

TOWN OF PERU SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 8, 2024

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Joe Kerr, Tammi Lyons, Don Roach

OTHERS PRESENT: Dan Carrier, Rod Gordon, Josh Lawrence, Mark Thompson, Clifton Thurston.

Arthur motioned, Katie seconded, to accept the minutes of March 25, 2024, and April 1, 2024. The vote was 4-0 on March 25 notes; Patrick abstained due to absence. The vote was 5-0 for April 1 notes.

ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire chief Carrier said engine #12 is still at Northeast Fire in Auburn.

Finance committee chair Roach: finance committee says "no" to separate warrant article listing out insurances on June 11 referendum ballot. He raised discussion regarding 35% increase on road department trucks.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. The board opened sealed bids for the new town garage from Doten Construction of Freeport, Maine, and from Phelan Construction of North Andover, Massachusetts. Arthur motioned, Katie seconded, to table the two bids until the April 15 meeting, and ask the building committee to review them in the meantime. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

B. FY 24-25 budget. Arthur motioned to not break down insurance figures outside of individual warrant articles, Patrick seconded. Vote was 4-1, Katie opposed.

Arthur motioned, Patrick seconded, to increase Article 12 to \$25,000. The vote was 3-2, Gail and Katie opposed. Arthur motioned, Jason seconded, to recommend "yes" on the referendum ballot. The vote was 3-2, Gail and Katie opposed.

Patrick motioned, Arthur seconded, that Article 11, summer roads, be \$356,563. The vote was 3-2, Gail and Patrick opposed. Arthur motioned, Jason seconded, to recommend "yes" on the ballot. The vote was 5-0.

Arthur motioned, Patrick seconded, to reconsider Article 11. The vote was 3-2, Arthur and Patrick opposed because this article includes no wage increases.

Arthur motioned, Patrick seconded, that Article 13, winter roads, be \$261,875, without raises and cutting overtime by 100 hours. Vote was 3-2, Arthur and Pat opposed.

Patrick motioned, Gail seconded, to approve Article 2 at \$81,536. The vote was 5-0.
Patrick motioned, Arthur seconded, to recommend "yes" on the ballot. The vote was 5-0.

Arthur motioned, Katie seconded, to approve Article 3 as amended to \$59,590 and to recommend "yes" on the ballot. The vote was 5-0.

Katie motioned, Gail seconded, to set May 16, 2024, as the date for the informational meeting on FY 24-25 referendum ballot, at Dirigo Elementary School. The vote was 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Today the board received detailed information from town assessor Joe Salley regarding market ratio. It was shared with the finance committee.

The board is unable to set a new date for the Traffic Movement Permit meeting until we hear from MDOT.

ROUNDTABLE/REMINDERS:

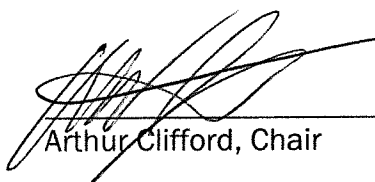
Brief discussion held on the need for solar ordinance work.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

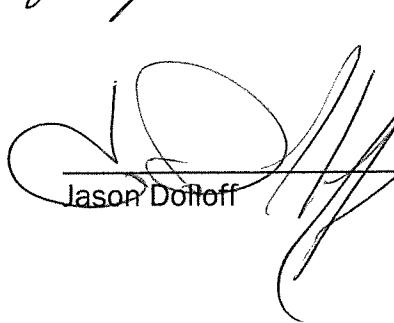
Arthur motioned, Pat seconded, to enter public participation at 10:07 p.m. There was general discussion. Arthur motioned, Pat seconded, to exit public participation at 10:20 p.m. All in favor.

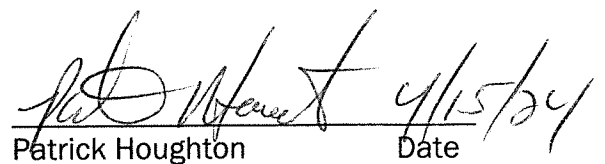
ADJOURN:

Arthur motioned, Patrick seconded, to adjourn at 10:20 p.m. All in favor.


Arthur Clifford, Chair 4-15-24
Date


Gail Belyea, Vice Chair 4-15-24
Date


Jason Doffoff 4-15-24
Date


Patrick Houghton 4/15/24
Date


Kathryn Lawrence 4-15-24
Date