

TOWN OF PEACHAM
Wednesday, February 7, 2024
Selectboard Meeting
Hybrid meeting in the Peacham Library Community Room and via Zoom

Attendance

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

Via Zoom: Janie Carle, Doug Morton, Karen Lewis

Minutes

1. Call to order by Richard at 6:30pm, Wednesday, February 7, 2024
2. Additions to the agenda – none
3. Highway Department Update – Jeremy Withers, Road Foreman
 - a. Furnace malfunction over the weekend at the garage, but all is fixed and cleaned.
 - b. Working on equipment and garage while the weather holds.
 - c. Moving snow pack and grading before warm weather
 - d. New 6-wheeler will be here next week.
 - e. Milage certificate in the Selectboard box for signature and approval. Made a correction on Peacham Pond road. Maps have incorrectly stated 1.89 miles for many years. It is actually 1.75 miles based on survey.
 - i. **Peter moved to approve the milage certificate, seconded by Alfred, all in favor, so moved.**
 - f. New pickup- Jeremy spoke with Dodge, but still has not received the numbers he needs. GMC retail is \$65,940 plus \$10,700 for the plow, totaling \$76,640. Ford retail is \$64,740 plus 10,000 for the plow, totaling \$74,740. With trade in prices taken into consideration, Ford and GMC are basically neck in neck. Board agrees to support Jermey's preference based on service experience with each company. Jeremy asked Selectboard about a resident who was interested in buying the old truck. Selectboard agrees that if the town were to sell it, it would have to be put out to bid like the cab and chassis, which is more complicated than trading. There would have to be a minimum bid too. Jeremy will look into it, and the Selectboard will decide next meeting.
4. Town Clerk/Treasurer Update- via email from Rebecca Washington, Town Clerk
 - a. Explanation why AP is higher than normal
 - b. Corrected cemetery deed to sign due to spelling error.
 - i. **Richard moved to approve the corrected cemetery deed, seconded by Peter, all in favor, so moved.**
 - c. Provided documents for requests for bids for town property mowing and clean up for Selectboard to review.

- d. Included some renovation funding details, but the Selectboard is not ready to make that decision.
 - e. Documents for cab and chassis bid. Selectboard ok with it. Would like the due date to be April 1st, 2024
 - f. Regarding Zoom participation in meetings, it came to the Selectboard's attention that they need to remove the waiting room. In the future, in addition to the link, there will be a code to enter, which will allow people to join directly. Code will be on the agenda with the link, starting next meeting. This is to ensure the town is abiding by Open Meeting Laws.
5. Cemetery Regulations
- a. New draft regulations bring regular regulations up to date and include natural burial regulations, based on state regulations.
 - i. **Peter moved to approve the updated cemetery regulations as presented, seconded by Alfred, all in favor, so moved.**
6. 911 Coordinator appointment
- a. Sarah Lydon has agreed to act in the position with Nathan Colpitts's assistance on surveying.
 - i. **Richard moved to appoint Sarah Lydon as the new 911 coordinator, seconded by Alfred, all in favor, so moved.**
 - ii. This appointment is for the weeks leading up to Town Meeting, and will need to be included in the appointments again after Town Meeting.
7. Spring-Fall Town property maintenance bids discussion – addressed in Town Clerk update.
8. Windsong property update
- a. Still in limbo because original documents from NEK Audubon Society were incorrect, so the Selectboard is waiting on updated documents.
9. Public comment - none
10. Approve minutes
- a. **Peter moved to approve the minutes as presented from Wednesday, January 17th, 2024 seconded by Alfred, all in favor, so moved.**
 - b. Rusty Barber expects to have a request for bids ready for the Town Hall renovation project by the end of the month. To facilitate, Selectboard will schedule a special meeting to discuss, tentatively on 02/23/24 at 8am.
11. Review and approve bills
- a. **Alfred moved to approve bills as presented, seconded by Peter, all in favor, so moved.**
12. Review correspondence
- a. From Jeff Berwick, Fire Chief
 - i. Notifying that we are out of date on the hazardous materials cleanup condition which was last updated in 1984. This is the amount charged to someone who causes a hazardous material spill. Proposed updated prices

would be \$1,000 an hour for a pumper or tanker, and \$300 an hour for a rescue vehicle.

1. **Peter moved to approve the hazardous material spill prices as presented by the chief of the fire department, seconded by Alfred, all in favor, so moved.**
- ii. Organizational Statement of Peacham Volunteer Fire Department and the Bylaws of the Peacham Fire Department. They have been reworked, and signed by Jeff.
 1. **Peter moved to approve the Fire Chief's recommendation for the new policies, seconded by Alfred, all in favor, so moved.**
 - b. Gym coordinator sent out an update of policies.
 - c. Richard is meeting next week with another HVAC contractor regarding the Town Hall about a potential bid.
 - d. More interest shown for potential new Selectboard members.
 - e. Peacham Energy Committee asking about appointing a new member who technically lives in Danville. Richard will respond to see what the bylaws state.
 - f. Anna Rubin sent some information for future discussion of zoning bylaws.
13. Peter moves to adjourn at 07:11pm, 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.