

**Town of Peru  
Municipal Office  
Select Board Meeting Minutes  
November 21, 2022**

PRESENT: Jess Carrier, Jason Dolloff, Arthur Clifford, Gail Belyea, Patrick Houghton, William Hussey, Brad Hutchings, Rick Vaughn, Ryan Child, Tyler McDonald, Lyndzi Dolloff

ABSENT: Katie Lawrence (medical)

1. Minutes:

a. Minutes of the November 14, 2022, Selectboard Meeting:

- Gail made a motion to table approving the Minutes of the November 14, 2022, Select Board Meeting until amounts of each revaluation bid are included. Jason seconded the motion. All in favor.

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

a. Road Commissioner, Brad Hutchings:

- All four members of the road department were present to discuss the recently-approved personnel policy. Some of the concerns addressed by the road crew include the Selectboard being able to change said policy at any time, clothing allowance, employee hours/holiday pay, and no retirement plan offered. General discussion was had regarding the above.
- Gail asked Brad about the coax wire in ditch on Miller Road that was discussed at October 10, 2022, meeting. Brad stated nothing has happened, the homeowners have not fixed.
- Rick encouraged the Board to return to allowing big trucks to utilize town office parking lot, as he feels it would save a lot of wear and tear to town-maintained roads.
- As Brad had left meeting for another, Patrick asked Rick if he and Brad had had a chance to look at the trees at field/cemetery. Rick stated they had looked at them and discussed cutting back 4-5 trees in the spring.

3. Incoming Correspondence:

- a. MMA survey regarding adult-use cannabis needs to be completed by Monday November 28, 2022.
- b. Donation request – SafeVoices: Following up on November 14, 2022, discussion, a template letter will be created to send out in response to said requests stating that request has been received and will be reviewed during the town’s budget time.

4. Select Board Business:

a. New Business:

- ACO: Jason shared his conversation with Oxford County dispatch regarding information from Sue Milligan that Robert Briggs is no longer ACO for any of the area towns. Jason and Dan Carrier both had made calls to Robert over the prior few days, with no call back. The dispatch office gave Jason the name of an individual interested in becoming ACO. Consensus of the Board was to put out notification about ACO vacancy via town website and electronic sign.
- Revaluation contract: Jess will look for old revaluation contract for the Board to review.

b. Old Business:

- Worthley Pond spring: Per conversation with Deb, the latest test is in Augusta, though not yet at testing facility; she will notify the Board when she gets confirmation. Paperwork is in process for extension, with corrective action steps needing to be completed by December 31, 2022. In conversation with Patrick, Darren Brann made it clear that the spring *needs* to be cleaned, whether now or in the spring. Patrick and Arthur plan on cleaning it this coming weekend, with Darren’s input and guidance.
- Porta potty: Patrick never heard back from Orr’s after his last call to them; he will reach out again for a current price quote.
- Community Energy: Gail has spoken with Peter Buotte, who stated that they are almost completed with state permit process and would be willing to meet with the Selectboard once those permits are finalized.

5. Public Participation: No public present.

6. Adjournment

*a. Arthur made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. Gail 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 end 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 by the sign-up sheet in the hall or from the Secretary.

**Select Board Meeting**

Monday, November 28, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

*Gail D. Belyea 11-28-22*  
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 Gail Belyea Date  
 Chair

*Kathryn Lawrence 11/28/22*  
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 Kathryn Lawrence Date  
 Vice Chair

*Arthur Clifford 11/28/22*  
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 Arthur Clifford Date

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 Jason Dolloff Date

*Patrick Houghton 11/28/22*  
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