

TOWN OF PEACHAM

Selectboard Meeting

Wednesday, November 2, 2022 at 7:00pm

Location: **Peacham Library Community Room**

Attendance (from the recording, apologies for omissions): Peter Craig, Chair of Selectboard, Richard Browne, Selectboard, Alfred Dedam, Selectboard, Jeremy Withers, Road Foreman, Karen Lewis, Cemetery Committee, Ron Craig, Sextant, Allison Webster, Energy Committee, Jonathan Kaplan, Mel Reis, Steve Engle, Laurie Kozar,

Minutes:

1. Call to order by Peter Craig at 7:00pm
2. Additions to the agenda
 - a. No Additions
3. Highway Department update
 - a. Jeremy Withers said the new truck has arrived. The trucks are getting ready for winter. The highway used oil supply is only 5 barrels, it should be around 20 barrels. Salt prices are increases by \$15 a ton.
4. Town Clerk/Treasurer update
 - a. No Update
5. Cemetery planning-Karen Lewis
 - a. Karen Lewis spoke how Ron Craig cleared the western fence line of the cemetery, she emphasized and encouraged the board to see the new view. The fence needs repair about a cost \$2,500. The committee is planning on surveying the new Green Burial section of the cemetery. Browne requested the committee add a buffer for future tree work in next year's budget.
6. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
 - a. Browne spoke about creating a plan for ARPA funds. He suggested waiting until after Town Meeting. Craig suggested items the board wants to go forward should also be on the warning for Town Meeting. Allison Webster discussed concerns about have a vote for distributing funds. Discussion ensued regarding the recommendations of the committee and board approved projects. There has only been one board approved project, NEK Broadband. The board will meet to discuss ARPA plans as a working meeting without taking action.
7. Town Hall HVAC/boiler
 - a. Browne spoke that he met with Alison Webster and the HVAC contractor. Richard Browne spoke about the state of the current boiler; ancient, inefficient, and improperly installed. He continued to discuss the options for the gym heating, on-demand hot water heater, and mini-splits for first floor heating. **Richard Browne moved to accept Andy Thomas's quote to replace the boiler, seconded by Alfred Dedam, all in favor, so moved.** Richard Browne stated the final price will likely be higher as more work was added after the quote to protect the propane line and extend the exhaust up the side of the building. The board discussed the 2019 renovation plan.

8. 2023 Town Meeting
 - a. Browne spoke that a small committee would be needed to make Town Meeting more accessible. Browne suggested it be the Moderator, the Town Clerk, a Selectboard Member, and a member of the community. Alfred Dedam volunteered for the role. The board will reach out to community members for interest in joining the committee.
 - b. Browne suggested separating the appropriations for Peacham organizations and outside organizations into two separate articles.
9. Approve minutes
 - a. October 17, 2022 Special Meeting
 - a. **Richard Browne moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Alfred Dedam, all in favor, so moved.**
 - b. Laurie Kozar asked the for the following link be including in the minutes. Browne and Craig agreed to include. https://www.nvda.net/hmp-plans/PeachamVT_AHMP.pdf
 - b. October 19, 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 moved to approve the bills and payrolls as presented, seconded by Alfred Dedam, all in favor, so moved.**
11. Review correspondence
 - a. The board discussed that the planning commission submitted the grant.
12. Executive session for real estate
 - a. Browne moved to go into executive session at 8:16pm. The board came out at 8:42pm, No Action Taken
13. Adjourn
 - a. Alfred Dedam moved to adjourn, seconded by Richard Brown, all in favor, so moved. Meeting adjourned at 8:42pm.

Documents provided to the Selectboard and documents to discussed at this meeting are available by request to the Town Office.