

Present: Carol Roach, Larry Snowman, John Witherell, Raquel Welch, Martha Witherell, Vera Parent, Stephanie Woods, Don Roach, Gail Belyea, Danny Wing, Mary Lou Wing, Carroll Merrill, Donna Kazregis.

Chairperson Carol Roach opened the meeting at 6:05 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes for January 16, 2017 - Larry makes a motion to approve; Seconded by Raquel; All in Favor.

ACTION ITEMS:

Federal Surplus- John made a motion to sign; Seconded by Larry; All in Favor

Elected Official's Business:

Road Commissioner: Not present – Should the Selectmen shut down the Courtesy Sand to residents due to the misuse from residents and non-residents and the amount of sand we are going through? The Select Board doesn't want to take the sand away. The Select Board does think it needs to be monitored though. **John makes a motion to restock the sand supply to get us through the winter; Seconded by Raquel; All in Favor. John makes a motion to keep sand open to the residents; Seconded by Raquel; All in Favor. John makes a motion to purchase two surveillance camera's with all equipment including video feed to monitor sand box and sand shed and for it to come out of the Winter Roads Budget; costing \$1990.00 as soon as possible; Seconded by Larry; All in Favor. John will contact E.W. Electric to make the appointment to install equipment. Carol will notify Lee. John also recommends turning the box around facing the garage.**

Mary Turner Bridge –

Treasurer/ Tax Collector/ Town Clerk –A citizen called in a complaint concerning 104 Peru Center Road; a building was torn down last summer and the citizen is tired of looking at it; an eye sore one would say. Carol recommends Vera to call Jack to do a site visit and give the Selectmen recommendations on what the next step should be.

Vera also reports, she's been working on the budget, W2's, and 1099's.

Bill Hussey –Was not present.

Selectmen's Business –

Med-Care – Wendy would like to have Jim Pulsifer meet with the Board to answer some questions the Board may have. Board members will draft questions in writing and Carol will follow-up with a written letter requesting him to meet with the Board; a copy of the questions will be attached to the letter that's sent to Jim; giving him time to be prepared to have answers for those questions that are being asked.

Abatement – Based on statutes that Carol reviewed; the abatement application received from Aimee and Penny Lemay by phone did not provide enough information to qualify for the abatement. This was a learning experience and will be done the right the next time. Out of good faith and the knowledge at the time, Selectpersons all agreed at last Monday's meeting and motions to approve one year of abatement equaling out to 76.26 for year 2016/17.

Message Board – The board received a letter from the Fire Association stating it's their sign and there was not a violation. The Board of Selectmen feel there was some discriminating, also there have been reports that the sign is a safety hazard to citizens trying to read the messages instead of paying attention to the road. Town is not reimbursed for the electricity being used. John suggest the board to look into purchasing our own. John will have some prices at next board meeting January 30, 2017.

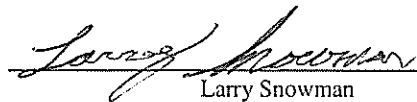
Smoking Policy – John recommends to mend policy to allow smokers in a designated area for adults 21 years of age and older. Smokers can monitor and clean-up area. Carol asked John if the Board could table for January 30, 2017 meeting so more information could be provided and more research could be done before the board voted on this subject.

Public Participation: Attendee Gail – Thanks for reconsidering shutting down the sand.

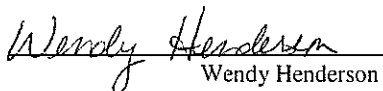
Wendy motioned to adjourn; John seconded at 8:20pm. All in favor.

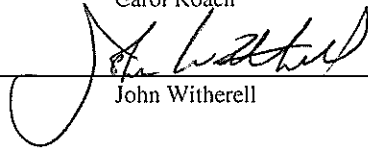
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January 23, 2017


Larry Snowman


Carol Roach


Wendy Henderson


John Witherell


Raquel Welch

Present: Carol Roach, Larry Snowman, John Witherell, Raquel Welch, Martha Witherell, Vera Parent, Stephanie Woods, Don Roach, Gail Belyea, Kevin Taylor, Lee Merrill, Sarah Merrill.

