

TOWN OF PERU SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 17, 2024

BOARD PRESENT: Gail Belyea, Arthur Clifford, Raquel Welch-Day.

BOARD ABSENT: Katie Lawrence.

OTHERS PRESENT: Bruce Farrin, Lynda Hebert, Wendy Henderson, Joe Kerr, Karen Lark, Tammi Lyons, Tyler McDonald, Don Roach, Rick Vaughn.

2024 Spirit of America award was presented to Greg Freeman and Neil Sorensen for their decades of maintaining the town's snowmobile trails.

Gail motioned, Arthur seconded, to table the minutes of the June 10, 2024, board meeting. All in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO 1 M.R.S.A. s.s.405(6)(A), PERSONNEL MATTER.

Arthur motioned, Gail seconded, to enter executive session at 6:09 p.m. All in favor.

Arthur motioned, Raquel seconded, to exit executive session at 6:47 p.m. All in favor.

Arthur motioned, Raquel seconded, to raise Tyler McDonald's hourly wage to \$24.00 per hour. Vote was 2-1 in favor, Gail opposed.

ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Tyler said he is working on FEMA paperwork. He estimates a date of July 8 or 15 to begin installing a box culvert at the bridge on Dickvale Road near the foot of Lovejoy Hill Road. The road department is ditching this week.

Clif Thurston is quoted as saying the concrete will not be poured this month at the new town garage. Arthur said he will contact SR Contractors concerning this.

Finance committee chair Don Roach had no update on the light at Worthley Pond fire station, which is an LED light according to CMP.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Time clocks will not be installed before the personnel policy is updated regarding them. Vice Chair is tasked with preparing a policy.

Arthur motioned, Raquel seconded, to pay the bill for siding the historical society building out of insurance money. All in favor.

Arthur had no update regarding removing shrubbery from town office front lawn.

Road department will help with the installation of the playground's new basketball hoops. Arthur will contact Andy Freeman to assist, and Arthur will check the price of concrete.

No update on Andover's part-time town manager search.

Arthur motioned, Raquel seconded, to start an official facebook page. All in favor. They will set it up and administer it.

There was no Summerfest update, other than that the fire department will grill hot dogs and hamburgers.

Arthur motioned, Raquel seconded, to hold a public comment/informational meeting regarding the draft solar ordinance, on July 15 at 5:30 p.m. at the town office; and a public vote on the draft ordinance on July 29 at 5:30 p.m. at the town office, both meetings to be held prior to the select board meetings at 6:00 p.m. All in favor.

Gail motioned, Raquel seconded, to elect Arthur as Board Chair for the coming year. All in favor.

Arthur motioned, Raquel seconded, to elect Gail as Board Vice Chair for the coming year. All in favor.

Linda Tompkins presented information regarding her involvement with River Valley Animal Advocates, and the need for money to spay and neuter cats. There will be an open house on September 21 at 25 Oxford Street, which is a licensed shelter. She is accepting donations of nails, plywood, screws, etc. to build feral cat houses.

Raquel motioned, Arthur seconded, to move \$9422.06 from Winter Roads to Garage on the fire ledger, at the town treasurer's request. All in favor.

Arthur motioned, Gail seconded, to accept Von Plumbing's estimates for the new town garage for \$32,012.10. All in favor (Raquel under protest).

Gail motioned, Arthur seconded, to accept select board member Jason Dolloff's resignation letter, effective June 17, 2024. All in favor.

Bruce Cox shared with Gail that the Peru ATV Club last week received a \$50,000.00 grant to improve ATV trails and bridges in town. The board signed the grant request recently.

Board agreed that Gail should respond to an email from SolAmerica requesting information on Peru's draft solar ordinance.

Arthur motioned, Raquel seconded, to complete the MMA legislative policy committee's ballot for three new members. All in favor.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Arthur motioned, Gail seconded, to enter public participation at 8:30 p.m. All in favor.

Karen Lark asked how to obtain a building permit and was told how.

Don Roach asked if the town clerk had more information on the amount of money in the Veterans Stones account. Not yet. Don said the board should investigate permit fees for solar arrays and have that information ready if the draft solar ordinance passes. Arthur said he will research fees.

Wendy Henderson asked if the CEO has addressed junk in yards with no fences around them. Arthur said CEO Clay Berry has dealt with some of these places.


Don asked if the article on the June 11 referendum ballot that read "a three-year road commissioner's term" instead of two years presented a problem. No, the town clerk asked

the State, who said that since the new road commissioner's nomination papers read "two years", the incorrect warrant article was treated as a typo.

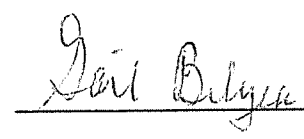
Lynda Hebert noted that the board apparently skipped an agenda item under New Business: nomination papers for the seat vacated by Jason Dolloff. Arthur motioned, Gail seconded, to post the position at the end of July 2024, so it can be placed on the November 5, 2024, election ballot. All in favor.

Arthur motioned, Gail seconded, to exit public participation at 8:45 p.m. All in favor.

Raquel motioned, Arthur seconded, to adjourn at 8:46 p.m.

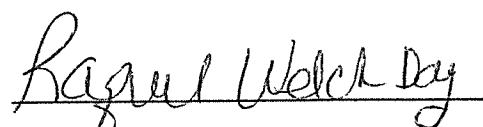


Arthur Clifford, Chair Date



Gail Belyea, Vice Chair Date

Kathryn Lawrence Date



Raquel Welch-Day Date