

**Town of Peru - Municipal Office**  
**Select Board Meeting Minutes**  
**June 5, 2023**

NOTE: There was no Select Board meeting May 29, 2023, in observation of Memorial Day.

PRESENT: Arthur Clifford, Patrick Houghton, Gail Belyea, Katie Lawrence, Jess Carrier, Dan Carrier Jr., Brad Hutchings, Jackie Child, Jane Carrier, Dan Carrier Sr., Don Roach

ABSENT: Jason Dolloff (personal)

1. Minutes:

a. Minutes of the May 15, 2023, Selectboard Meeting:

- **Arthur made a motion to approve the Minutes of the May 15, 2023, Select Board Meeting. Katie seconded the motion. Vote 3-0, Patrick abstained.**

b. Minutes of the May 22, 2023, Selectboard Meeting:

- **Gail made a motion to approve the Minutes of the May 22, 2023, Select Board Meeting. Arthur seconded the motion. Vote 3-0, Katie abstained.**

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

a. Road Commissioner, Brad Hutchings

- Some damage from recent storms here and there through town, currently working on fixing washout on Valley Road with riprap.
- Road department is still working on Holman Road, replacing current culverts with larger to try to prevent further washouts.
- Town office parking lot, Veterans Street, and Main Street are to be paved this week, starting tomorrow, depending on rain.
- Western Star truck was not totaled, but did sustain \$35,000 to \$38,000 in damage; probably will not be fully repaired before the end of the summer.
- DOT truck is in Augusta, but not yet at surplus.
- General discussion was had regarding Spencer Paving having no flaggers out when they were working on Main Street. Brad will discuss with them.

b. Garage Building Committee, Brad Hutchings

- Morgan Concrete has not yet been to site.
- Decision was made to change engineers; Cliff Thurston's architect/engineer will be taking over.
- Members are trying to coordinate a meeting for this week.

c. Fire Chief, Dan Carrier Jr.

- New truck is at Northeast, where they are working on installing storage trays for equipment. Dirigo Wireless has been to view it for radio equipment. Other vendors of equipment are ready when the truck is.
  - General discussion was had regarding last week's informational meeting.
3. Requests from individuals/entities to meet with the board:
- a. Ray Carrier/Dan Carrier Sr - citizen complaint: General discussion was had regarding concerns about right of way access being blocked, due to septic system allegedly being there. There are no files in the office or on the state website regarding said system. Consensus of the Board was that right of way concerns are a civil issue, but as there is a question of existence of septic system, the secretary will reach out to LPI and CEO for their input.
4. Select Board Business:
- a. New Business:
    - Gail shared with the Board that she had been approached about potentially placing a basketball hoop at the town office end of driveway once paving is completed. Consensus of the Board is to not pursue this, as there is a full basketball court behind the playground.
  - b. Old Business:
    - Septic: General discussion was had.
      - ***Patrick made a motion to have measurements for re-forming septic cover taken and, due to safety reasons, have hole filled in until re-form is completed. Arthur seconded the motion. All in favor.***
    - Cemetery-tree removal: Pat will be meeting Jacques Chartier tomorrow to walk the site for tree removal, should be completed prior to end of current budget.
    - Pleasant Street/Green Woods landfills: General discussion was had regarding maintenance of town landfills. The Board discussed with Brad the possibility of the road crew taking care of them.
      - ***Arthur made a motion to table further discussion until next meeting. Katie seconded the motion. All in favor.***
5. Public Participation:
- a. ***Arthur made a motion to enter Public Participation at 9:09 pm. Gail seconded the motion. All in favor.***
    - Discussions included ledgers/budgets, Finance Committee, and the condition of area along ballfield
  - b. ***Arthur made a motion to come out of Public Participation at 9:16 pm. Patrick seconded the motion. All in favor.***
6. Adjournment:
- a. ***Katie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 pm. 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, June 12, 2023, at 6:00 pm**

Gail D. Belyea 6-12-23  
Gail Belyea Date  
Selectboard Chair

Kathryn Lawrence 6-12-23  
Kathryn Lawrence Date  
Selectboard Vice Chair

(ABSENT 06/05/2023)

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Arthur Clifford Date

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Jason Dolloff Date

Patrick Houghton 6/12/23  
Patrick Houghton Date