Chairperson Carol Roach opened the meeting at 6:05 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes for January 9, 2017 - Wendy makes a motion to approve; Seconded by Raquel; All in Favor. Warrant #15 = \$18, 3790.58 – Wendy motions to approve; Seconded by Carol; All in Favor.

ACTION ITEMS:

Aimee and Penny Lemay- Application for Abatement of Property Tax – Map 11, Lot 78J-1 – **John motions to allow the most current year on the Abatement \$76.26; Seconded by Larry; 4-1 vote passed.**

Seniors Plus request for support of \$250.00- After consideration and seeing the report from Seniors Plus of the amount our Peru seniors use this agency for support. **Wendy makes a motion to grant the \$250.00 to Seniors Plus; Seconded by John; All in Favor.**

Elected Official's Business:

Road Commissioner: Lee reports at the end of the month he will be closing the courtesy sand box off to the citizens. Lee says that non-residents and residents are taking too much and the sand is going quickly. At the beginning of winter the garage had 2800 yards and now it's down to about 1400 yards; Lee says, he and his crew at the garage are seeing citizens bringing their trucks with sanders on and filling the sanders up and then going out and charging Peru residents as well as residents from other towns to sand their driveways. Carol recommends to add security camera in his budget for upcoming year.

Mary Turner Bridge – Carol reports the Town is only responsible for the \$6,200.00 not the \$12, 00.000.

Knox Rd – Based on the documents given to Carol from Lee dating October 10, 1967 Knox Rd. is and has been a private road. Wendy spoke with Mr. Knox and he said to her his father always told him they owned road. There are a number of thing that need to be done before a road can be discontinued. State Statutes states a public hearing has to be done to warrant a discontinued road.

Lee has reported complaints from citizens concerning Snowshoe Club at Worthley Pond cars being parked on the side blocking passageway in a not so safe area for coming and going vehicles that are traveling on that road. This complaint needs to be brought to the State Highway Department; Lee will contact Brian Max, Head of Maintenance for D.O.T. Follow up being done by our Road Commissioner.

Treasurer/ Tax Collector/ Town Clerk –A citizen called in a complaint about 104 Peru Center Road; a building was torn down last summer and the citizen is tired of looking at it; an eye sore one would say. Carol recommends Vera to call Jack to do a site visit and give the Selectmen recommendations on what the next step should be.

Vera also reports she's been working on the budget, W2's, and 1099's.

Bill Hussey –Was not present.

Selectmen's Business –

Med-Care – A copy of the accounting report was given to the citizen who requested FOAA. Citizen did ask more questions on items she didn't understand there was not any detail. Carol recommended citizen to contact Dean Milligan for further information.

Carol ask Board members if they wanted to request to have Jim come in to attend a meeting to answer more questions.

John motions to table until next meeting January 23, 2017; Seconded by Wendy; All in Favor.

Waste Conversion Tech – John will follow-up and come back to the Board. **Wendy motions to table until next week for more information from John. Seconded by John; All in Favor.**

Discontinued Roads – John makes a motion to contact D.O.T/ Lawyer to review Knox Rd. documents; **Seconded by Raquel; All in Favor.**

Lemay Septic System Fines –August 9th, 2016 sent a letter to inform they had 30 days to repair- September 7th, 2016 still was not done, September 26th, 2016 was inspected by our LPI and septic was operating. **Raquel makes a motion to send a letter informing them the Town will be imposing fines for the 18 days @ \$100.00 a day equaling out to \$1,800.00; explaining to them the Board could go back to June 23rd, 2016; but out of the goodness of their heart their only going back to September 7th, 2016; Seconded by Larry; All in Favor.**

Electric Message Board at Fire Station - Kathy Hussey hasn't responded to letter requesting a policy. **John motions**

to send a letter to Kathy stating if she doesn't respond in 14 days the Board will have no option but to disconnect the sign. Seconded by Raquel; All in Favor.

