

TOWN OF PERU SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES, MAY 6, 2024

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Lynda Hebert, Tammi Lyons, Don Roach.

OTHERS: Anthony Amorelli, Fran Bird, Dean Carter, Linda Carter, Jackie Child, Ayver Dahne, David Davis, Alan Elliott, David Ellis, Kurt Ellis, Lisa Ellis, Sharon Gates, Roxanne Gorham, Paula Harting, Cathy Hazelton, Bill Hine, Jan Hooley, Tanya Jordan, Karen Lark, Betsy "Louanne" Lewit, Brett Phelan, Tim Placey, Brenda Plante, Alfred W. Russell, Matt Shea, David Smith, Louanne Thibodeau, Michael Thibodeau, Mark Thompson, Clifton Thurston, John Wilson, Joanne Woods.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO 1 MRSA s.s. 405(6)(A), PERSONNEL MATTER.

Jason motioned, Katie seconded, to enter executive session at 6:05 p.m. All in favor.

Jason motioned, Pat seconded, to exit executive session at 6:25 p.m. All in favor.

- Outcome: the board will make a timely decision concerning the candidate.

ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Not present were the Town Clerk/Treasurer, Fire Chief, or Road Commissioner.

- Finance Committee Chair Don Roach initiated discussion regarding the condition of the cedar tree and the shrubs at the War Memorial, and the dying trees; also the Adirondack chair with peeling paint and the large sign on the town office front lawn. No action taken.
- Katie motioned, Jason seconded, to change over two streetlights to LEDs. Don will ask CMP about putting a skirt on the very bright light at Worthley Pond fire station.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Katie motioned, Jason seconded, to choose Williamsburg gray as the color of the shingles for the historical society building at 85 Peru Center Road. All in favor.
- Patrick said Mr. Bradbury doesn't want to leave wire and electrical feed for the temp shelter at his site; the road department will move it to the old town garage location. Pat will ask Larry Lapointe to unhook the electrical box for use outside the garage. Brad will clean out the Conex box at temp shelter.
- Katie motioned, Arthur seconded, to nominate Greg Freeman and Neil Sorensen for the Spirit of America award. All in favor. The vice chair will contact them.
- The board will do more research on time clocks.
- Arthur motioned, Pat seconded, to open the market adjustment discussion at 7:05 p.m. Vote 4-1, Katie opposed. Discussion followed.

- At 7:40 p.m. Katie motioned, Gail seconded, to not reconsider the board's vote to complete a market adjustment. The vote was 3-2, Arthur, Jason and Patrick opposed, Gail and Katie in favor.
- Arthur motioned, Jason seconded, to not do the market adjustment. The vote was 3-2, Arthur, Jason and Patrick in favor, Gail and Katie opposed.
- Arthur motioned, Katie seconded, to approve April 29, 2024, board meeting minutes. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Phelan Construction, North Andover, MA, bid \$736,838.00, with a completion date of September 2024, for the new town garage. No action taken yet.
- CWT Builders, Peru, ME, proposed \$446,000.00, with a start date of July 25, 2024, and a completion date of October 31, 2024, for the new town garage. No action taken yet.
- The board signed the warrant for the May 16, public information meeting on FY 24-25 town budget.

ROUNDTABLE/REMINDERS:

- The board thanked Mrs. Child for her gift of a clock in the select board office.
- Katie is cleaning the playground swings. She has contacted Andy Freeman about work at the playground.
- There is a 60-day waiting period from submission for a 10% discount request at Dick's Sporting Goods (basketball hoops). The town has submitted the form.
- The board has requested the Planning Board to choose an alternate date to review the draft solar ordinance. Not all the select board can attend on May 14.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Jason motioned to enter public participation at 8:36 p.m., Arthur seconded. All in favor.

- Karen Lark questioned several topics: policing of cemetery contracts; who is running for road commissioner; is the current road commissioner still attending select board meetings; is the CEO overseeing places with yards full of stuff.
- Don recommended that in next year's town budget there should be separate accounts for veterans' gravestones and the cemeteries. He recommends that the board not change the LPI's 75% share of plumbing permits. More on the War Memorial: there is a lot of winter sand on the grass from road plowing.
- Lynda Hebert questioned Jackie if the recent market adjustment facebook post was removed. It was.

- Jackie asked if the road department had fixed the road to the town ballfield, and if anyone knew where the new flag and flagpole are. (Yes). Arthur will request the road department's help in erecting them.

Arthur motioned, Jason seconded, to exit public participation at 9:00 p.m. All in favor.

ADJOURN.

Arthur motioned, Katie seconded, to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. All in favor.

Arthur Clifford, Chair Date

Gail Belyea 5-13-24
Gail Belyea, Vice Chair Date

Jason Dolloff 5-13-24
Jason Dolloff Date

Patrick Houghton 5/13/24
Patrick Houghton Date

Kathryn Lawrence 5/13/24
Kathryn Lawrence Date