

TOWN OF PEACHAM  
MINUTES OF THE SELECTBOARD MEETING  
Wednesday, February 16, 2022  
APPROVED

Selectboard Members: Beatrice Ring, Peter Craig, Richard Browne  
Public: Town Clerk Thomas Galinat, Road Foreman Jeremy Withers, Selectboard Clerk Rebecca Washington,  
Dave Stauffer, Ron Craig, Janie Carle, Rachael Moragues

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair of the Selectboard Beatrice Ring at 7:00pm.
2. Additions to the agenda
  - a. Planning for the town informational hearing
    - i. Moved to agenda item 9.
3. ARPA funds
  - a. The Selectboard reviewed APRA comments and proposals as compiled by Allie Webster.
  - b. Ring commented that the Selectboard should not wait too long to decide how to spend the ARPA funds and that a portion of the money should be used for the CUD.
  - c. Browne suggested that the Selectboard form a committee to help assist Webster with the process.
    - i. Ring recommended putting deadlines in place for the committee.
    - ii. Discussion ensued on potential committee members.
      - a) Browne will reach out to a couple of people who might be interested.
4. Highway Department update
  - a. The new backhoe may be delivered sooner than expected.
  - b. Withers received the grant application for paving East Peacham Road and will complete and submit it to VTtrans soon.
  - c. The town pickup truck has a cracked radiator and needs a new one. Withers is currently using his personal pickup truck and asked permission from the Selectboard to use the town credit card to fill up his gas tank once a week or to get reimbursed for mileage.
    - i. The Selectboard agreed that Withers can fill up his personal pickup truck with gas once a week until the town pickup truck is back.
5. Municipal Roads General Permit (MRGP)
  - a. The Selectboard reviewed the MRGP form and agreed that one Selectboard member would sign it in the Town Office.
6. Town Clerk/Treasurer update
  - a. Town Meeting is two weeks away and 65 people have already voted. That is about half the number of people who usually vote during a floor vote.
  - b. Town reports are currently available at the Town Office, the library, Marty's, Hasting's, West Barnet Quick Stop, and will be available at the Transfer Station on Saturday. Once the town report file is compressed, it will be put on the town website.
  - c. Galinat requested that Ring make a list of the projects that she's currently in charge of so that she can hand off her duties when she's no longer on the Selectboard.
7. Town Gym policies
  - a. The Selectboard reviewed an update on the town gym as submitted by Moragues, which included requests, updates, and concerns.
  - b. Discussion ensued.
    - i. Moragues should try to get supplies from vendors that the town already has accounts with.
    - ii. Kids need to be supervised more closely by their parents. Moragues will draft a waiver that gym users will have to sign that will protect the town and will submit it to the Selectboard for review.
    - iii. The locksmith should be coming soon to see about putting a keycode lock on the door and to rekey the door.
    - iv. The gym door is rusted and needs to be replaced. P. Craig will see about including a new commercial door in the front entrance project.
    - v. P. Craig already informed the Transfer Station Attendant that trash from the gym should be accepted for free.
    - vi. Stauffer already put a new locking handle on the bathroom door and is reconstructing the closet wall that someone took down.
8. Insurance claim process
  - a. Discussion ensued on the process for the insurance claim on Deweyburg Road.
  - b. **P. Craig moved to pay the deductible and to get the insurance claim completed. Browne seconded. All in favor. So moved.**
9. Planning for the town informational hearing
  - a. The town's informational hearing will be held at 10:00am on February 26th via zoom.
  - b. Tim Mckay will moderate the hearing after the Selectboard calls it to order and will go through the articles on the Town Meeting warning.
    - i. Registered voters who are interested in open town officer positions but didn't get on the ballot will be allowed to introduce themselves during the meeting.
  - c. Galinat is planning on doing a test run of the zoom next week.

10. Approve minutes
  - a. **P. Craig moved to approve the minutes of February 2, 2022 as presented. Browne seconded. All in favor. So moved.**
11. Review and approve bills
  - a. **Browne moved to approve the AP and payrolls as presented and to authorize one member of the Selectboard to sign the warrants. P. Craig seconded. All in favor. So moved.**
12. Review correspondence
  - a. Correspondence included:
    - i. A letter from the Fire Department recommending that Jeffrey Berwick be appointed as Peacham's Fire Chief.
      - a) The Selectboard will be making its annual appointments on March 2, 2022.
13. Adjourn
  - a. **Browne moved to adjourn. P. Craig seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.**

These minutes were approved as written by the Peacham Selectboard at its regular meeting on 3/2/22.

Rebecca Washington, Selectboard Clerk