John makes a motion if we don't get satisfaction from Kathy that the Board put an Article in to get our own; Seconded by Raquel; All in Favor.

Public Participation: Attendee Gail – NOT happy with shutting the sand box down. Board says we will revisit it next meeting.

Wendy motioned to adjourn; John seconded at 8:20pm. All in favor.

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January 16, 2017

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Present: Carol Roach, Larry Snowman, John Witherell, Raquel Welch, Martha Witherell, Vera Parent, and Stephanie Woods, Don Roach, Gail Belyea, Brad Hutchings.

Chairperson Carol Roach opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes for January 3, 2017 - Larry makes a motion to approve; Seconded by John; All in Favor.

ACTION ITEMS:

Maine Public Radio asking for support – Carol states LD1 limits towns' ability to donate to outside agencies. John motions to deny support due to funds not available in budget; Seconded by Raquel; All in Favor.

Elected Official's Business:

Road Commissioner: Yvonne came over to speak with Carol and asked remind road crew that FPES does hold meetings sometimes 7 days a week and to make sure they are plowing on all days when needed; Yvonne also asked if she would ask Lee if when the crew is working with smaller trucks they could make a quick swipe in front. She is concerned for Towns' liability if someone were to fall on their way in the building. Lee states they do plow and sand. FPES should pick up a few buckets to keep at the building. In the FPES contract it states FPES will have to maintain the driveway.

Mary Turner Bridge – \$12,000.00 potential charges for Calderwood Engineering. D.O.T. (John Rodrigue) stated to Carol by phone D.O.T. did not invite Calderwood to meeting that a Town representative did. Lee states, he has no knowledge of inviting him. Calderwood contacted him about the Mary Turner Bridge. John Rodrigue (D.O.T Project Manager) stated to Carol during her phone conversation that all cost concord prior to the project; the Town will be responsible for. Lee nor the board knows who invited Calderwood Engineering to the meeting. Carol found files dated back to when Joe Roach was Road Commissioner, she would contact him to inquire his knowledge to get to the bottom of this issue. At this time there has not been a written contract between D.O.T or Calderwood Engineering and the Town of Peru that anyone has found or has knowledge of.

Knox Rd – Since 1996 it's been a Town maintained road; based on research and Lee Merrill landowner does maintenance on this road and has asked the town road crew to stay off of it. There are many steps the town has to do to make it a discontinued road and it has to go through court. Town is liable if there is an emergency and will be held responsible. There will be more research on this issue. **Larry makes a motion for Wendy to contact Mr. Knox to find out the status of Knox Rd; Seconded by John; All in Favor.**

Bridge Railings – There was concern in a prior meeting on who is responsible fixing railing damage if road crew damages it during plowing. **Lee states the town has extra guardrail materials and they will fix them.**

Treasurer/ Tax Collector/ Town Clerk – Board perused Article 1-8 of existing Articles on Referendum Ballot and set up a workshop to meet January 25, 2017 with department heads to discuss upcoming budget for 2017-2018.

Bill Hussey – Was not present. **FYI – Fire, EMT joint training at Region 9 January 29, 2017.**

Selectmen's Business –

FPES- Select Board will meet in a workshop January 16, 2017 at 5 pm before regular Select Meeting at 6 pm to revise new contract.

Referendum Ballot – Raquel makes the motion to hold a separate meeting budget; Seconded by Larry; All in Favor. The Board set a date for the workshop with all department heads that will be held January 25, 2016 at 6 pm. Carol will write a letter to the departments asking them to attend.

