

TOWN OF PEACHAM
MINUTES OF THE SELECTBOARD MEETING

Wednesday, August 4, 2021

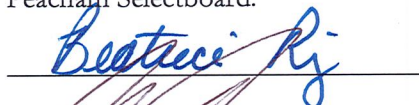
APPROVED

Selectboard Members: Beatrice Ring, Peter Craig, Richard Browne
Public: Road Foreman Jeremy Withers, Selectboard Clerk Rebecca Washington, Janie Carle, Dave Stauffer,
Jonathan Kaplan, Dart Thalman, Jane Alper

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair of the Selectboard Beatrice Ring at 6:30pm.
2. Additions to the agenda (moved to agenda item 15)
 - a. Peacham Library request
 - b. Possible movie filming in Peacham
 - c. Parking request
3. Highway Department update
 - a. Withers explained that Matt Kempton has a surveyor coming in a month to survey for the relocation of the intersection of County Road and Maple Tree Lane.
 - i. The status of the upcoming survey will be included in the Selectboard's written report.
 - b. Blakely Jenkins is willing to do the plowing and sanding at Peacham Pond again for the upcoming winter for the same price as last year, \$13,000.
 - i. Withers will get a written proposal from Jenkins for the Selectboard to review.
4. 10-wheeler lease for 2022
 - a. The Selectboard discussed the lease agreement for a three-year International truck lease presented by Clark's Truck Center.
 - b. Craig pointed out that, with the limited number of trucks available next year, the town should place its order soon.
 - c. **Browne moved to sign the lease agreement. Craig seconded. Browne amended the motion and moved that the Chair of the Selectboard sign the lease agreement. Craig seconded. All in favor. So moved.**
5. East Peacham Road
 - a. Carle asked what East Peacham Road getting paved next year would be contingent on and explained that she learned from Shauna Clifford at VTTrans that Peacham will receive a paving grant next year.
 - i. The Selectboard explained that paving would be contingent on the town receiving the paving grant or a town bond vote and that, barring a road disaster, East Peacham Road should get paved next year.
 - b. Craig mentioned the possibility of doing a bond vote in addition to the grant and paving more than just East Peacham Road.
 - c. Withers explained that past estimates for paving East Peacham Road were between \$305,000-\$315,000. The grant will be for \$175,000 and the Selectboard will have to discuss the best way to pay for the remaining amount.
 - d. Browne recommended getting quotes early from paving companies.
6. Water leak at the soccer field
 - a. Discussion ensued on the water leak in the service line going to the town soccer field.
 - b. Kaplan explained that the leak is very close to the curb stop and that repairs are the town's responsibility between the curb stop and the spigot.
 - c. The water is turned off now and it is a seasonal water line that is off during the winter.
 - d. The repair would involve having someone dig to the water line and then having a plumber repair the leak. The water would then have to be shocked and tested before use.
 - e. An additional concern of the Fire District is how difficult it is to open and close the spigot.
 - f. Discussion followed on the town's options if the water line needed to be replaced.
 - g. Browne suggested getting estimates to have it repaired and including it as a warned article at next year's Town Meeting.
7. Applying for ARPA funds
 - a. Kaplan, as Chair of the Peacham Fire District No 1 Prudential Committee, submitted a request that a portion of the ARPA funding received by the town be allocated to the Peacham Fire District No 1 for infrastructure improvements. For the purposes of ARPA funding, Fire districts are considered special-purpose units of local government and are not eligible to receive their own funding. Local governments may transfer funds to special purpose units. The Fire District requested \$30,000 of ARPA funds to be used to replace the pumps and shafts to the wells, to upgrade and modernize the control panel, and to install a chlorinator monitor.
 - b. The Selectboard is still accepting applications and will take the Fire District's application under advisement.
8. Roller Barn planning
 - a. The new signs are up at the Roller Barn and cost \$1,236. There is currently \$625 in the Roller Barn Fund and, in the past, the Selectboard authorized \$500 to pay for a plaque for Dick Hovey, which never came to fruition and was never spent.
 - b. Stauffer offered to make a donation to make up the \$111 difference.
 - c. **Craig moved to approve spending the \$625 from the Roller Barn Fund and re-allocating the \$500, totaling \$1,125, to pay toward the Roller Barn signs. Browne seconded. All in favor. So moved.**
9. Broadband survey idea

- a. John Dawson would like the Selectboard's permission to use the town's grand list to send out a survey to determine local broadband needs and desires. The survey would be sent out at Dawson's expense, would consist of four questions, and would be due back by September 1, 2021.
 - b. **Craig moved to allow the survey to be mailed out by John Dawson. Browne seconded. All in favor. So moved.**
 - c. The Selectboard agreed that there should be an option for people to email back their responses, rather than just mailing them back.
10. The role and purpose of town committees
- a. There are some town committees that are difficult to fill with active members and the Selectboard discussed how to learn more about the roles of and need for each committee.
 - i. There are very few committees that the town is required to have, but there does need to be a Zoning Administrator and a Development Review Board because Peacham has zoning bylaws.
 - b. The Selectboard will request information from the committees including what their missions are and when they held their last meetings. Each committee will be asked to update its information online and to attend a Selectboard meeting starting in October/November.
 - c. The Selectboard discussed having the voters at Town Meeting decide which committees are important to them.
11. TAN rate approval and designation of signer
- a. **Craig moved to designate Thomas Galinat as the signer of the Tax Anticipation Note. Browne seconded. All in favor. So moved.**
 - b. Washington read an email from Passumpsic Bank which detailed the two options for the TAN and the Selectboard agreed that Treasurer Thomas Galinat should make the decision of which option to choose.
12. Approve minutes
- a. July 21, 2021
 - i. A correction to a resident's name was made to the minutes.
 - ii. **Craig moved to approve the minutes of July 21, 2021. Browne seconded. All in favor. So moved.**
13. Review and approve bills
- a. There were three invoices present that were not included in the AP warrant.
 - i. **Browne moved to pay the three invoices which included \$403.75 to Harrison Creative, \$832.20 to Sign Depot, and \$2,366.01 to VMERS. Craig seconded. All in favor. So moved.**
 - b. **Craig moved to approve and pay all bills as presented. Browne seconded. All in favor. So moved.**
14. Review correspondence
- a. The Selectboard discussed an email from Laurie Kozar regarding the water drainage issue near her house.
 - i. Withers plans to remove the berm soon but needs to first contact Dig Safe and talk to the surrounding landowners.
 - b. The Selectboard read an email from John Reiss.
 - i. Washington will forward Reiss the emails he requested.
15. Additions to the agenda
- a. Peacham Library request
 - i. The Selectboard discussed a request to allow the Peacham Library to dispose of trash for free at the Transfer Station, similar to other nonprofits in town. The Library disposes of approximately one black trash bag per month.
 - ii. The Selectboard agreed to let the Library dispose of its trash for free. Craig will inform the Transfer Station Attendant.
 - b. Possible movie filming in Peacham
 - i. It will be an agenda item at the August 18, 2021 meeting.
 - c. Parking request
 - i. The Selectboard discussed a request from Frank Miller to use the town's field for parking for a concert being held at the church on August 14, 2021.
 - ii. The Selectboard approved the use of the field for parking.
16. Executive session for personnel
- a. **Craig moved to enter executive session for personnel. Browne seconded. All in favor. Executive session entered at 7:38pm.**
 - b. The Selectboard came out of executive session at 7:58pm.
 - c. No action taken.
17. Adjourn
- a. **Browne moved to adjourn. Craig seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:59pm.**

Peacham Selectboard:



Date: 8.18, 21

