

# TOWN OF PEACHAM

## Selectboard Meeting

Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7:00pm

Location: **Peacham Library Community Room**

Attendance: Peter Craig, Selectboard Chair, Richard Browne, Selectboard, Alfred Dedam, Selectboard, Road Foreman, Allison Webster, Energy Committee, Anna Rubin, Planning Commission Chair, Neil Monteith, Emergency Management Director, Thomas Galinat, Town Clerk, Stephen Engle, Ron Craig, Laurie Kozar, Mel Reis, Rod Reis, Dave Stauffer, Jeff Lane, Nancy Saidi, Harry Vann, Larry Jensen, Rebecca Jensen, Susan Chandler

## Minutes

1. Call to order by Chair Peter Craig at 7:02pm by reminding attendees to raise a hand to
2. Additions to the agenda
  - a. Emergency Management Update – Neil Monteith
    - i. Neil stated that the town needs an alternate to the EMC. **Alfred Dedam moved to appoint Andrea Kane, seconded by Richard Browne, all in favor, so moved.**
  - b. Report from the Energy Committee – Allison Webster
    - i. Allison Webster stated that the energy committee reach out to three contractors and only received one bid for heating, insulation, and air sealing of the Town Hall. Discussion ensued. The board asked Webster to have the contractor to mark out where the Heat Pumps would be located and availability to preform the work. Webster is going to continue to seek further estimates for air sealing and insulation.
  - c. Planning Commission Grant request – Anna Rubin
    - i. The Planning Commission requests permission for a By-law Modification Grant. Richard Browne approved the application for this grant and the Town Clerk be the signatory for the grant, Alfred Dedam seconded, all in favor, so moved.
  - d. Gym Update – Richard Browne
    - i. Pickle ball will move forward with the tape alternative so pickle ball can start soon.
    - ii. Browne wanted to pursue a Wi-Fi key pad for the gym, add crash bars where needed, rekey the Town Hall, and improve the overall security and safety of the building.
    - iii. Dave Stauffer asked if a Town Administrator is needed. Browne felt there wasn't a need. Galinat stated that there is a lot more work for Town Leaders, however the board has done a better job delegating responsibilities and addressing issues in the last few years.
  - e. Executive Session – Personnel – Tom Galinat



- e. Browne asked Kozar to reach out the Selectboard and not to the Road Foreman from now on. He said at this point the issue is known and is a Selectboard decision. He said he would like to have Jeremy Withers and AOT be present to continue this discussion.
  - f. Kozar asked for two links to be part of the minutes. No action taken.
  - g. The board agreed to reach out to AOT and an engineer if needed to make a date and time for a follow-up meeting. No action taken.
7. Appropriation Process Discussion
- a. Browne stated the appropriation committee is no longer active. He said he would like to revise the process and timelines but for this year he will head the appropriation process this year.
8. Approve minutes
- a. September 21th, 2022
    - i. **Alfred Dedam moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Richard Browne, all in favor, Browne abstains, so moved.**
9. Review and approve bills
- a. **Richard Browne moved to approve the two payrolls and one accounts payroll, seconded by Alfred Dedam, all in favor so moved.** Galinat asked that board approve two additional bills for the Peacham Covid Emergency Fund. The accounts tonight are shared with the request and Galinat felt this could reveal too much information about the applicant if they were on the warrant as well. **Richard Browne moved to approve the Peacham Covid Emergency Fund bills, seconded by Alfred Dedam, all in favor, so moved.**
10. Review correspondence
- a. Peter Craig read correspondence from North East Kingdom Waste Management District about a clothing recycling donation box at the transfer station. The board agreed to reach out of NEKWMD to get the program started.
  - b. Richard Browne discussed correspondence from a Peacham Pond resident regarding a waterline in the Right of Way. The board felt Jeremy needed to reach out to the resident before any action could be taken.
11. Executive Session for Real Estate
- a. Peter Craig moved to enter executive session at 8:58pm. The board came out of executive session at 9:08pm. Richard Browne moved to pursue a real estate agent and attorney for a real estate transaction, Peter Craig seconded, Alfred Dedam recused himself, majority in favor, so moved.
12. Adjourn
- a. **Alfred Dedam moved to adjourn at 9:09pm, all in favor, adjourned.**