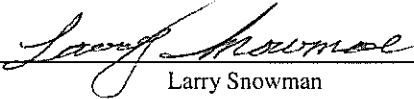
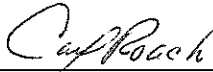
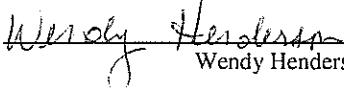
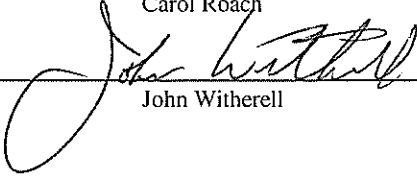
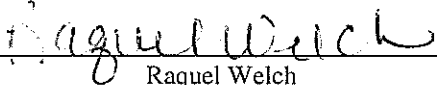
Junk Yard – Jack Plumley reported that the Powell's do not use the junk yard as a viable business. By Law the permit cannot be approved. Carol states the Powell's need to be notified and the abutters to their property also needed to be notified. A hearing needs to be set up for the Powell's. **Larry makes a motion to set a Public Hearing for January 30, 2017 at 5 pm prior to the regular Select Board meeting being held at 6 pm; Seconded by John; All in Favor.**

Public Participation: Attendee Gail found some corrections for the new Domain.

John motioned to adjourn; Larry seconded at 9:15pm. All in favor.

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 _____ Wendy Henderson	 _____ John Witherell
 _____ Raquel Welch	

Present: Carol Roach, Larry Snowman, John Witherell, Raquel Welch, Martha Witherell, Vera Parent, and Stephanie Woods, Don Roach.

Chairperson Carol Roach opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes for December 19, 2016 - John makes a motion to approve; Seconded by Wendy; All in Favor.
Warrant#14 - \$39,779.47 Wendy makes the motion to approve; seconded by Raquel; All in Favor.

ACTION ITEMS:

Finance Committee Appointments- John motions to appoint Andy St. Pierre, Kevin Taylor, and Jim Pulsifer to the Finance Committee; seconded by Larry; All in Favor.

Once Formed the Committee will elect its chair to discuss attendance and other expectations. Larry makes a motion the letters written to Finance Committee members should be mailed out as written. Seconded by Wendy; All in Favor.

Junkyard letters – Wendy makes a motion to send letters as written to Richard Garland and Rocky and Heather Smith; Seconded by Larry; All in Favor.

Discussion on Richard Powell's junkyard; Jack states there's a grey area; the Powell's have had a junkyard since 1972; there is not a grandfather provision. John wants to give the Powell's option to correct violations. Primary violation begins at 108; Larry states we should write a letter to the Powell's asking them to put a fence up blocking the view from 108 and fix the fence on Valley Rd. Carol will write a letter to the Powell's and present to the Board at next meeting for approval before mailing it out.

Email from Noelle Delaney requesting to support school week Proclamation – Larry makes a motion to have Stephanie contact Noelle to let her know the Board will not take any action on this matter; Seconded by John; All in Favor.

Letter from Health Equity Alliance requesting contribution's to support work of outside agencies. John makes a motion to notify HEAL the Town of Peru at this time are not in a financial position to donate financially. Seconded by Larry; All in Favor.

Elected Official's Business:

Road Commissioner: Not Present.

Mary Turner Bridge –Carol tabled until next week.

Treasurer/ Tax Collector/ Town Clerk – Election Warrant for new RSU# 56 Board of Directors – Larry makes a motion to adopt; seconded by John; All in Favor.

Selectmen's Business –

FPES- Responded to the Boards request by providing proof of insurance naming the Town secondary to liability and a letter from Jennifer Kreckles office on the 501 3c status. Raquel makes a motion to respond to FPES letter stating that the 501 3c is a requirement in the latest contract, the Board will act on good faith due to their response and compliance on getting information requested to move forward in renewing their contract. Seconded by Wendy; All in Favor.

Med-Care Ambulance 2017 Subsidy Pay Schedule- Stephanie is asked to find out when the contract is up with Med-Care.

Bicycle Coalitions of Maine- Larry made a motion that No permit required. Seconded by John; All in Favor.

Census- Larry authorizes Carol and Stephanie to update census; Seconded by Wendy; All in Favor.

Raquel makes a motion to authorize Carol to send a written request asking for a policy for utilizing the message board. Seconded by Wendy; All in Favor.

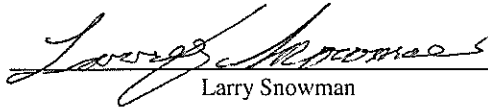
Public Participation: Two request were made; one request was for an Itemized list on Annual Cost from Med-Care; the second request was for a copy of policies and procedures pertaining to the message board on the side of the Peru Fire Station.

