

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

PRESENT: Gail Belyea, Arthur Clifford, Jason Dolloff, Lyndzi Dolloff, Patrick Houghton, Josh Lawrence, Kathryn Lawrence.

ABSENT: Jess Carrier (ill). Notes taken by Belyea.

At 6:00 p.m. the chair opened the lone bid received from Williams Construction, Brewer, for roofing the Peru Historical Society building at 85 Peru Center Road: \$24,500 for 29-gauge corrugated metal roofing; or \$29,950 for 24-gauge standing seam metal roofing.

After discussion, during which the board decided to wait until spring 2024 to request bids again, Pat motioned to not accept the bid, Jason seconded, vote was 5-0 in favor.

1. Consent Agenda

1.1 Katie motioned to accept the minutes of the August 28, 2023 meeting, Arthur seconded, vote was 5-0 in favor.

1.2 Katie motioned to accept General Assistance Appendices, Arthur seconded, vote was 5-0 in favor.

2. Warrant #5, September 4, 2023

2.1 Arthur motioned to accept payroll warrant #5 for \$9,720.31, with the stipulation that an executive session is held on September 18, 2023, to discuss a payroll/personnel issue. Jason seconded, vote was 4-1, Katie negative.

2.2 Arthur motioned to accept accounts payable warrant #5 for \$319,748.55. Patrick seconded. All in favor.

3. Elected Officials/Board/Committee Reports

Arthur reported that the new fire truck is housed at Worthley Pond fire station. Squad 14, currently displaced from its home at Worthley Pond station, is plugged in and safe at the fire chief's residence temporarily.

The new truck should have decals in two weeks. Springs and diesel tanks have not been shipped so aren't replaced yet (should arrive by November 1, 2023), and it has no inspection sticker yet, but the truck can be put into service.

Arthur shared that the fire department's air pack demonstrations last week weren't attended by other invited area departments. Arthur was impressed by Drager's

products; their air packs are the same weight as Scott's, the movement is better, and the price is two-thirds that of Scott's. Drager's are interchangeable with Scott's, also.

Katie reported that Brad has graded Holman and Packard Roads. Manzer's advised extra dirt was needed on Packard Road before paving this week, so Tyler worked a half day hauling it on September 8. Today the road department was working at filling the far end of Tower Road.

Arthur reported that CEO Clay Berry talked with him regarding a plan of action for junkyards on Dolloff Street, Valley Road, and Ridge Road. Katie reported seeing a lived-in camper in the woods off Concord Pond Road.

Pat reported that Brad expects the \$2000 plow from ATG to be here next week.

4. Unfinished Business

4.1 Garage - temporary shelter info

Katie reported that Dwayne Vaughn has offered the choice of one of two lots on Route 108 at no charge for placement of a temporary structure this winter.

Katie reported that the town's insurance company will send a check up to \$500,000 for the structure. She needs a solid number for it, not an estimate.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding prices for the temporary structures. Pat shared one example from Rubb company for a code-compliant 40x60 building: \$203,000 to buy; or \$41,000 rental for a year; or \$10,079 monthly with no money down. Discussed heating, lights, timelines on signed agreements. Pat will contact both Sunbelt Rentals and Rubb company tomorrow. He will also contact Clint Bradbury, who has shown interest in offering a structure location.

5. New Business

5.1 Summerfest - postponed date

Saturday, October 7 is the new date, still 4:00-7:00 p.m.

6. Roundtable Discussions

6.1 Secretary (absent)

6.2 Board members

Katie motioned, Arthur seconded, to postpone the pouring of the concrete floors in the new town garage until weather permits. Vote was 5-0. Dwayne

Vaughn will pour the drain and grade the interior so that water and snow will drain through the doors during the winter. Katie will contact Derrick Vaughn regarding the plumbing.

There are still no stamped plans for the garage.

There was extended discussion about the animal/cattle situations on Brown Hill/ Stagecoach Road/Dickvale Road. ACO Eric Giroux has visited, with Katie, with Jason, but no resolution has occurred. There appears also to be a land dispute within the neighborhood, compounding the issues.

The board agreed unanimously to request that Jess apply to be a notary public, at the town's expense.

7. Public participation

7.1 Katie motioned to enter public participation at 8:06 p.m., Jason seconded. Vote was 5-0 in favor.

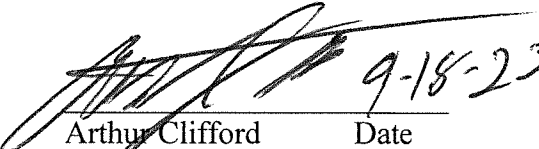
None.

7.2 Jason motioned to exit public participation at 8:07 p.m., Katie seconded. All in favor.

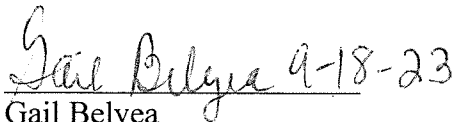
8. Arthur motioned to adjourn at 8:10 p.m., Jason seconded. All in favor.

Next selectboard meeting: Monday, September 18, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

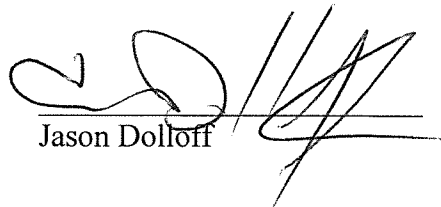
Kathryn Lawrence Date
Chair

 9-18-23

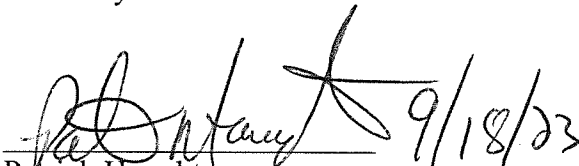
Arthur Clifford Date
Vice Chair

 9-18-23

Gail Belyea



Jason Dolloff

 9/18/23

Patrick Houghton