

TOWN OF PEACHAM  
Selectboard Meeting  
Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 at 7:00pm  
Location: Peacham Library Community Room

Attendance: Peter Craig, Selectboard, Alfred Dedam, Select Board, Thomas Galinat, Town Clerk, Jeremy Withers, Road Foreman, Dave Stauffer

Via Phone: Richard Browne, Selectboard

Minutes

1. Call to order by Peter Craig at 7:01pm.
2. Additions to the agenda
  - a. PTF formally requesting use of gym for Mud and Muck auction. It's been added to the gym schedule. Awaiting vendor's liquor license to come through, but confirm that alcohol will continue to be allowed as long as there's no issue. All in agreement.
  - b. Listers need approval for tax maps contract.
    - i. **Peter moved to accept recommendations from listers to accept contract for tax maps, Alfred seconded, all in favor, so moved.**
3. Highway Department update by Jeremy Withers
  - a. Workers have been busy with road maintenance and vehicle maintenance. Mailbox issue resolved. Awaiting personnel decision from Selectboard.
4. Town Clerk/Treasurer update by Tom Galinat
  - a. Finalizing revisions of Town Report. Expects final report to come out within a few days.
  - b. Preparing for in-person town meeting. Also working to create an organized process for secular use of the Meeting House.
    - i. Discussion about the use of the term Meeting House. Further discussion on effort to ensure that the space is in compliance with federal regulations as a secular space since it is the only space large enough to meet the needs of many organizations in town. Discussion included recognition of the challenges that come with that effort.
    - ii. Tom announced that he will not be running for Town Clerk again, noting that Rebecca Washington, Assistant Town Clerk, will run.
5. Approve minutes
  - a. **Alfred moved to approve minutes from January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 with the corrected date, seconded by Peter, all in favor, so moved.**
6. Review and approve bills
  - a. Dave Stauffer asked if there was progress in buying the town green. Peter confirmed there has not been progress since the last meeting. Dave asked if they were buying from PCH or Rural Edge. Peter and Alfred confirmed it would be from PCH. Alfred clarified that there is still no formal agreement with Rural Edge regarding the green, but noted that the green agreement is separate from Rural Edge's management of the Academy Apartments. Discussion about transfer of Academy Apartments bill payments from EP Management to Rural Edge.
  - b. **Alfred moved to approve bills as presented, seconded by Peter, all in favor, so moved.**

7. Review correspondence
  - a. Winter Carnival preparations list. Jeremy confirmed they would start working on that next week. The town is not directly responsible for events like Winter Carnival, but it is involved, so a discussion followed about the inclusion of these types of events in the proposed Recreation Committee responsibilities.
8. Executive Session for personnel.
  - a. Alfred moved to enter executive session for personnel at 7:26pm
  - b. All members approve of Jeremy Withers' choice of Matt Colburn as the new hire for the highway department.
  - c. Exited executive session at 8:09pm
9. Alfred moved to adjourn at 8:10pm seconded by Peter, all in favor, so moved.

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