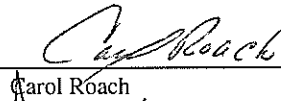
John motioned to adjourn; Wendy seconded at 8:23pm. All in favor.

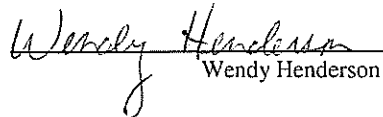
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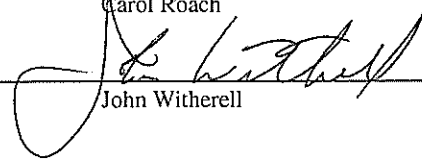
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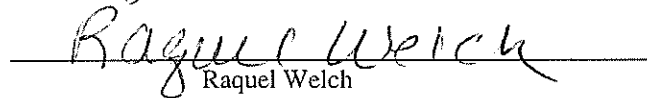
January 3, 2017


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Present: Carol Roach, Larry Snowman, John Witherell, Raquel Welch, Martha Witherell, Dan Collins, Vera Parent, and Stephanie Woods.

Chairperson Carol Roach opened the meeting at 5:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes for December 5th, 2016- Wendy makes a motion to approve; Seconded by Larry; All in Favor.
Warrant # 13= Wendy makes a motion to approve; Seconded by Larry; All in Favor.

ACTION ITEMS:

Building Permit: Dan Collins – John makes a motion to approve; Seconded by Larry; All in Favor.

Elected Official's Business:

Road Commissioner: Not Present.

Mary Turner Bridge – Lots of discussion and concerns with how the town will proceed in fixing this bridge. Carol still has some questions for John Rodrigue, States Project Manager. Carol states she can see reluctance on town's behalf and D.O.T. When Carol contacted John she inquired on the towns obligations and responsibilities to the D.O.T plan if the town decided to not go with it. Eric Colderwood the engineer was requested at the meeting by Peru not D.O.T. questions on if Joe Roach was the initial person to request his presence before Lee took over his position. Carol states the town will be liable for the engineers cost at \$6,200.00. If the board did approve the project drawn up by D.O.T. it would have to go out to the voters in June for the funds. The difference between D.O.T. and the town's road crew doing the work would be the guidelines for safety and environmental issues D.O.T's plans will follow.

John makes a motion to contact Eric Colderwood to see if there is a written signed agreement; Seconded by Wendy; All in Favor.

Raquel makes a motion to adapt approval low use Redundant Bridge WIN 21740.00 Pending funds approval by voters in June; Seconded by Wendy; All in Favor.

FPES- Raquel makes a motion to send letter; Seconded by Wendy; All in Favor.

Selectmen's Business

Permit Fee's- Raquel makes a motion to table discussion of permit fees and responsibilities until next week; seconded by John; All in Favor.

Junk Yard – Carol had a 2 hour conversation with Jack Plumley on Junkyards. Jack's done site visits and recommends to send a letter and it be signed by him as CEO and all board members. To be mailed after they are signed January 3, 2017. Due to the weather and the time of year the board decided to give the property owners 90 days instead of the usual 30 days to get them cleaned up or request for a permit.

Building Permits- Raquel makes a motion to give authority to the planning board and CEO to review and approve building, shoreland and junkyard permits and copies of all be shown to the board before filling for informational purposes only; Seconded by Carol; 3 to 2 motion passes.

Public Participation: No one had anything to discuss.

Larry motioned to adjourn; John seconded at 7:07pm. All in favor.

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Chairperson Carol Roach opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes for November 21, 2016 and November 28, 2016 – Larry motions for the minutes for November 21, 2016 be approved, seconded by John. All in Favor.

Minutes for November 28, 2016; Raquel makes the motion to approve; seconded by Larry; All in Favor.

Warrant # 12= Totals 245,866.69- Wendy makes a motion to approve; seconded by Raquel; All in Favor.

