

## TOWN OF PERU SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES, JULY 15, 2024, 6:30 P.M.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Gail Belyea (note-taker), Arthur Clifford, Raquel Welch-Day.

**BOARD MEMBER ABSENT:** Kathryn Lawrence.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Karen Lark, Don Roach.

Raquel motioned, Arthur seconded, to accept the July 8, 2024, select board meeting minutes as written. All in favor.

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

At the 5:30 p.m. Informational Meeting earlier tonight regarding the town's draft solar ordinance, Finance Committee Chair Don Roach suggested that the ordinance be edited to include language restricting the number of solar farms allowed in Peru. Karen Lark, the only other citizen present at the informational meeting besides Don, agreed with him. The board agreed to add such language and review it at the July 22 board meeting.

Fire Chief Dan Carrier attended the meeting for a few minutes, on his way back to the central fire station after a long afternoon at a structure fire on Ada Lane. Several volunteer firefighters were taken to the hospital with heat exhaustion, the result of temperatures in the 90's and high humidity. 13 area towns assisted at the fire scene.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- The Board chose Monday, August 26, 2024, as the return date for RFP'S for an independent town auditor, which will be posted ASAP. Peru's auditor resigned recently.
- Arthur motioned, Gail seconded, to hire West Quoddy Concrete, owner Michael Day of Peru, to complete the concrete work at the new town garage. All in favor.
- Arthur motioned, Gail seconded, to accept the revised July 29 Special Town Meeting warrant. All in favor.
- Arthur motioned, Gail seconded, to appoint Tyler McDonald as 911 Addressing Officer. All in favor.
- Arthur motioned, Gail seconded, to appoint Debbie Coudrain as Alternate 911 Addressing Officer. All in favor.
- Arthur motioned, Gail seconded, to appoint David Errington, Sr., as Licensed Plumbing Inspector. The vote was 2-1, Raquel opposed. This appointment will be re-addressed when the fourth board member is present.
- Arthur motioned, Gail seconded, to appoint Clay Berry as Code Enforcement Officer. All in favor.

- Arthur motioned, Gail seconded, to appoint Eric Giroux as Animal Control Officer. All in favor.
- Arthur motioned, Gail seconded, to appoint Carol Roach as Med-Care Ambulance Service Representative. All in favor.
- Arthur motioned, Gail seconded, to appoint Warren MacFawn to the Planning Board. All in favor.
- Arthur motioned, Gail seconded, to accept the resignation of John Witherell as NORSWB representative, due to ill health. All in favor.
- Arthur motioned, Gail seconded, to appoint Raquel Welch-Day as the NORSWB representative. All in favor.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Raquel motioned, Arthur seconded, to enter public participation at 6:45 p.m.

Don asked if the radio from the former road commissioner's truck had been returned. Arthur said the current road commissioner returned it to the town office.

Don said he requested town insurances information at the town office and was refused.


Don initiated discussion regarding trees at the memorial green and about the streetlight at the central fire station. He said that the flag at the green is not lit at night but should be.

Don asked if the board has acted on inspecting the Paradis property, as he believes it should be. Answer is no.

Arthur advised Don that the insulation for the new town garage is included in Clif Thurston's successful bid.

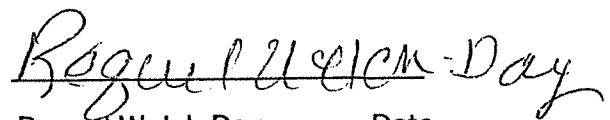
Arthur motioned, Raquel seconded, to exit public participation at 6:52 p.m. All in favor.

ADJOURN: Arthur motioned, Raquel seconded, to adjourn at 6:53 p.m. All in favor.

  
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 Arthur Clifford, Chair      Date      7-29-24

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 Kathryn Lawrence      Date

  
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 Gail Belyea, Vice Chair      Date      7-29-24

  
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 Raquel Welch-Day      Date