

TOWN OF PEACHAM

Selectboard Meeting

Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 7:00pm

Location: Hybrid Meeting held at the Peacham Library Community Room and via zoom

Attendance: Peter Craig, Selectboard Chair, Richard Browne, Selectboard, Alfred Dedam, Selectboard, Jeremy Withers, Road Foreman, Thomas Galinat, Town Clerk, Gillian Sewake, ARPA committee, Dave Edwards, John Reiss, Laurie Kozar, Dave Stauffer, Ron Craig

MINUTES

1. Call to order 7:02pm
2. Highway Department update
 - a. Jeremy Withers spoke on the progress of the County Road intersection with Maple Tree Lane. The project won't be complete for a few more weeks. Withers is working on the timeline of the East Peacham Rd paving. Laurie Kozar asked if the village was going to be paved. The board said it was going to get paved.
3. Town Clerk/Treasurer update
 - a. Thomas Galinat spoke that the increases from inflation are higher than anticipated and what was budgeted for. He urged moving forward
 - b. Galinat spoke on the reorganization of the vault, he said every corner of the vault has been cleaned, reorganized, and ready for years of growth.
 - c. Richard Browne asked about the Axis GIS online tool. Galinat said he was cautious since it was not in the budget and there were many unknowns for this year. Galinat said the Listers had not reviewed the tax map contract yet.
4. Covid sick pay for town employees
 - a. Galinat spoke that a previous decision of the board allowed Highway Department to be paid regular time for covid related time off. **Richard Browne moved to extend this to all town employees, seconded by Alfred Dedam, all in favor, so moved.**
5. ARPA Committee update on ARPA proposals/process
 - a. Gillian Sewake spoke that the ARPA committee voted to approve the NEK Broadband project proposal for \$30,000.
6. Approval of ARPA funds for broadband buildout
 - a. **Richard Brown moved to spend \$30,000 of ARPA funds for the NEK broadband project after the contract has been signed and corrected, seconded by Alfred Dedam, all in favor, so moved.**
7. Discussion of legal document
 - a. **Richard Browne moved to approve hiring an attorney, Jim Carrol, for legal representation in the outstanding zoning violation on Old Country Road, seconded by Alfred Dedam, all in favor, so moved.**

8. Town Meeting 2023
 - a. Browne discussed having a moderator from Vermont come to talk about the future of town meeting in Peacham. Browne said this would be way to look into improving Town Meeting.
9. Planning Commission resignations
 - a. Jock Gill and Bruce Maclean gave their resignations for the planning commission. Gill said, after the decision to enforce zoning, he would stay on until Town Meeting 2023. Gill said he would talk to Maclean to see if Maclean would stay on until Town Meeting 2023 as well. If Maclean does not stay on, Peter Craig suggesting appointing Tyler Lafontaine to the Planning Commission, as he is currently the alternate.
10. Approve minutes
 - a. May 4, 2022
 - i. **Richard Browne moved to approve the minutes from May 4th, 2022, Seconded by Alfred Dedam, all in favor, so moved.**
11. Review and approve bills
 - a. **Richard Brown moved to approve the AP and payrolls as presented, seconded by Alfred Dedam, all in favor, so moved.**
12. Review correspondence
 - a. None other than the previously discussed resignations.
13. Executive session for personnel
 - a. **Richard Browne moved to go into executive session at 7:35pm, seconded by Alfred Dedam, all in favor, so moved. The board came out of executive session at 8:06pm. The board agreed that Jeremy Withers could offer the road crew position to the preferred candidate.**
14. Adjourn
 - a. **Alfred Dedam moved to adjourn at 8:08pm, Seconded by Richard Browne, all in favor, so moved.**

Documents provided to the Selectboard and documents discussed at this meeting are available by request to the Town Office. A copy of the recording and the chat box are available by request to the Town Office.

These minutes are unapproved
Thomas Galinat