

**TOWN OF PEACHAM
SELECTBOARD
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday May 16, 2018**

UNAPPROVED DRAFT

Present:

Selectboard Members: Mike Heath, Nattie Emmons, and Tim Scott

Selectboard Clerk: Melissa Laurita Kohl

Public: Mike Bruton, Road Foreman Jeremy Withers, Town Clerk Tom Galinat

The meeting was called to order by Selectboard Chair Tim Scott at 6:38PM.

ACTIONS:

Carried Forward From Previous Meetings & From Today's Meeting:

1. Nattie will put the long board up on the Snow Roller Barn.
2. Melissa will check with David about whether or not the Drug & Alcohol Policy will be sent to the town lawyer when a draft is complete and about .
3. Jeremy will do "reasonable suspicion" training related to the Drug & Alcohol Policy that will be adopted.
4. Tim will look into a thermostat that sends out alerts in the case of potential freezing since the town hall almost froze when the boiler went out over the weekend.
5. Tom will contact Willie Nickerson as a water engineer.
6. Tom will call the State Forest to see about signs for the town forest.
7. Tim will check in with Doug Morton of NVDA about adding a stop sign at the South Peacham Intersection and changing the speed.
8. Tim will ask a community member to be the NVDA representative.

MINUTES:

1. Additions to the Agenda for any additional business this meeting
 - a. Adoption of Hazard Mitigation Plan
 - b. Bicycle Event - Fall Fondo
 - c. Lady Slippers
 - d. Tax Anticipation Note
 - e. NVDA Peacham Maps
2. Adoption of Hazard Mitigation Plan
 - a. **Tim moves to adopt the Local Emergency Operations Plan from Bruce Melendy from NVDA. Mike seconds. All in favor. So moved.**
3. Approve Minutes
 - a. **Nattie moves to approve the minutes of 2/21/18. Tim seconds. All in favor. So moved.**
 - b. **Tim moves to approve the minutes of 4/18/18. Mike seconds. All in favor. So moved.**
4. Review Action Items from Previous Meetings
 - a. The Selectboard reviewed and updated action items with the clerks.
5. Fall Fondo Bicycle Event
 - a. The organizers are interested in having volunteers hand out water to bikers. Possibly Peacham School children.
 - b. Tom is meeting with Tristan about the event to discuss possible parking areas, bathroom locations, etc.
 - c. Tim will recuse himself from decisions concerning this race as Tim Scott Realty is one of the sponsors.
6. Peacham Corner Designation and Location

- a. At this time there is no rationale historically or presently for its current location by Peacham Pond on the Vermont General Highway Map. There are historical and current reasons to move “Peacham Corner” to the village center. In order to do so, Peacham needs to submit a petition with 25 signatures to have it formally changed federally.
 - b. The Selectboard is interested in pursuing this.
7. Highway Department Update & Requests
- a. Jeremy talked with Doug Morton of NVDA about our Better Back Roads Inventory Grant. This grant pertains to the Municipal Roads General Permit. This Inventory is still in progress. When it is completed, Peacham will receive \$8,000.
 - b. Jeremy discussed the concern about bringing class 4s up to state standards with Doug. Doug thought the Peacham class 4 roads were in better shape than most towns and the state may not mandate the same standards for class 4s.
 - c. Doug recommended that the road foreman have a tablet so he can bring the information out to sites to see what the slope of the road is, etc.
 - d. **Tim moves to have Jeremy look into a price for a new laptop and talk to Doug about what kind of a tablet and case he recommends. Nattie seconds. All in favor. So moved.**
 - e. Jeremy met with the county sheriff about some of the town’s signage. There has been a request to go 25 miles an hour from Stan Fickes to Frannie Berwick’s. The sheriff’s input was that the 50 mile speed limit needs to be changed. He thinks the town should make it 30 through the main village (Peacham Corner) and South Peacham.
 - f. Tim and Jeremy interviewed 6 applicants. The interviews went well. The top applicant has an excellent resume, interview and references. **Tim moves to offer the vacant road crew worker position to Jeremy’s top applicant at the historic starting rate for someone with a CDL and to go up to a dollar more if necessary based on his experience. Nattie seconds. All in favor. So moved.**
 - g. The Structures Grant for the box culvert on Aiken Farm Rd for \$175,000 will likely be approved by the State. It will need to be completed by the end of 2019.
8. Town Representative to NVDA
- a. The commitment is seasonal - four meetings a year at various locations in the NEK. Includes free food.
9. Modern War Veteran Monument
- a. Tom received a letter from Laura Johnson that he is going to send to the Selectboard for them to read.
 - b. The Selectboard will invite interested community members and the key individuals who worked on creating the monument to a Selectboard meeting to come to a decision about parameters for who to include on the monument.
10. July Town Picnic in July
- a. Melissa gave the Selectboard an update from the organizers. The next date will be Sunday July 15th in the late afternoon/evening.
 - b. Tom will attend the next meeting to facilitate the creation of a modest budget for the event.
 - c. The organizers are interested in finding an exciting, family friendly entertainer to draw more people to the event and to also celebrate the possibilities inherent in having a vibrant community space to host events.
11. Town Clerk Update & Requests
- a. Tax Anticipation Note
 - i. The town has \$200,000 in the bank but the town requests a line of credit each year in case expenses come in before taxes. The Selectboard signed the Tax Anticipation Note.
 - b. New England Wild Flower Society wants permission to conduct a brief survey on Ram’s-head Lady Slipper at the town property at Ewell Pond. The Selectboard granted permission.
12. Review and Approve Bills

a. The Selectboard reviewed and approved bills.

13. Review Correspondence

a. The Selectboard reviewed correspondence.

Tim moves to adjourn at 8:00pm. Mike seconds. All in favor. So moved.