

TOWN OF PEACHAM

Selectboard Meeting

Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at 7:00pm

Location: Hybrid Meeting was held in the Peacham Library Community Room and via zoom.

Attendance: Peter Craig, Selectboard Chair, Richard Browne, Selectboard, Alfred Dedam, Selectboard, Jeremy Withers, Road Foreman, Anna Rubin, Planning Commission, Jock Gill, Energy Committee and Planning Commission, Allison Webster, Energy Committee, Dori Wolfe, Peacham Energy, Adam Dobson, Planning Commission, Marilyn Magnus, Planning Commission, Thomas Galinat, Town Clerk, Janie Carle

Minutes:

1. Call to order at 7:00pm
2. Additions to the agenda
 - a. VMERS audit
 - i. Moved to Town Clerk update
 - b. Oil Prices
 - i. Jock Gill spoke on the need for warming shelters as the price of home heating will increase for the '22-'23 heating season.
3. Highway Department update
 - a. Jeremy Withers spoke that the road crew will be fully staffed on June 6th. He stated there are two documents that need Selectboard signatures for the State, the certification of compliance for Town Road and Bridge Standards and Network Inventory, and Annual Financial Plan for Town Highways. He also requested signatures for the Letter of Intent to Participate in the SFY'23 Municipal Roads Grants-In-Aid Program. The board will come into the Town Office to sign.
4. Town Clerk/Treasurer update
 - a. Thomas Galinat spoke that there has been illness in the office and he will be working overtime this weekend to get things back up to speed.
 - b. VMERS Audit
 - i. Galinat spoke Peacham was selected for an annual audit of their retirement reporting. He spoke that he is excited for the findings and the opportunities to better the current system.
5. Energy Committee update on Peacham Community Solar (w/developer Dori Wolfe)
 - a. Allie Webster spoke on the progress of the community solar array. Dori Wolfe spoke on the finances of the array, the Town will pay 90% of the value of the credits, and receive a 10% savings on the cost of those credits.

6. NEK Broadband ARPA contract
 - a. **Alfred Dedam moved to approve the contract, seconded by Richard Browne, with reservation to have the contract signed by the Selectboard Chair, all in favor, so moved.**

7. Tree Board documents
 - a. Richard Browne spoke on behalf of the Tree Board. He stated that the board has two plans: EAB Mitigation Plan, and the Town Tree Plan. The Selectboard spoke on putting information on the website and social media platforms. The board will approve language for public information at the next meeting.
 - b. **Richard Browne moved to approve the plans for maintenance and marking from the Tree Board, seconded by Peter Craig, all in favor, so moved.**

8. Planning Commission
 - a. Richard Browne spoke on the need for transitional year with two members resigned and now reappointed until Town Meeting 2023. He furthered that the Selectboard should provide the Planning Commission with a few objectives and a timeline for these objectives. Browne spoke that the Planning Commission should provide to the Selectboard a list of items in the By-laws and Town Plan that need to be reviewed.
 - b. Jock Gill spoke about the importance of a collaborative and cooperative process. He said the Planning Commission would like a few “bite-size” items.
 - c. Richard Browne moved to appoint Jock Gill and Bruce Maclean for a term until Town Meeting 2023, and Jock Gill and Anna Rubin to be appointed as co-chairs, seconded by Alfred Dedam, all in favor, so moved.

9. Approve minutes
 - a. May 18, 2022
 - a. **Richard Browne moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Alfred Dedam, all in favor, so moved.**

10. Review and approve bills
 - a. Richard Browne asked what the energy invoices are. Galinat explained this was a grant the Energy Committee received and the Town is now dispersing the grants.
 - i. Richard Browne moved to approve the bills as presented, seconded by Alfred Dedam, all in favor, so moved.

11. Review correspondence
 - a. No new correspondence.

12. Adjourn
 - a. Richard Browne moved to adjourn at 7:50pm, seconded by Alfred Dedam, all in favor, so moved.

These minutes are unapproved
Thomas Galinat

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 also available by request.