ACTION ITEMS:

Junk Yard Permit for Richard Powell- Extensive Discussion on the statues and laws for Junkyard permits. John makes a motion to table until we meet next week. Seconded by Wendy; All in Favor. Carol will contact Carol Powell to explain the delay in approval of permit.

Ken King Building Permit- Larry waiting for King to get plumbing permit; Wendy contacted the Kings to inform him about the need for plumbing permit. Wendy will contact him again to remind him, he would need a plumbing permit before the building permit.

Elected Official's Business:

Road Commissioner: Lee was not present at tonight meeting due to a snow storm and was out plowing. Lee did hand in to the secretary a list of vendors for an air compressor. **Larry made a motion to table until next meeting; seconded by John; All in Favor.**

Mary Turner Bridge- John tabled until Lee (Road Commissioner) was present to discuss issue; seconded by Wendy; All in Favor. In light of motion Carol will send an email to John with D.O.T. stating the Board is still in discussion on if the Town wants D.O.T or the Town's Road Commissioner to do the work on Mary Turner Bridge.

Mexico/Peru Bridge Project- Larry informs the Board the prep work starts in the next two weeks. The old stuff from the bridge will be replaced with new. The public can expect some delays crossing the bridge. At times could be up to a 15 minute delay. D.O.T will be responsible for notices about delays.

Tax Collector/Clerk/Treasurer - In the warrant Vera paid Hayes computer maintenance for the new assessing module for Trio. Not budgeted and cost and extra 1,000. Dollars. Vera states the program is costing more. **Larry makes a motion to transfer 1000.00 to the program out of the assessing budget; seconded by John; All in Favor.** Vera informed the Board we had three people take out nomination papers for the school board and all three were for each term. Nomination papers are due by Friday December 9th, 2016.

Finance Committee has two appoints coming due to reappoint. We also have possible appointees- Joe Kerr, Jim Placey, and Kevin Taylor if one of the reappointments doesn't want to serve another term.

Selectmen's Business

Franchise Fees- No new information.

Briar Patch/Hope Association- John makes a motion to donate an undetermined amount to be decided by voters in June with the finance committee's recommendations. Seconded by Wendy; All in Favor.

FPES- No response from them with the proof of 501-3C and liability insurance naming the Town additional on the general liability. Very lengthy discussion on the non-communication and what the board wants to do being the contract is coming up for renewal. **Raquel makes a motion to write a letter with teeth to be reviewed by Town's attorney to FPES; seconded by Wendy; All in Favor.**

Cheer Mats- GRCC picked the mats up last Thursday morning.

Permit Fee's- Raquel makes a motion to table discussion of permit fees and responsibilities until next week; seconded by John; All in Favor.

Public Participation: Gail asked questions as to why Lee isn't here. She states the Worhtley Pond Rd is terrible for travel with the weather the way it is.

Carol stated the plumbing permit for the new Fire Station hasn't been seen.

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Executive Session

Chairwomen Carol motioned to go into Executive Session in accordance with M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (E) @ 8:20pm; seconded by John; All in Favor.

John motioned to return to Regular Session @ 8:25pm; seconded by Wendy; All in Favor.

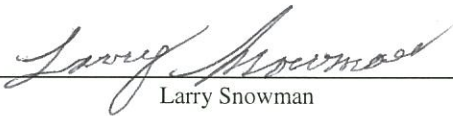
Carol motioned to accept both documents; seconded by John; All in Favor.

Larry motioned to adjourn; Wendy seconded at 8:26pm. All in favor.

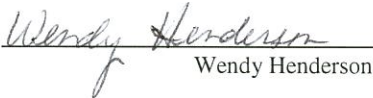
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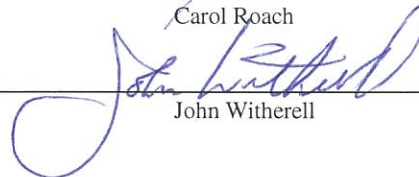
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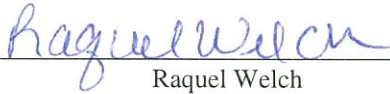
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