

PERU SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 4, 2023

PRESENT: Gail Belyea (note taker), Arthur Clifford, Stephanie Griffus, Patrick Houghton, Katie Lawrence.

ABSENT: Jason Dolloff, Brad Hutchings.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approve minutes of November 27, 2023, board meeting.
2. Homestead exemption for Andrew Arsenault.
3. Abatement for Tracy Gauvin.

Arthur motioned, Patrick seconded, to approve consent agenda. 4-0.

ELECTED OFFICIALS/BOARD/COMMITTEE REPORTS.

No officials were present, but discussion was held regarding these topics.

- a. Arthur will research public health officer duties.
- b. Stephanie will contact CEO Eric Giroux about Responsible Pet Care.
- c. The green six-wheeler will be a spare, and the red six-wheeler will be used. There is a possibility of selling one six-wheeler and one F350 later.
- d. Electrical panel should be hooked up tomorrow, December 5. Guys can use outlets and extension cords. Discussed making a welding cord while in the temp shelter, then take it when road department moves into the new garage.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Backhoe to level ground in front of L2 structure: Brad told Tyler to be at the temp shelter on Saturday, December 2, at 10:00 a.m. to run the backhoe, after Brad told the select board either he or Rick would do it. The L2 was fixed without use of the backhoe. Tyler will receive comp for his time.
2. Trees in Demerritt cemetery: Pat will meet with Jake Chartier to view and perhaps get a quote.
3. Heating units for temporary shelter: Katie sent the quotes. Flint Christie has become involved in Katie's discussions with Larry; this should solve some issues. Total garage loss is \$419,209.90. Or \$412,514.30 for the garage building, and \$6,695.00 for the historical society building. Hold back \$68,000?
4. Follow-up on road department time sheets: Arthur reports that Brad will complete a biweekly work log for his department. Discussion ensued about time clocks for town employees; maybe a topic for FY 24-25 budget.
5. The overhead door won't be in Peru until December 6, but the road department can use the building now.

6. Voice mail: There has been no date set with Debbie to install voice mail. Questions on why the town does not use what we pay Spectrum for.
7. No update on refund to Map 15, Lot 61. Stephanie will contact Lee-Ann Salley again. Katie motioned, Gail seconded, to refund Mr. McMichael \$326.00 from overlay. Vote 4-0.
8. LPI contract follow up: Arthur and Debbie are researching.
9. FY 24-25 budget RFPs: Cemeteries/Grounds Maintenance; historical society roofing and siding. Gail motioned, Arthur seconded, to run ads for historical society RFP, roofing and siding. Vote 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

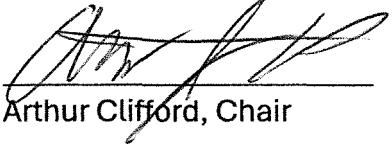
1. Solar ordinance: work continues.
2. Arthur motioned, Pat seconded, to not meet on Monday, December 11, 2023, due to schoolchildren's Christmas concerts that evening. Vote 4-0. Arthur motioned to not meet on Monday, December 25, 2023, nor on January 1, 2024; but to meet on Thursday, December 28, 2023. Gail seconded. Vote 4-0.
3. Violation letters: CEO will be asked to attend December 28 meeting to discuss.
4. 156 Valley Road issue: 151 Valley Road says 156 is a junk yard, with junkers coming in and out. Neighbors don't want to speak up; are concerned that property values will decrease. The board recommends the neighbors contact Oxford County sheriff regarding alleged harassment and damage to a mailbox.
5. MMA response to the board regarding August 14, 2023, special town meeting and purchasing two town trucks for \$123,000 when the article asked for one. Arthur moved, Katie seconded, to take no action at this time.

ROUNDTABLE:

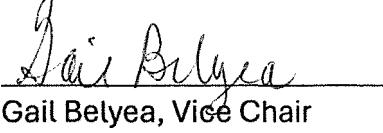
- A. Secretary's update from Lee-Ann: there are 1540 parcels of land in Peru. Lee-Ann began updating the town tax maps in 2019. She estimates 12 or more splits each year.
- B. Town passed the General Assistance audit at 100% compliance.
- C. Arthur moved, Gail seconded, to approve Stephanie attending a G.A. webinar on December 13, 2023, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and to register for FOAA training on December 18, 2023. Vote 4-0.
- D. Andy Freeman will remove the playground swings for the winter.
- E. Katie motioned, Pat seconded, to ask Debbie to attend a board meeting. 4-0.
- F. Katie is printing all insurance correspondence. She is waiting for the road commissioner to provide her the SR concrete contract for new town garage.
- G. Sale of old fire truck will be placed on the next agenda under unfinished business.
- H. 577 Dickvale Road is a fire department issue. No update.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: No public present.

ADJOURN: Arthur motioned to adjourn at 9:55 p.m., Gail seconded. Vote 4-0.



Arthur Clifford, Chair

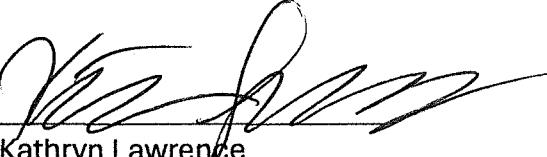


Gail Belyea, Vice Chair

Jason Dolloff



Patrick Houghton



Kathryn Lawrence