

Town of Peru - Municipal Office
Select Board Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2023

PRESENT: Arthur Clifford, Patrick Houghton, Gail Belyea, Jason Dolloff, Katie Lawrence, Jess Carrier, Brad Hutchings, Dan Carrier Jr, Tyler McDonald, Tammi Lyons, Joe Kerr, Jackie Child, William Hussey, Lynda Hebert, Mark Thompson, Don Roach

1. Minutes:
 - a. Minutes of the March 6, 2023, Selectboard Meeting:
 - ***Gail made a motion to approve the Minutes of the March 6, 2023, Select Board Meeting. Jason seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, Patrick abstained.***
2. Executive Session: Pursuant to Title 1, MRSA, subsection 405(6)(A)
 - a. ***Gail made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at 6:00 pm. Jason seconded the motion. All in favor.***
 - b. ***Arthur made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 6:18 pm. Patrick seconded the motion. All in favor.***
3. Town Officials/Appointed Committee Members/Board Reports:
 - a. Fire Chief, Dan Carrier
 - Dan is planning to look over the new firetruck in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, on Monday, March 20, 2023.
 - b. Road Commissioner, Brad Hutchings
 - All pieces and parts for the second truck from Vermont have been received. Payment was sent today, with \$250 deducted from agreed purchase amount as town had to supply plow lights.
 - The truck borrowed from the state is currently at Stan's, as a piece on the plow was broken and part of the exhaust was lost.
 - Brad stated the need to have a special town meeting as soon as possible. His plan is to purchase a new medium-duty truck and a new 6-wheeler, keeping the borrowed state truck as a spare. Replacement trucks will not be available if there is too long a delay with purchase, and there are tools which are needed for summertime projects. General discussion was had, including information from item 7b ("Insurance Update") below.
 - ***Gail made a motion to table further discussion regarding timeline for town meeting until next week. Katie seconded the motion. All in favor.***
 - General discussion was had regarding the grant which will be used to repair the culvert on Dickvale Road. Brad shared that the town has to come up with 10% of the total cost of the project; the money for that will come out of LRAP funds.

- c. Finance Committee, Don Roach
 - Don reminded the Board that the finance committee will meet Monday, March 20, 2023, at 6:00 pm in the meeting room at the town office.

- 4. Action Items:
 - a. Request of letter for support:
 - ***Katie made a motion to sign and send letter of support for the grant which the Town of Mexico is submitting for the improvement and expansion of the Mexico Rec Park. Arthur seconded the motion. All in favor.***

- 5. Incoming Correspondence:
 - a. Earle Wingate response RE reval contract: Gail read aloud Earle's response, wherein he suggested to include breaking payments down as the work progresses and a penalty clause for if the assessor quits before reval is completed, as well as to have a Maine licensed attorney review the final contract. Katie shared that she had found a template via MMA. General discussion was had.
 - ***Gail made a motion for Katie to move forward with utilizing MMA template for revaluation contract, filling in information from the RFP. Arthur seconded the motion. All in favor.***
 - b. Katie shared invitation from the River Valley Community Cleanup Group for Peru citizens to participate in this year's cleanup event on April 22, 2023.

- 6. Select Board Business:
 - a. New Business:
 - General discussion was had regarding RFPs for maintenance of town-owned properties. Consensus of the Board was to invite Todd Piper to next meeting for discussion.
 - General discussion was had regarding ACO having not come to any more Board meetings, or signed off on the two pending kennel licenses.
 - b. Old Business:
 - Insurance Update, per Katie:
 - Insurance company has valued building at \$283,000; 70% depreciation of that is \$212,000, which was received today. When the building is completed, the insurance company will cut a check for the difference.
 - Adjusters are still working on equipment/contents, and have requested Brad to verify itemized content list and add replacement values to that list. Receipts for what has already been purchased can be sent to insurance company, and they will issue a supplement for the same.
 - Katie made a motion to put \$200,000 from insurance money received back into surplus account. Gail seconded the motion. All in favor.
 - Town Garage Building Committee: The building committee will next meet Wednesday March 15, 2023, at 6:30 pm in the meeting room at the town office.

- Arthur shared concern about his being on the building committee and potential conflicts with his other commitments. General discussion was had regarding appointing a second Board member to the building committee, so that there would be at least one Board member present at each committee meeting.
 - a. Arthur made a motion to appoint Patrick Houghton as the second Selectboard member to the Town Garage Building Committee. Gail seconded the motion. All in favor.**
- Mark Thompson and Bill Hussey were present. General discussion was had regarding level of commitment required for Town Garage Building Committee.
 - a. Katie made a motion to appoint Mark Thompson to the Town Garage Building Committee. Jason seconded the motion. All in favor.**
 - b. Patrick made a motion to appoint Bill Hussey to the Town Garage Building Committee. Jason seconded the motion. All in favor.**
- Review of properties in foreclosure status: General discussion was had.
 - **Katie made a motion to move forward with the foreclosure process on Map 06 Lot 18A. Arthur seconded the motion. All in favor.**
 - **Gail made a motion to move forward with the foreclosure process on Map 11 Lot 47. Arthur seconded the motion. All in favor.**
 - **Gail made a motion to move forward with the foreclosure process on Map 11 Lot 48. Patrick seconded the motion. All in favor.**
 - **Gail made a motion to move forward with the foreclosure process on Map 06 Lot 17C. Arthur seconded the motion. All in favor.**
 - **Gail made a motion to move forward with the foreclosure process on Map 29 Lot 52. Arthur seconded the motion. All in favor.**
 - **Gail made a motion to move forward with the foreclosure process on Map 06 Lot 17B. Katie seconded the motion. All in favor.**

7. Public Participation:

- a. Gail made a motion to enter Public Participation at 7:11 pm. Jason seconded the motion. All in favor.**
 - Jackie acknowledged and thanked Brad for his efforts with grant writing.
- b. Arthur made a motion to come out of Public Participation at 7:15 pm. Katie seconded the motion. All in favor.**

8. Adjournment:

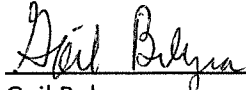
- a. Gail made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 pm. Jason seconded the motion. All in favor.**

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 from the Secretary.


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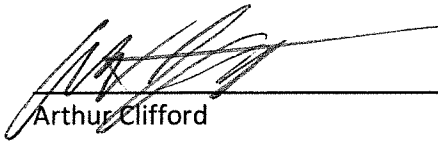
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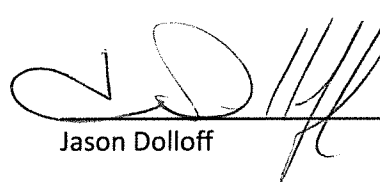
 3-20-23
Gail Belyea Date
Selectboard Chair


Select Board Budget Workshop

Monday, March 27, 2023

 3-20-23
Kathryn Lawrence Date
Selectboard Vice Chair

 3-20-23
Arthur Clifford Date

 3-20-23
Jason Dolloff Date

 3/20/23
Patrick Houghton Date