

**Town of Peru
Municipal Office
Select Board Meeting Minutes
August 22, 2022**

PRESENT: Jess Carrier, Jason Dolloff, Katie Lawrence, Arthur Clifford, Gail Belyea, Patrick Houghton, Bruce Farrin, Brad Hutchings, Dan Carrier, Tina Courtway, Nicole Bambrick, Don Roach, Carol Roach, Nancy Dalot, Pamela Stinson

1. Spirit of America Presentation: Prior to beginning Selectboard Meeting, Gail read a Municipal Resolution honoring Worthley Pond Association for their commendable community service. Tina West and Bob Burke accepted the 2022 Spirit of America Award on behalf of the Association.
2. Public Participation:
 - a. ***Gail made a motion to go into Public Participation at 6:01 p.m. Jason seconded the motion. All in favor.***
 - General discussion regarding porta potty options for field.
 - b. ***Gail made a motion to come out of Public Participation at 6:11 p.m. Patrick seconded the motion. All in favor.***
3. Minutes:
 - a. Minutes of the August 8, 2022, Selectboard Meeting:
 - ***Arthur made a motion to approve the Minutes of the August 8, 2022, Select Board Meeting. Jason seconded the motion. All in favor.***
4. Select Board Business:
 - a. New Business:
 - Date for special town meeting regarding funds for parking lot. Brad suggested adding in the cost of grinding as well.
 - ***Arthur made a motion to hold special town meeting on September 6, 2022, at 6:30 pm to vote on appropriating \$9,000 from surplus to grind and pave town office parking lot. Gail seconded the motion. All in favor.***
 - Arthur read memo regarding Oxford County Budget Committee caucus – August 31, 2022, at 6:00 pm. Arthur and Gail willing to attend.
 - Process of setting mil rate discussed. Don shared that he is willing to offer a tutorial for the same.
 - ***Patrick made a motion to hold a special board meeting on September 6, 2022, at 5:00 pm to set tax rate. Jason seconded the motion. All in favor.***
 - Public participation ordinance will be followed. Effective September 19, 2022, Selectboard meetings will return to having public participation at the end of meetings.
 - b. Old Business:
 - General discussion regarding updated/revised RFP for revaluation.
 - ***Arthur made a motion to table discussion regarding revaluation RFP to September 19, 2022. Gail seconded the motion. All in favor.***

- Snowshoe Club: Septic design requested July 18, 2022, has not yet been received.
 - ***Katie made a motion for the CEO to send a letter to the Snowshoe Club requesting septic plans and health inspection documentation, with requested response within 10 business days. Patrick seconded the motion. All in favor.***

5. Town Officials/Appointed Committee Members/Board Reports:

a. Road Commissioner, Brad Hutchings

- Packard Road bridge done minus for paving and guardrails, bills being submitted for grant money.
- Sicotte Bridge will need replacing. Brad stated he is working on grant for funding, should know by December if will get. Will try to do similar as to how Packard was completed, although no paving will be required.
- Brad stated he is waiting to hear back from Spencer Group regarding paving projects, will try to coordinate with grading company to minimize transportation costs.

b. Fire Chief, Dan Carrier

- Tower contract. Dan stated Earle Wingate has reviewed, suggested wording as “fire chief, duly authorized” on signature page. Dan will be meeting with David Libby to finalize agreement in a couple weeks.
 - ***Jason made a motion for the fire chief to be recognized as duly authorized by the Select Board in negotiating the tower lease agreement between Town of Peru and Litchfield Tower Company. Katie seconded the motion. All in favor.***
- General discussion regarding finding new fire truck. Possibility of one in Rye, NY, though not available until March 2023. Truck committee meeting the following night.

c. Med-Care, Carol Roach

- Carol did a presentation which included an overview of Med-Care’s history and financial information, as well as its Board of Directors and her roles on the board.

d. Committee Reports

- Rec – Nicole Bambrick: Update on fundraiser fest, at least \$2,000 raised, not including money from bottle depot. Nicole suggests some of the funds raised go toward porta potty and basketball hoop. Nicole is working on getting everything left in shed cleaned out. Tina shared that the Rec has received permission to utilize Dirigo Elementary School for pageant.

e. Secretary, Jess Carrier

- Approve/sign:
 - ***Gail made a motion to appoint Carol Roach to the Cemetery Committee. Katie seconded the motion. All in favor.***
 - ***Gail made a motion to appoint John Witherell to NORSWB. Arthur seconded the motion. All in favor.***
 - ***Gail made a motion to appoint Martha Witherell to the Ordinance Committee. Patrick seconded the motion. 4-1 in favor, Katie opposed.***
 - ***Gail made a motion to appoint Wendy Henderson to the Ordinance Committee. Katie seconded the motion. All in favor.***

- ***Gail made a motion to appoint Carol Roach as Med-Care Board Member. Katie seconded the motion. All in favor.***
- ***Gail made a motion to appoint Tamera Richard as Med-Care Board Member Alternate. Katie seconded the motion. All in favor.***

- Exemptions:

- ***Katie made a motion to not grant the University of Maine exemption for the current tax year and to apply it after April 1, 2023. Jason seconded the motion. 4-1 in favor, Gail opposed.***
- ***Patrick made a motion to approve the homestead exemption for Jane Carrier. Katie seconded the motion. All in favor.***
- ***Patrick made a motion to approve the veteran survivor exemption for Pamela Rowley. Gail seconded the motion. All in favor.***
- ***Patrick made a motion to approve the homestead exemption for Samantha Cote. Arthur seconded the motion. All in favor.***
- ***Patrick made a motion to approve the homestead exemption for Louanne Thibodeau. Gail seconded the motion. All in favor.***

6. Requests from individuals/entities to meet with the board:

- a. Citizen complaint regarding “The Farm at Worthley Pond” and noise levels. Board members were informed that music/noise guidelines being shared with guests are different than what town noise ordinance states.
 - ***Arthur made a motion for certified letters to be sent to the owner as well as the manager of The Farm at Worthley Pond informing them of the lack of compliance with Town of Peru Unnecessary Noise Ordinance. Gail seconded the motion. All in favor.***

7. Warrant # 3 (08/09/2022)

- a. Payroll Warrant #3 in the amount of \$9,906.15.
 - ***Jason made a motion to approve Payroll Warrant #3 in the amount of \$9,906.15. Arthur seconded the motion. All in favor.***
- b. Accounts Payable Warrant #3 in the amount of \$175,661.87.
 - ***Jason made a motion to approve Accounts Payable Warrant #3 in the amount of \$175,661.87. Katie seconded the motion. All in favor.***

8. Adjournment

- a. ***Gail made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Arthur seconded the motion. All in favor.***

Public Participation:

The Town of Peru Ordinance “OPEN TO THE PUBLIC” Sessions enacted by the townspeople on January 19, 2013, is in full force and effect. There will be one “Open to the Public” segment near the beginning of the Board meeting. This segment is limited to twenty minutes, to allow for the public to ask questions, make comments or express concerns during that portion of the meeting. The Board may or may not respond at that time. Complaints or criticism regarding any Town employee should be put in writing and directed to the Department Head or Chairperson of the Board. The Board will not engage in any discussion of an employee, Town Official or Citizen without that person first having adequate knowledge and having the right to be present at such a meeting and be accurately represented. Copies of the Ordinance are available from the Secretary.

