

**Town of Peru  
Municipal Office  
Select Board Meeting Minutes  
April 17, 2023**

PRESENT: Jess Carrier, Jason Dolloff, Katie Lawrence, Arthur Clifford, Gail Belyea, Patrick Houghton, Brad Hutchings, Dan Carrier Jr, Jim Belyea, Don Roach

1. Minutes:

a. Minutes of the April 10, 2023, Selectboard Meeting:

- Jason made a motion to approve the Minutes of the April 10, 2023, Select Board Meeting. Katie seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, Gail abstained.

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

a. Road Commissioner, Brad Hutchings

- Road Department has begun spring cleanups and sweeping, as well as some repairs on Valley Road.
- Brad has been in contact with Seth at Maine Surplus regarding the borrowed state truck. Brad is hoping they will drop the price, especially given that Peru has put about \$5,200 worth of repairs into it.
- Inland Fisheries has been notified about the buckling at the boat ramp.
- The plan currently is for the paving in the parking lot to be started the end of May/early June.

b. Fire Chief, Dan Carrier

- Radiator on new truck is being fixed, then surface rust on the frame will be taken care of; once these are completed, the truck will be delivered to Northeast Apparatus in Auburn.
- Dan has been in communication with Deb regarding quotes needed to get loan.

c. Building Committee:

- Estimates received for new garage equal \$577,000; replacement costs for old garage are currently estimated at \$394,000.
- Gail asked about the well being included in the price list from Cliff. Brad states there are no issues with the well, so that amount could be deducted from total estimate for new garage; as well, Brad believes insulation is included in the \$200,000 building materials estimate.
- The Building Committee will be at Tuesday's special town meeting to help answer questions. Consensus of the Board is to postpone discussion regarding bids, general contracts, etc., until after the special town meeting.

3. Action Items:

- a. Arthur made a motion to approve the homestead exemption for Shandi Averill at 12 Veterans Street. Jason seconded the motion. All in favor.
- b. Arthur made a motion to approve the homestead exemption for Jason Dolloff at 48 Oxford Road. Katie seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, Jason abstained.
- c. Katie made a motion to approve the homestead exemption for Tami Morrison and Bonnie Pride at 18 Veterans Street. Jason seconded the motion. All in favor.
- d. Arthur made a motion to approve the homestead exemption for Ashley Sweetser at 14 Elwin Avenue. Jason seconded the motion. All in favor.

- e. Katie made a motion to approve the tax abatement for Melinda Woods in the amount of \$144.00. Jason seconded the motion. All in favor.
4. Select Board Business:
- a. New Business:
    - General discussion was had regarding foreclosure properties.
      - Gail made a motion to set the date of the first public posting of foreclosure properties for May 1, 2023. Jason seconded the motion. All in favor.
  - b. Old Business:
    - General discussion was had regarding the revaluation contract created with the MMA template. Consensus of the Board was to have Legal review the draft revaluation contract along with the RFP.
      - Arthur made a motion to send the draft revaluation contract and RFP to attorney to review. Jason seconded the motion. All in favor.
    - Office maintenance updates:
      - Septic has been pumped, inspection is scheduled for Thursday.
      - Arthur stated having a difficult time finding someone willing to resurface the floors. He will contact Pro Flooring Steam Cleaning Services LLC, as they provided the last estimate in 2021.
      - Deb has received the estimate from John Perry for security cameras, still waiting for complete estimate from Brian Phelps.
    - River Valley Community Cleanup Day on April 22, 2023:
      - Arthur made a motion to have information regarding River Valley Community Cleanup Day on April 22, 2023, posted to the town website. Gail seconded the motion. All in favor.
    - Insurance updates:
      - Debris removal and personal property monies have been received. Reimbursement claim for use of state truck has been submitted.
      - Katie shared that the total amount of insurance monies received so far and claims submitted is currently just over \$900,000. She is working through the itemized lists provided by the road department to see what may be claimed under the extra expense coverage.
5. Warrant #21, 04/17/2023:
- a. Payroll Warrant #21 in the amount of \$10,415.66.
    - Katie made a motion to approve Payroll Warrant #21 in the amount of \$10,415.66. Arthur seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, Gail abstained.
  - b. Accounts Payable Warrant #21 in the amount of \$184,595.82.
    - Arthur made a motion to approve Accounts Payable Warrant #21 in the amount of \$184,595.82. Katie seconded the motion. All in favor.
6. Public Participation:
- a. Arthur made a motion to go into Public Participation at 7:32 p.m. Jason seconded the motion. All in favor.
    - Discussions included septic expense, office cloud storage and server, and how over-drafted accounts would be handled.
  - b. Gail made a motion to come out of Public Participation at 7:57 p.m. Katie seconded the motion. All in favor.

