

## TOWN OF PERU MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 11, 2024

**SELECT BOARD PRESENT:** Gail Belyea (note-taker), Arthur Clifford, Jason Dolloff, Kathryn Lawrence.

**SELECT BOARD ABSENT:** Patrick Houghton.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dan Carrier, Andy Freeman, Tami Vradenburgh.

Arthur motioned, Katie seconded, to approve the meeting minutes of March 4, 2024. Vote was 4-0.

Arthur motioned, Katie seconded, to table the meeting minutes of February 26, 2024, because only two board members were present who attended that meeting. Vote was 4-0.

Arthur motioned, Katie seconded, to enter executive session at 6:08 p.m., pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. s.s. 405(6)(A). Gail motioned, Arthur seconded, to exit executive session at 6:30 p.m. Board consensus is to continue discussion on hiring a board secretary for another week.

### **ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS/COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Fire Chief Dan Carrier reported that SCBA training was held recently and went well.

Fire engine #12 will be taken to Northeast Fire Apparatus, Auburn, for a new fuel tank and cross member; these items are under warranty. There is a new hose from Mercedes for the truck at Worthley Pond fire station.

Clay Berry will perform a few projects at the central fire station soon (safety railings, sewer pipes, and others).

Dan will draft a separate article for the proposed firefighter diagnostic testing.

He was encouraged to pursue purchasing the new printer for the fire department, approved earlier by the board.

Dan invited the select board to visit the central fire station; time to be determined soon.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Andy Freeman, playground improvement committee member, supplied pictures of basketball poles/backboards he would like considered for purchase. They cost \$2000 each.

Board offered to pay for paint for Andy's plans for the playground, since he has volunteered his time to do the painting.

Andy would like to have a community clean-up day, done by neighborhoods (i.e., Dickvale, Ridge Road, village, etc.). Arthur said he will contact Dixfield and Rumford town managers regarding their clean-up day efforts.

Arthur motioned, Jason seconded, to change the special town meeting date from March 18, 2024, to March 25, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the town office. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

