

TOWN OF PEACHAM
Wednesday, July 5, 2023
Selectboard Meeting
Hybrid meeting in the Peacham Library Community Room and via Zoom

Attendance

In-person: Richard Browne, Selectboard, Peter Craig, Selectboard, Alfred Dedam, Select Board, Jeremy Withers, Road Foreman, Anna Carvalho, Selectboard Clerk

Via Zoom: David Stauffer

Minutes

1. Call to order by Richard at 6:30pm, Wednesday, July 5, 2023
2. Additions to the agenda
 - a. Cemetery Deed
 - i. **Peter moves to accept the cemetery deed as presented, seconded by Alfred, all in favor, so moved.**
 - b. General updates
 - i. Discussion about PCH easement and finishing subdivision.
 - ii. Alfred has not heard from Toby Balivet yet, so he will reach out.
3. Highway Department Update – Jeremy Withers
 - a. Slack St. is open again, but may need some more work.
 - b. One of the trucks went over to Allegiance for inspection, and it's all set.
 - c. Chloride truck is out of service at the moment due to an electrical issue. It will take a week or more to be fixed, so he will need to wait on grading.
 - d. The storms haven't hit the town too badly, but there are some touch ups to take care of.
 - e. There is no news on ordering the new truck, but Jeremy is in contact with International, and may reach out to some other companies. He is concerned about getting the truck as soon as possible.
 - f. Dave Stauffer reported looking into potential hog weed on Macks Mount, but found it's actually cow parsnip. It chokes out other things and has caustic sap, so Dave cleared out some of it. It's ok with Jeremey and the Selectboard if he continues to try to keep it under control.
 - g. Dave also shared his wish that the Highway Department could get a decent sized tractor with front-end loader and heated cab that would be big enough to run implements out the back. He feels attachments like a flail mower could really help with mowing, and feels tractor with a bucket could be useful in winter too. He thinks it could benefit roadside clearing, as mowing previously done is not enough. Dave recognizes the town does not have money for it at the moment.
4. Town Clerk/Treasurer Update – via email from Rebecca Washington

- a. Rebecca will provide a budget report next meeting.
 - b. Information is trickling in, so the Selectboard should be able to set the tax rate next meeting.
 - c. The Town has not had to borrow any money yet.
5. Parking – Concerns from Ron Craig, reported by Peter Craig
 - a. Ron wants to volunteer to bush hog old parking area at soccer field to keep it open. Selectboard is ok with it.
 - b. Ron is concerned about the residents just past fire station parking in the road. Discussion about how blocking part of the road is problematic during winter or when the highway department is trying to work on the road. Peter will speak with them.
6. Public comment - none
7. Approve minutes
 - a. **Peter moved to accept minutes as presented from June 21st, 2023 seconded by Alfred, all in favor, so moved.**
8. Review and approve bills
 - a. **Peter moved to approve bills as presented, seconded by Alfred, all in favor, so moved.**
9. Review correspondence
 - a. Rusty Barber email – ready to talk about digging up back of Town Hall for waterproofing and shed construction, but hasn't been able to connect with Bob Hansan yet to confirm line. Rusty was given the go ahead to apply for a zoning permit. Richard is looking into recreational grants.
 - b. Change in appraisal of real estate notice. The value for the Town Garage has gone up \$1,100, and the value for the Transfer Station has gone up \$2,500.
 - c. Town received leasing contact information from Post Office. No signatures were necessary, but it shows that the Post Office has exercised their renewal until 2030, so the document should be filed.
- 10. Peter moves to adjourn at 6:50pm, seconded by Alfred, all in favor, so moved.**

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