

TOWN OF PEACHAM

Selectboard Meeting

Wednesday, August 3, 2022 at 7:00pm

Location: at the Peacham Town Hall Gym

Attendance: Peter Craig, Selectboard Chair, Richard Browne, Selectboard, Alfred Dedam, Selectboard, Jeremy Withers, Road Foreman, Thomas Galinat, Town Clerk, John Reiss, Dave Stauffer, Dave Edwards, Johnathan Kaplan, Allison Webster, Gillian Sewake, Janie Carle, Ron Craig,

MINUTES

1. Call to order by Chair Peter Craig at 7:02pm
2. Additions to the agenda
 - a. Cemetery Deed Approval
 - i. **Richard Browne moved to sign the Cemetery Deed, seconded by Alfred Dedam, all in favor, so moved.**
3. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds discussion
 - a. Allison Webster and Gillian Sewake spoke for the ARPA committee. They spoke about the process and the decision for partial funding where grants were available. The committee did not prioritize projects. The committee focused on projects that benefited the majority of the community and would benefit the community in the event of another pandemic or similar emergency. The board discussed options for funding and discussed the Fire Districts well pumps as well as the Town Hall gym floor. The board made no decision.
4. Cemetery Tree Work Estimates
 - a. The board reviewed three tree work estimates
 - i. Alexander Tree \$13,600
 - ii. Artistic Arborist \$12,626
 - iii. Snapping Turtle \$7,100
 - b. **Alfred Dedam motioned to accept Snapping Turtles bid, seconded by Richard Browne, all in favor, so moved.**
 - c. **Richard Browne motioned to pay this expense from the cemetery working capital fund, seconded by Alfred Dedam, all in favor, so moved.**
5. Highway Department update
 - a. Jeremy Withers spoke that the highway department is working on routine maintenance. The stop sign is South Peacham is going in soon. The Town will need to update the Road Ordinance to name the new sign. Discussion ensued on bidding out a new truck for 2023, Withers stated that he is waiting on bids from companies. No action taken. Withers asked the board to prepare for winter and start thinking about whether or not to take bids for plowing Peacham Pond.
6. Town Clerk/Treasurer update
 - a. Thomas Galinat spoke that the office is preparing for the primary on August 9th and still working on getting Tax Bills out.
 - b. Galinat said the Town has about \$500,000 in liabilities due in August and is reaching out to vendors to extend these due dates until after taxes have come in. This would prevent borrowing and prevent the extra expense of the interest on borrowed funds.
7. Approve minutes
 - a. July 20, 2022
 - i. **Alfred Dedam moved to approve the minutes from July 20 as presented, seconded by Richard Browne, all in favor, so moved.**

8. Review and approve bills
 - a. **Alfred Dedam moved to approve the 2 payrolls and the one AP as presented, seconded by Richard Browne, all in favor, so moved.**
 - b. Galinat asked the board approve a bill not in the AP from the Peacham Emergency Relief Fund, he stated this is a pass-through account funded by private donations. **Richard Browne moved to pay the bill, seconded Alfred Dedam, all in favor, so moved.**
9. Review correspondence
 - a. The board reviewed correspondence from the Congregational Church regarding the church sale in the gym, the board will reach out to the church to discuss this.
10. Adjourn
 - a. **Richard Browne moved to adjourn, Alfred Dedam seconded, all in favor, so moved, meeting adjourned at 8:38pm**

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