

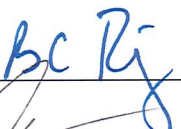


TOWN OF PEACHAM  
MINUTES OF THE SELECTBOARD MEETING  
Wednesday, October 20, 2021  
APPROVED

Selectboard Members: Beatrice Ring, Peter Craig, Richard Browne  
Public: Selectboard Clerk Rebecca Washington, Janie Carle, Dave Stauffer, Ron Craig, Gary Shedd, Alexandra Hough, Karen Lewis, Bob Ring, Dave Edwards

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair of the Selectboard Beatrice Ring at 6:00pm.
2. Additions to the agenda
  - a. Two Grand List adjustments-Peacham Listers
    - i. The Selectboard reviewed two Grand List adjustments presented by the Listers.
    - ii. **Browne moved to approve the two changes to the Grand List as presented by the Listers and to authorize the Chair of the Selectboard to sign them for the entire board. P. Craig seconded. All in favor. So moved.**
  - b. Halloween parade plan approval
    - i. See agenda item 9.
3. Deliberation and decision on the proposed relocation of the intersection of County Road and Maple Tree Lane
  - a. **Browne moved to accept the survey as presented to the Selectboard by Matthew Kempton regarding the movement of County Road and to direct the Road Foreman to build it whenever feasible. P. Craig seconded. All in favor. So moved.**
  - b. The Selectboard reviewed and signed the Acceptance of Highway Alteration and Order Laying out Altered Highway, Town Highway 6 (County Road), which is summarized as follows: In consideration of this dedication by Matthew Kempton and Dawn Kempton, the undersigned members of the Selectboard of the Town of Peacham hereby judge that the public good and necessity, and convenience of individuals, require that said altered highway be laid out as provided in the foregoing documents. Accordingly, it is hereby ordered that the alteration of Town Highway 6 (County Road) be, and hereby is, laid out on a strip of land 49.5 feet in width, more particularly described, with reference to a survey plat of Truline Land Surveyors, Inc., to be filed in the Peacham plat files. Further, it is hereby ordered that that portion of previously existing Town highway 6 (County Road) lying westerly of the above-described parcel be, and hereby is, discontinued, to be conveyed to the contiguous owners therewith.
  - c. The warranty deed will be signed at a later date.
4. Highway Department update
  - a. The Selectboard discussed how well the grant project on Thaddeus Stevens Road is going. The project should be completed by the end of the day on Monday.
5. Committee updates
  - a. Appropriations Committee
    - i. Chair of the Appropriations Committee Dave Edwards presented a report to the Selectboard.
      1. The members of the committee are Dave Edwards, Morgan Gold, and Geoffrey Sewake.
      2. Accomplishments in 2020 include updating the nonprofit contact list, updating the appropriations guidelines, reviewing 17 requests for funding, holding two committee meetings via zoom, and gathering summaries from the nonprofits. The summaries were intended to be included in the Town Report, but were instead made available to the public for review.
      3. The committee had no budget in 2021 and there is no budget requested for 2022.
      4. The committee believes that the current process is deeply flawed, that the committee plays basically a clerical role, and that the voters are not provided with enough information to make informed decisions.
      5. The committee made the recommendation to the Selectboard that the Appropriations Committee be dissolved.
    - ii. Discussion ensued on the options for changing the process to allow the voters to be more informed. Suggestions included having the Appropriations Committee make recommendations to the voters, providing more detailed summaries to the voters, and having a set amount of appropriations money available that the voters would divide among the nonprofits at a pre-Town Meeting.
    - iii. The Selectboard will discuss it further at its November 3rd meeting.
  - b. Keeper of the Pound
    - i. Keeper of the Pound Gary Shedd was appointed in April, has received around 30 phone calls, and has been out about 10-12 times. Some of the calls came from people in other towns.
    - ii. The Selectboard clarified that Shedd is not responsible for all animals, just dogs.
    - iii. Since he hasn't been paid his yearly stipend yet, all of Shedd's expenses are currently out-of-pocket.
6. Committee/Commission appointments
  - a. Cemetery Committee

- i. Lewis recommended that the Selectboard appoint Dave Stauffer and Wendy Morgan to the Cemetery Committee and stated that they are already very active participants.
  - ii. **Browne moved to appoint Wendy Morgan and Dave Stauffer to the Cemetery Committee for three-year terms. P. Craig seconded. All in favor. So moved.**
- b. Conservation Commission
  - i. Stauffer recommended that the Selectboard appoint Carol Fox to the Conservation Commission. She wants to open her land up to the town with new trails and wants the school to continue studying her pond.
  - ii. **Browne moved to appoint Carol Fox to the Conservation Commission for the remainder of a two-year term ending in 2023. P. Craig seconded. All in favor. So moved.**
- 7. Approve minutes
  - a. **P. Craig moved to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2021 meeting as presented. Browne seconded. All in favor. So moved.**
- 8. Review and approve bills
  - a. **Browne moved to approve and pay the bills as presented. P. Craig seconded. All in favor. So moved.**
- 9. Halloween Parade plan approval
  - a. The Selectboard reviewed the PTF plan for the Halloween Parade to be held on October 31st.
  - b. **P. Craig moved to approve the PTF plan for the Halloween Parade. Browne seconded. All in favor. So moved.**
- 10. Review correspondence
  - a. The Selectboard received a complaint about cars being parked in the road on Mack's Mountain Road.
    - i. P. Craig will ask the Road Foreman to show the residents where they can and cannot park.
  - b. The Selectboard discussed the way that plans for the future of Peacham are incorporated into the Town Plan and how the Town Plan is subject to public hearings before being adopted.
- 11. Adjourn
  - a. **P. Craig moved to adjourn. Browne seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:43pm.**

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Date: 11-3-21