

NOVEMBER 6, 2023, PERU SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES.

Present: Gail Belyea, Kaitlyn Billings, Dan Carrier, Jackie Child, Ryan Child, Arthur Clifford, Jason Dolloff, Alfred Ferland, Stephanie Griffus, Pat Houghton, Brad Hutchings, Josh Lawrence, Katie Lawrence (arrived 6:30 p.m.), Tyler McDonald, Don Roach, Rick Vaughn.

Flag salute 6:00 p.m.

1. Consent Agenda.

Gail motioned to accept the consent agenda as presented, Arthur seconded. Vote was 3-0; Jason abstained due to absence on October 30; Katie late due to work.

The single topic on Consent Agenda was approval of the meeting minutes of October 30, 2023.

2. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. s.s. 405(6)(A), personnel matter.

Gail motioned, Arthur seconded, to enter executive session at 6:13 p.m. Discussion occurred about whether both parties desired executive session; one party did not, the other did. Vote was 3-1 to enter executive session, Gail opposed.

Arthur motioned to exit executive session at 7:15 p.m., Pat seconded. Vote was 5-0 in favor.

Result: Arthur motioned that the Peru road department take pictures of any future hazardous road issues, and then contact the property owner before acting to alleviate them. Vote was 5-0 in favor.

3. Elected Officials/Board/Committee Reports. None.

4. Unfinished Business: Temporary Shelter.

Pat shared his discussion with Dave from L2, which included location of electrical power sources. L2's set-up team still plans to be in Peru on November 13. Pat talked with Brad about back-dragging grass at the shelter site.

Katie expects a conference call with Larry and Donna from the insurance company on November 7. Larry said all is well with the temporary shelter payment.

5. New Business: Resumes for Secretary Position.

Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. s.s. 405(6)(A), personnel matter.

Arthur motioned, Pat seconded, to enter executive session at 7:25 p.m. Vote was 5-0 in favor.

Arthur motioned, Pat seconded, to exit executive session at 7:45 p.m. Vote was 5-0 in favor.

Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. s.s. 405(6)(A), personnel matter. Gail moved, Katie seconded, to enter executive session at 7:48 p.m.

Gail motioned, Arthur seconded, to exit executive session at 8:09 p.m. Vote was 5-0 in favor.

Result: The board's consensus is to hire a secretary the week of November 13, 2023, in an executive session at the top of the next agenda.

#### 6. Roundtable Discussion. Board Members.

At 8:10 p.m. Arthur motioned, Gail seconded, to enter executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. s.s. 405(6)(A), personnel matter. Arthur motioned, Jason seconded, to exit executive session at 8:28 p.m. Vote was 5-0 in favor.

Result: A board member shared a personal situation and need for short-term absence from meetings.

Discussed the boiler situation briefly; finding a motherboard seems to be the issue. The building maintenance account balance is \$4400.00, so there's money to buy one if necessary.

Town clerk said the town office has a phone with an answering machine, but it has never been installed. Gail is tasked with calling Spectrum regarding cost of adding voice mail to town office phones.

#### 7. Public Participation.

Arthur motioned to enter public participation at 9:20 p.m., Gail seconded. Vote was 4-0 (Jason gone).

Jackie would like to see the consent agenda removed from the board's weekly agenda.

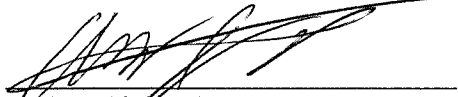
Josh asked if the board knew why the three recently-purchased town trucks failed inspection. Among the reasons were brakes, tie-rod ends, and certain lights.

Arthur motioned to exit public participation at 9:28 p.m, Pat seconded. Vote 4-0 in favor.

#### 8. Adjournment.


Arthur motioned to adjourn at 9:29 p.m., Pat seconded. Vote 4-0 in favor.

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Arthur Clifford  
Chair Date

*Gail Belyea 11-13-23, note taken*  
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Gail Belyea  
Vice Chair Date

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Jason Dolloff Date

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Kathryn Lawrence Date

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