7.
 - b. Planning Commission letter
 - i. Moved to agenda item 8.
3. Highway Department update
 - a. The road crew has been getting equipment ready for winter.
 - b. The new 6-wheeler is at Viking getting the body and plow equipment put on.
 - c. There is a vehicle parked in the Town Hall parking lot that needs to be moved before winter.
 - i. Galinat spoke with the car's owner and learned that it is being donated to Kars 4 Kids and that she will have it towed before winter.
 - d. Withers spoke with Green Mountain Power's Kevin Matte. Matte would like permission to connect the last resident on Thaddeus Stevens Road to the line coming from Danville. The power line would be put in about 25 feet from the road, just within the town's right-of-way.
 - i. **P. Craig moved to allow Green Mountain Power to bury underground power at the 25-foot mark at the edge of the town right-of-way and the landowner's property on Thaddeus Stevens Road. Ring seconded. All in favor. So moved.**
4. Green Mountain Power request-Kevin Matte
 - a. Discussed during agenda item 3.
5. New 10-wheeler
 - a. Withers will have 10-wheeler bids at the November 4th Selectboard meeting.
6. Town Clerk update
 - a. The general ledger balance is at \$1,100,000.
 - i. The current AP includes a second advance to the school district. This advance of \$500,000 will prevent the school district from borrowing money between now and November 4th, when the town will pay the school district the remaining balance of \$1,500,000.
 - b. The election workers have been scheduled for the upcoming general election and there are constant updates coming from the Secretary of State's office.
 - c. Taxes are coming in quickly, but Galinat still has concerns about the potential amount of delinquent taxes this year.
 - d. Galinat would like to meet with Withers and a Selectboard member before the November 18th Selectboard meeting to start budgeting for 2021.
 - e. The town of Wheelock has a snow roller to donate to Peacham's Snow Roller Museum.
 - i. Discussion ensued and the Selectboard will wait for a recommendation or proposal from the Roller Barn Committee.
 - ii. Discussion ensued on how to honor Dick Hovey for his work.
7. Energy Committee appointment
 - a. Gill recommended Allison Webster as a replacement for David Edwards, who would like to step down from the Energy Committee.
 - b. **Ring moved to accept Allison Webster on the Energy Committee to take the place of David Edwards for his 3-year term ending in 2021. P. Craig seconded. All in favor. So moved.**
8. Planning Commission letter
 - a. The Selectboard reviewed a letter submitted by the Planning Commission titled "Selectboard approval of Planning Commission's intended revision of zoning regulations". The Planning Commission would like to revisit zoning regulations and enforcement regulations.
 - b. Discussion ensued on the role of the Selectboard in relation to the Planning Commission.
 - i. Gill will review title 24 of state statute with the rest of the Planning Commission and meet with Galinat to contact VLCT and NVDA to clarify the roles.
9. Covid-19 response update
 - a. No update.
10. Committee updates
 - a. Appropriations Committee
 - i. The Selectboard reviewed a letter from David Edwards.
 - a) The Appropriations Committee currently consists of David Edwards and Morgan Gold and is in need of a third member.
 1. Ring has given Edwards the names of three people who might be interested.

- b) Edwards would like to explore expanding the committee's role to include reviewing applications and making recommendations.
 - 1. Ring will call VLCT to discuss the possibility.
 - b. Keeper of the Pound
 - i. The Keeper of the Pound was not present.
 - ii. Because the Keeper of the Pound does not reside in Vermont year-round, Ring will call surrounding towns to see who they use.
- 11. Grand List adjustment-Peacham Listers
 - a. The Selectboard reviewed the Grand List adjustment submitted by the Listers.
 - b. **Ring moved to accept the change to the Grand List as provided to the Selectboard in a memo of October 19, 2020. Heath seconded. All in favor. So moved.**
- 12. Old business
 - a. Outdoor Committee
 - i. Ring has approached two people who might be interested in leading the Outdoor Committee.
 - b. Mask policy in Town Hall
 - i. Heath reviewed the post office lease and didn't find any relevant information.
 - ii. Ring will speak to the postmaster in Danville about mask enforcement in the post office.
 - iii. Discussion ensued on enforcing the mask mandate between the front door of the building and the post office lobby door.
 - c. Transfer Station property lines
 - i. Heath spoke with an attorney who recommended that the first step is to verify the property lines.
 - ii. Discussion ensued.
 - iii. Heath will reach out to the neighboring property owner to discuss.
 - d. Cold weather Transfer Station procedures
 - i. Heath is waiting on suggested procedures from Peacham's Health Officer.
 - e. Personnel Policy update
 - i. No update.
- 13. Approve minutes
 - a. **Ring moved to approve the minutes of October 7, 2020. Heath seconded. All in favor. So moved.**
- 14. Review and approve bills
 - a. **Heath moved to approve the warrants as emailed to the Selectboard by Galinat. Ring seconded. All in favor. So moved.**
- 15. Review correspondence
 - a. No correspondence present.
- 16. Adjourn
 - a. **Ring moved to adjourn. Heath seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:33pm.**

These minutes were approved as written by the Peacham Selectboard at its regular meeting on 11/4/20.

Rebecca Washington, Selectboard Clerk



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