

TOWN OF PEACHAM

MINUTES OF THE SELECTBOARD MEETING

Wednesday, February 3, 2021

APPROVED

Selectboard Members Present (all via phone/video conference): Michael Heath, Peter Craig, Beatrice Ring
Public (all via phone/video conference): Town Clerk Thomas Galinat, Road Foreman Jeremy Withers,
Selectboard Clerk Rebecca Washington, Jean Dedam, Jake Thomas, Mark Elliot, John Reiss, Ron Craig

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair of the Selectboard Michael Heath at 6:30pm.
2. Additions to the agenda
 - a. No additions.
3. Highway Department update
 - a. One of the 10-wheelers was down for a day but is now fixed.
 - b. Withers has been pricing chippers and backhoes to be purchased out of the Road Capital Equipment Fund.
 - i. A new chipper costs \$45,000 but Withers found a used 2018 Morbark chipper for \$27,000 at Essex Equipment that he will go look at.
 - ii. The backhoe is from 2008 and is already scheduled to be replaced in 2021.
 - iii. Purchase of the chipper and backhoe is planned for after Town Meeting so that the residents can vote to deposit \$40,000 of the 2020 unexpended funds into the Road Capital Equipment Fund.
4. Town Clerk update
 - a. Town Meeting/Town Report update
 - i. Galinat has been working with L. Brown and Sons Printing, the distributors of ballots for statewide elections, to print Peacham's ballots. The ballots are required to be available at least 20 days before Town Meeting Day and were mailed on February 3rd to every registered voter in Peacham.
 - a) Although there was extra money budgeted for the mailing, the Secretary of State's office will reimburse the expenses in full.
 - ii. The Town Report was sent to the printer on Monday. Town Reports are required to be available at least 10 days before Town Meeting day. Galinat will pick them up on February 16th and distribute them to Town Hall, the Transfer Station, Marty's, West Barnet Quick Stop, and Hastings Store.
 - a) He will put a post on Facebook when they're available.
 - b) Galinat thanked the two new auditors, Jill Hurst and Cynther Greene, for stepping up to the plate and working so hard with Stan Fickes on producing the Town Report and completing the annual audit.
 - b. Gym update
 - i. Galinat met with Sam McLeod to go over the cleaning procedures for the Town Gym when the school is using it for basketball and P.E.
 - ii. Unrelated to the school, the fire alarm in the gym was accidentally pulled on Saturday.
5. Covid-19 response update
 - a. No update.
6. Sundays in Peacham
 - a. The Selectboard reviewed a vision submitted by Jean Dedam for Sundays in Peacham.
 - b. The submission stated that "on Sundays throughout the summer and fall, the Peacham Community will offer activities and attractions that will entertain and draw people to our community."
 - c. Dedam explained that the organizational committee would like permission to use town property for events, a formal sponsorship, and to be under the town's insurance, similar to other town events such as Fourth of July and Winter Carnival.
 - d. The committee will plan on presenting a project description at the Selectboard's informational meeting on February 27th.
 - e. The first Sunday in Peacham would be June 21st.
7. Committee updates
 - a. Fence Viewers
 - i. Not present.
 - ii. Allen Thresher informed Galinat that the Fence Viewers used to have a larger role in property line disputes as non-bias mediators. The Selectboard may want to consider having the current Fence Viewers play a larger role.
 - b. Fire Warden
 - i. The Fire Warden will submit his update at the February 17th Selectboard meeting.
8. Old business
 - a. Church septic system
 - i. Attorney Brian Monaghan is currently reviewing the proposed maintenance agreement.
 - b. Town Hall renovation/ADA improvements
 - i. Craig will have the drawings for the February 17th Selectboard meeting.

- c. Keeper of the Pound search
 - i. No update.
- 9. Approve minutes
 - a. **Ring moved to accept the minutes of January 20, 2021 as written. Craig seconded. All in favor. So moved.**
- 10. Review and approve bills
 - a. Discussion ensued on Peacham's Purchasing Policy and invoices from Superior Communications and Jordan Equipment.
 - b. **Craig moved to approve the AP and warrants. Ring seconded. All in favor. So moved.**
- 11. Review correspondence
 - a. No correspondence present.
- 12. Executive session for personnel
 - a. **Craig moved to enter executive session for personnel. Ring seconded. All in favor. Executive session entered at 7:15pm.**
 - b. The Selectboard came out of executive session at 7:36pm.
 - c. No action taken.
- 13. Adjourn
 - a. **Craig moved to adjourn. Ring seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:37pm.**

These minutes were approved as written by the Peacham Selectboard at its regular meeting on 2/17/21.

Rebecca Washington, Selectboard Clerk


