

TOWN OF PEACHAM
Wednesday, January 3, 2024
Selectboard Meeting
Hybrid meeting in the Peacham Library Community Room and via Zoom

Attendance

In-person: Richard Browne, Selectboard, Peter Craig, Selectboard, Jeremy Withers, Road Foreman

Via Zoom: John Reis, Neil Monteith, Rebecca Washington, Town Clerk, Jaime Carle

Minutes

1. Call to order by Richard at 06:30pm, Wednesday, January 3, 2024
2. Additions to the agenda
 - a. Neil Monteith – Hazard Mitigation Grant Process update
 - i. Needs to be updated by November 2024. He is registered for an upcoming webinar to get more information. He will report back.
3. Highway Department Update – Jeremy Withers
 - a. Laying gravel on the worst of the mud. Working on some water spots. Knows the roads need work, asked for patience, as they are working on it. Discussion on some difficult spots.
 - b. New 6-wheeler is not ready. Extended lease is up. Continues to follow up with Dan. We still have the old truck.
 - c. He has plans to go speak to dealerships for pickup truck prices, including the trade in prices.
4. Town Clerk/Treasurer Update
 - a. Emailed final budget with changes. Amount to be raised in taxes is up 8.6% since last year.
 - b. Sent email about the Post Office heat in the back area which needs to be serviced.
 - c. Submitted project to FEMA and is waiting for response.
5. Discuss Town Meeting Warnings
 - a. Confirmed that the warning will include 3 articles about expanding the Selectboard, the special article about funding the Town Hall renovation, and paving project article. Discussion about paving article logistics.
6. Finalize Selectboard Report
 - a. They agree with the latest draft. Richard will send it to Beatrice.
7. Transfer Station Prices
 - a. Peter offered a list of proposed pricing, which included truck loads, recliners, sofas, mattresses. Discussion of prices of items like dishwashers, washers, and dryers. Discussion of guidelines for truck loads and dump trailer loads. Discussion of dump punch cards for bags. The current bag prices are \$2, \$4, or \$6, and the new bag prices would be \$4, \$6, or \$8. Checks are still accepted. Discussion about selling dump cards at Marty's.
 - i. **Richard moved to approve the Transfer Station price list that Peter presented, effective February 1st, 2024, all in favor, so moved.**
 - ii. Rebecca will order a new sign with the updated prices.
8. Public comment
 - a. John Reis commented that there is a right-of-way to the Worchester Cemetery, that he doesn't think a Selectboard member should be member of PCH, that the cemetery tree removal should go out to bid. He will write a letter with more thoughts.
9. Approve minutes

- a. **Peter moved to approve the minutes from Friday, December 29th, 2023 seconded by Richard, all in favor, so moved.**

10. Review and approve bills

- a. **Peter moved to approve all bills as presented, seconded by Richard, all in favor, so moved.**

11. Review correspondence

- a. Correspondence from Annette Lorraine regarding Cemetery regulations and class 4 road maintenance. She also provided State statutes regarding cemeteries on private land.
- b. Richard spoke with Allison Low at NVDA regarding acquiring funding for Town Hall renovations. The grant she suggested previously offers grant-writing support. She will meet with her group and get back to him about whether it would apply to Peacham.

12. Peter moves to adjourn at 07:11pm, seconded by Richard, all in favor, so moved.

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