

TOWN OF PEACHAM
Selectboard Meeting
Wednesday, September 7, 2022 at 7:00pm
Location: **Peacham Library Community Room**

Attendance: Peter Craig, Selectboard Chair, Alfred Dedam, Selectboard, Jeremy Withers, Road Foreman, Thomas Galinat, Town Clerk, Ron Craig, Sexton, Rick Scholes, Lister, Dave Stauffer, Dave Edwards, Allen Freund, John Reiss, Beatrice Ring, John Guillemette, Bruce Westcott

Minutes

1. Call to order
2. Additions to the agenda
 - a. Town Truck Lease
 - i. Withers opened the bids from Freightliner and International. **Alfred Dedam motioned to accept the international bid, seconded by Peter Craig, all in favor, so moved.**
 - b. Board of Abatement
 - i. No action taken.
 - c. Tax Map Contract
 - i. Rick Scholes stated he was not able to get another quote from another Tax Map vendor at this time. Scholes stated it was okay to sign the contract with the current vendor. Discussion ensued regarding timelines for the Listers for the next contract and other potential vendors. **Alfred Dedam moved to approve the contract from CAI, seconded by Peter Craig, all in favor, so moved.**
 - d. Town Hall Fire Alarm
 - i. Galinat stated that the fire alarm is 32 years old. The system no longer communicates with the fire alarm company. The total estimate was \$4190. Galinat will pursue VLCT PACIF Grant. The board requested Galinat include the grant and the quote into the 2023 budget.
 - e. Land Record Digitization
 - i. Galinat stated that the land records have returned. There will now be a complete index and searchable Selectboard Minutes and Town Records. The board felt the minutes are public and should be available online. Galinat will report back to the board with the cost to put the minutes and town records online. Discussion ensued regarding historical records and surveys.
 - f. Peacham Pond Plowing
 - i. Withers opened three bids for plowing Peacham Pond from 802 Lawn Care, Scott Abare, and Blakely Jenkins. The board tabled this decision until the next meeting.
3. Highway Department update
 - a. Beavers are a nuisance on Bayley Hazen Road at Willow Brook.

- b. Blanchard hill underground power, SB requests Road Foreman to reach out to the owner to contact the Selectboard
 - c. Thaddeus Stevens Grant will be completed soon.
 - d. Discussion on the Right of Way at the end of Cow Hill Road to the Town Forest and other land owners. No action taken.
 4. Town Clerk/Treasurer update
 - a. Galinat stated the VMERS audit is complete.
 - b. Galinat stated that taxes are coming in and is it likely the Town will not have to borrow.
 5. Peacham Pond Association update-Allen Freund
 - a. Allen Freund and John Guillemette spoke about the importance of the Greeter program at Peacham Pond to prevent invasive species. Galinat stated he will budget the difference of the Greeter Program and grant funds from the Agency of Natural Resources.
 6. Fireworks funding discussion-Beatrice Ring
 - a. Beatrice Ring asked the board to put the Fireworks in the budget, no action taken.
 7. Update on ARPA fund distribution-Beatrice Ring
 - a. Ring asked the board about ARPA distribution. Discussion ensued on the process of the how to engage the proposals from the ARPA committee with the board.
 8. Red store discussion-Beatrice Ring
 - a. Ring asked the board to consider new zoning regulations or enforcing state statutes with this property.
 9. Cemetery tree work
 - a. Ron Craig presented an updated bid from Snapping Turtle, it came in \$2000 higher than the original bid but still the lowest bid from the three, by \$3500. **Alfred Dedam moved to accept the amended quote, seconded by Peter Craig, all in favor, so moved.**
 10. Approve minutes
 - a. August 17, 2022
 - i. **Alfred Dedam moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Peter Craig, all in favor, so moved.**
 11. Review and approve bills
 - a. **Alfred Dedam moved to approve the bills as presented, seconded by Peter Craig, all in favor, so moved.**
 12. Review correspondence
 - a. The board reviewed the email from David Jacobs. The board ensured Jacobs that the selected contractor for the cemetery will be reviewing the cabled trees.
 - b. Bruce Westcott asked for the Board's endorsement of a grant to insulate the church. Discussion ensued on the relevance to the board's involvement. The board agreed to endorse.
 13. Adjourn
 - a. **Alfred Dedam moved to adjourn at 8:47pm, all in favor, adjourned.**