

TOWN OF PERU SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES, JULY 29, 2024

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

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT: Kathryn Lawrence.

OTHERS PRESENT: Lynda Hebert, Wendy Henderson, Karen Lark, Tyler McDonald, Carol Roach, Don Roach.

Arthur motioned, Raquel seconded, to approve the board minutes of July 15, 2024. All in favor.

Raquel motioned, Arthur seconded, to table the July 22, 2024, board minutes. All in favor.

The scheduled executive session was tabled until the August 5, 2024, board meeting.

ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIAL/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Road Commissioner Tyler McDonald reported that Tower and Packard Roads are ditched. He has hired Richie Jones as a part-time employee; he has been cutting brush. The 10-wheeler is at Stan Waliek's for engine repairs. Two formal complaints were received regarding vegetation at the intersection of Ridge and Dickvale Roads.

Finance chair Don Roach inquired about trees being cut at Demerritt cemetery and at the green; there is a quote for this work from Jacques Chartier. Don asked if Trio has changed on the select board's ledger: no. Don asked if there has been resolution regarding the veterans' gravestones account dollar amount: no.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Arthur motioned, Raquel seconded, to table the re-appointment of the current LPI. All in favor. This position is vacant currently. Arthur will contact Kingston Brown.

The board chose September 4, 2024, as the date to set the tax commitment. The vice chair will contact assessor Lee-Ann Salley to confirm.

NEW BUSINESS:

The board completed the mail-in ballot for Maine Municipal Association vice-president and executive committee nominees.

The board will request that board secretary Sandy Wingate design a solar permit for the town.

The board signed the appointment paper of Jane Carrier to the cemetery committee.

Raquel will attend the August 1, 2024, Oxford County Municipal Roundtable hosted by the Office of Cannabis Policy, at the Oxford town office.

Arthur will contact Bruce Paster regarding his request for converting Wiken Road from private to town; he will share the town ordinance concerning this issue.

The board chose August 10, 2024, at 1:00 p.m., as the tentative date for the presentation of the Boston Post Cane to Clinton Delano, Peru's oldest citizen at age 98.

ROUNDTABLE/REMINDERS:

Arthur shared his visit to the July 23 Andover select board meeting. Andover is considering moving to a town manager form of government; a research committee has been formed, which meets at 5:00 p.m. weekly before regular board meetings. Peru has contacted Andover to express interest in maybe sharing a town manager in the future.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Carol Roach offered training regarding unemployment insurance, for general information purposes. She said she has given this training to a previous select board.

Lynda Hebert asked if the board was notified by the absent board member that she would not attend tonight's board meeting. No one was notified.

Karen Lark observed that Tower Road ditches are very deep. Tyler responded this is necessary for excess water flow and heavy rains. Karen noted that ditching on Tower Road is very close to a long rock wall; some of these rock walls designate property boundaries and should not be allowed to fall.


Karen said non-existent ditches allow overflowing water onto her property on Old Valley Road. Tyler and Raquel both responded that FEMA projects are a priority right now for the road department. Arthur, Tyler and Gail will meet with Karen on July 30 at 4:00 p.m.

Arthur motioned, Raquel seconded, to exit public participation at 7:42 p.m. All in favor.

ADJOURN: Raquel motioned, Arthur seconded, to adjourn at 7:43 p.m. All in favor.


Arthur Clifford, Chair Date


Gail Belyea, Vice Chair Date

8-5-24

Raquel Welch-Day Date

Kathryn Lawrence Date