

TOWN OF PEACHAM
Wednesday, October 16, 2024
Selectboard Meeting
Location: Hybrid in-person at the Peacham Town Offices and via Zoom

Attendance

In-person: Alfred Dedam, Selectboard Chair, William Kempton, Selectboard, Peter Craig, Selectboard, Jeremy Withers, Road Foreman, Scott Beck

Via Zoom: Molly Willard, Selectboard, Laurie Kozar, Janie Carle, 13102717330

Minutes

1. Call to order by Alfred at 06:35pm on Wednesday, October 16, 2024.
2. Additions to the agenda
 - a. Executive Session for legal matters
3. Highway Department Update from Jeremy Withers, Road Foreman
 - a. 2 meetings with FEMA so far. Site visit is upcoming, but funding will be awhile.
 - b. South Peacham work is continuing: clean up, stone work, paving
 - c. Thanked Susan Rhodes for her generosity and cooperation for allowing the crew to mobilize on her property.
 - d. Needs paperwork signed for 3-month lease extension contract on old 10-wheeler truck since new truck is not ready yet. Jeremy is unhappy because the truck is no longer under warranty, but it's neither our nor the dealership's fault. William asked about where Jeremy takes trucks for repairs that are not covered by a warranty.
 - e. Will take advantage of the warm weather to resurface roads and work on culverts. Working on building up the sand pile.
 - f. 5-day work week returns next week.
 - g. Received an inquiry to ask if crew would pick up tires thrown off in the bushes on Hookerville cutoff. They're not in the right-of-way. Jeremy is concerned about creating a precedent for his crew, despite his inclination to help. Laurie Kozar suggested asking the Conservation Commission to reach out to the State. Molly suggested looking into Green Up Day. Board agrees it's a slippery slope, so unfortunately he should decline.
4. Town Clerk/Treasurer Update from Rebecca Washington via email
 - a. Revised payment schedule for the lease.
 - b. Received a \$5,000 elections grant from the Center for Tech and Civic Life. Purchased some much-needed equipment and will use the remainder to offset poll worker payments.
 - c. Needs a name for the restricted fund for the emergency response auxiliary.
 - d. Meeting with FEMA. In-person recover scoping meeting with reps from FEMA and the State coming up. She will keep them posted.
5. Grant from the VT Flood Response & Recovery Fund
 - a. Alfred clarified this effort for those present. Alex McLean has been in touch for the Vermont Community Foundation, who provided a check to help get some of the necessary equipment.
 - i. **Peter moved the all the restricted fund the "Emergency Response Auxiliary Restricted Fund", seconded by William, all in favor, so moved.**
6. Peacham PTF – Halloween

- a. Anna Carvalho emailed on behalf of the Peacham PTF requesting permission to use town outdoor spaces for Halloween and for wreath making.
 - i. **Peter moved to approve all PTF's requests for usage, seconded by William, all in favor, so moved.**
7. Public comment
 - a. None
8. Approve minutes
 - a. **Peter moved to approve minutes from Wednesday, October 2nd, 2024, seconded by Molly, all in favor, so moved.**
9. Review and approve bills
 - a. **Peter moved to approve all bills as presented, seconded by William, all in favor, so moved.**
10. Review correspondence
 - a. Rebecca Washington – Abatement meeting on October 24th @6:30.
 - b. Marget McLean soliciting signatures of support for scientific commission for the future of education in Vermont that will meet Oct 21st in Randolph.
 - c. MaryLnn Waldner – Peacham 1-2 class inviting Selectboard members to a luncheon at the Peacham School on Wednesday, 10/31/24 from 11:30-12:30.
11. **Peter moved to move into executive session at 7:05pm, seconded by William, all in favor, so moved.**
 - a. Exited executive session at 7:29pm. Agreed to contact the Sheriff's department to address security concerns.
12. William moved to adjourn at 7:30pm, seconded by Molly, all in favor, so moved.

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