

TOWN OF PEACHAM
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at 7:00pm
This meeting was conducted via Zoom

In attendance: Peter Craig, Selectboard Chair, Richard Browne, Selectboard Member, Alfred Dedam, Selectboard Member, Thomas Galinat, Town Clerk/Treasurer, Rusty Barber, DRB Chair, Christa Chute, NEKCU Executive Director, Ian Boswell, Fall Fondo, John Reiss, Dave Stauffer, Harry Vann, Neil Monteith, Janie Carle, John Marshall, Allison Webster, Jock Gill, Harry Vann, Beatrice Ring, Patrice McDonough, Mike Gaiss, Ron Craig

1. Call to order
 - a. The meeting was called to order by Peter Craig at 7:01pm.
2. Additions to the agenda
 - a. Fall Fondo
 - i. Ian Boswell asked the board permission to host the Fall Fondo in Peacham. **Richard Browne moved to approve for 2022, Alfred Dedam seconded, all in favor, so moved.**
3. Highway Department update
 - a. Peter Craig read the Highway update.
 - i. The road foreman has applied for the paving grant.
 - ii. Consolidated Communications requested to bury fiber in the right of way. **Richard Browne moved to approve burying fiber in the town's right of way, with the condition it must be coordinated with Jeremy Withers, seconded by Alfred Dedam, all in favor, so moved.**
 - iii. Peacham Community Housing requested the use of the Town's sweeper to clean the senior housing's parking area. The board did not consider this request.
 - iv. The Peacham Congregational Church has requested their driveway be graded by the highway department (historically done in trade for Town Meeting use of the building). Withers had concerns that the Town's grader is too large for the space. Peter Craig will reach out to Rick Witt.
4. Town Clerk/Treasurer update
 - a. Thomas Galinat requested the board schedule time in the next meeting to go over financial reports.
5. CUD plan update-John Marshall
 - a. John Marshall reviewed the broadband ARPA proposal. Christa Chute spoke on behalf of the Northeast Kingdom Communications Union District. The discussion included a backbone of fiber from West Barnet through Peacham to West Danville. ARPA funds would need ARPA funds for the spurs to Groton and to the Fire Station. The proposal has been recorded in the town records for public review.
6. Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP)

- a. Neil Monteith will update the LEMP with the new contacts and keeping the same long form as previous years for the board to sign a future meeting.
7. Personnel Policy
 - a. Richard Browne received the policy from the attorney that was sent for review, there were no changes. The code of conduct will be included in the personnel policies. Browne will the review the process of approval and how the Town will handle overtime.
 8. Peacham municipal buildings: energy efficiency implementation-Peacham Energy Committee
 - a. Allison Webster asked permission to have efficiency Vermont do a walk through.
Richard Browne moved to allow the Energy Committee reach out to Efficiency Vermont to verify the previous audits, seconded by Alfred Dedam, all in favor, so moved.
 9. Cemetery deeds
 - a. **Richard Brown moved to approve the 4 cemetery deeds, Alfred Dedam seconded, all in favor, so moved.**
 10. Approve minutes
 - a. Selectboard Minutes feedback
 - i. The board requested the minutes are to be brief and slimmed down. Peter Craig reminded everyone the recording will always be available.
 - b. March 16, 2022
 - i. **Richard Browne moved to approve the minutes as written with a correction to the spelling of John Reiss' last name, seconded by Alfred Dedam, all in favor, so moved.**
 11. Review and approve bills
 - a. **Richard Browne moved to approve the three payrolls (3/21/22, 3/28/2022, 4/4/2022) and bills of 4/4/22 as presented, seconded by Alfred Dedam, all in favor, so moved.**
 12. Review correspondence
 - a. Peter Craig reviewed correspondence.
 13. Adjourn
 - a. Richard Browne spoke on the matter of returning to in-person meetings, hybrid, or remote. The board made no motion.
 - b. **Richard Browne moved to adjourn, seconded by Alfred Dedam, all in favor, so moved.** Meeting adjourned at 8:23pm

Not included in these minutes are the chat box from the zoom meeting. These written public comments as well as a copy of the recording are available by request to the Town Office.

These minutes are unapproved
Thomas Galinat