

**Town of Peru
Municipal Office
Select Board Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2023**

PRESENT: Jess Carrier, Jason Dolloff, Katie Lawrence, Arthur Clifford, Gail Belyea, Dan Carrier Jr, Brad Hutchings, Norm DeRoche, Cliff Thurston

ABSENT: Patrick Houghton (personal)

1. Minutes:

a. Minutes of the May 8, 2023, Selectboard Meeting:

- Gail made a motion to approve the Minutes of the May 8, 2023, Select Board Meeting. Jason seconded the motion. All in favor; Arthur abstained.

2. Executive Session:

- a. Gail made a motion to enter executive session at 6:01 pm pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(F) and 36 MRSA § 841(2) to consider poverty abatement application #2023-1. Jason seconded the motion. All in favor.
- b. Arthur made a motion to exit executive session at 6:17 pm. Jason seconded the motion. All in favor.
- c. Katie made a motion to grant the poverty abatement application and award an abatement in the amount of \$2,093.97 for the 2021 and 2022 tax years pursuant to Title 36 MRSA § 841(2) in case #2023-1. Jason seconded the motion. All in favor.
- d. Arthur made a motion to approve the written decision as discussed and drafted in executive session and to authorize the Chair to sign on the municipal officers' behalf. Jason seconded the motion. All in favor.

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

a. Road Commissioner, Brad Hutchings

- General discussion was had regarding the accident with the Western Star, wherein while emptying a load on Holman Road a pin broke and caused the truck to flip. The road crew was able to turn the truck back upright, but the frame is twisted. Leonard's towed the truck to historical building parking lot, currently awaiting insurance appraiser to view.
- Almost all road damage from rainstorms has been repaired. Brad estimated damage to be about \$93,000; paperwork for FEMA has been completed.
- Per Seth at Maine Surplus, he has been watching for the borrowed D.O.T. truck to arrive there, but it has not yet.
- General discussion was had regarding communication expectations between the Board and Brad. The Board requested Brad to be at meetings when important things happen.

b. Fire Chief, Dan Carrier Jr.

- The new firetruck is scheduled to be delivered to Northeast this Friday. Two of the firefighters who went to look at the truck in Pennsylvania will be there for final inspection at delivery.
- The fire department will be participating in the drill for ammonia loading at power plant in Rumford tomorrow. There will be another drill for offloading on May 23, 2023.

c. Building Committee:

- Excavating at garage site is complete and ready for concrete. Next step afterward will be heating and plumbing. Once the engineer finalizes, can put lumber out to bid; the committee plans on submitting a list of materials needed to local companies.

- Jim Cole is the only builder interested so far, but he needs final plans from engineer before giving a price. The committee will ensure that any potential subcontractors are included in his bid price.

4. Select Board Business:

a. Old Business:

- Office maintenance:
 - Septic: Materials were delivered today. Secretary will contact Dwayne to ask his availability.
 - Jason shared the estimate of just under \$50,000 for removing the floors in the town office building. Estimate will be filed.

5. Warrant #23, 05/15/2023

a. Payroll Warrant #23 in the amount of \$10,648.20.

- Arthur made a motion to approve Payroll Warrant #23 in the amount of \$10,648.20. Jason seconded the motion. All in favor.

b. Accounts Payable Warrant #23 in the amount of \$199,963.84.

- Arthur made a motion to approve Accounts Payable Warrant #23 in the amount of \$199,963.84. Katie seconded the motion. All in favor.

6. Public Participation: No public present.

7. Adjournment

- a. Arthur made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 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 from the Secretary.

Select Board Meeting: Monday, May 22, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Gail Belyea 6-5-23
 Gail Belyea Date
 Chair

Kathryn Lawrence 6/5/23
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 Vice Chair

Arthur Clifford 6-5-23
 Arthur Clifford Date

 Jason Dolloff Date

Patrick Houghton 6/5/23
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