

Present: Carol Roach, Larry Snowman, Wendy Henderson, John Witherell, Raquel Welch, Martha Witherell, Stephanie Woods, Vera Parent, Bill Hussey, Corey Mills, John Wilson, Scott Knox, Tyler McDonald, Gary Tibbetts, Tim Haas, Robert Tibbetts, Kevin Taylor, Don Roach, Gail Belyea, and Mark Irish.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes – March 20th, 2017 – Wendy motioned to approve as corrected “medal” to “metal” Seconded by Larry, All in Favor.

Reading of Warrant #20 = \$23,762.07 – Wendy motions to approve as written; Seconded by John; All in Favor.

Action Items:

Building Permit (Steven Smith) – John motions to approve permit pending more information on the size of the shed; Seconded by Larry. All in Favor.

Elected Officials:

Road Commissioner – Not present at meeting. He did inform Stephanie there was nothing new to report.

Tax Collector/ Town Clerk/ Treasurer – Vera requested to do a journal entry to take money to pay for the assessing program from the assessing account.

Fire Chief – **Bill reports he is working on RFP's for the new station at Worthley Pond.**

Committee Reports- Martha reported Committee will meet Thursday night March 30, 2017 @ 6pm. Wendy will also prepared the titles going in the warrant for Ordinances.

Selectmen's Business:

Volunteer Fire Fighter's washing of vehicles – Volunteer Fire Fighter's joined the meeting with Chief Hussey in support from the latest news reports written in the local and national news by Matt Daigle from the Sun Journal. Statement made by Raquel Welch was taken out of context and was misstated said board members. Bill and Raquel had a good conversation last Friday about the article Mr. Daigle wrote. Bill states he has no issue; the pump at the fire station needs to be run or pump will go bad. It doesn't cost the town any extra money; the volunteers are available sooner if a call was to come in while they are there. Raquel expressed her concerns and Bill told her his thoughts. The Town of Peru is very grateful for the services the volunteer's provide for our town.

Oxford County Municipal Association – Carol attended meeting and informed the board members of the topics discussed. Carol stated the focus was on Marijuana and how it being legalized would affect towns and MMA advises town's to wait until the legislative ends. MMA will have recommendations for an ordinance to follow the Legislature. Every town should have a site ordinance for alcohol and Marijuana. As example, Saco lost a court case because they didn't have one in place; the Ordinance should state details as distance to all public building and schools should be addressed. Wind towers was also on the agenda of conversation and its benefits; one being substantial Tax reductions. **Safe Voices request for support – Raquel makes a motion to send a courtesy letter in response stating that our budget has been set and are unable to help support this year. Seconded by John; All in Favor.**

Letter to Department Heads in regards to the equipment and materials list the Selectperson's are requesting from Fire Chief and Road Commissioner by April 10, 2017. Fire Chief Bill Hussey was present and states there's a list for equipment in the insurance documents for the Town's insurance company and he will get the rest that's not already listed.

Mckennel's Animal Shelter vs. Kozy Kennels – At last week's meeting it was brought to the attention of the Selectperson's the shelter was closing. Raquel contacted owner and was reassured shelter will stay open. Raquel has ill feelings of a kill shelter. Raquel also stated she attempted to contact Sue Milligan Peru's ACO, she has not responded to her phone calls. Stephanie will try to contact her this week. **Larry makes a motion to write a letter to Kozy Kennels stating the town will stay with Mckennal's at this time; Seconded by Wendy; 4 to 1 opposed. Motion passes.**

Update of Revaluations Shirley Bartlett – Shirley has requested to have revaluations done by 2018. Larry feels its ok and feels there are other places that she needs to look at. Other members states she has cost us a lot of money. Carol feels the board should hold the rest of her pay until at least 75% of her work is done. Vera states Shirley requested the sketching package and when it came time for updates Vera had to help walk her through it. John requested a meeting with Shirley at an upcoming Salespersons' meeting to ask her questions like the maintenance issues and other questions before giving her the extra time. Steve Lemay's name was mentioned to advise the board on how far she has gotten and what's left that needs to be done. Carol will send him an email. **Wendy makes a motion to**

suspend payments pending completion of 75% or satisfactory reports. Seconded by Raquel; All in Favor.
Don Paradis- He has turned his garage back into a garage and is in need of an inspection. Mr. Paradis contacted Raquel and John inquiring to file an abatement for the garage that he turned into an apartment and has been taxed as a dwelling. Now that it's back to the garage he would like to file for an abatement. Carol thinks it's interesting that she spoke to and sent a letter to Mr. Paradis providing Mr. Paradis her contact information when explaining the board's current portion with the CEO who has been out for an illness and Mr. Paradis did not contact Carol in response to the letter. Larry states no one has been back to that property since he pulled out the rest of the stuff that was required by the court to take out. John will contact Don Paradis to inform of the appropriate process in filing the paperwork for the Abatement.

Public Participation

Gail inquired if the board was able to get the LPI's certificate. Carol responds; yes, we have.
Attendee's asked if anyone else taken papers out to run for the available positions beside; Kevin Taylor, Carol Roach for the Select Board seats; answer is no. Has anyone else taken out papers for Road Commissioner other than Brad Hutchings; no. Fire Chief other than Bill Hussey; no.

John motioned to adjourn; Seconded by Larry at 7:45 pm. All in favor.

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March 27, 2017

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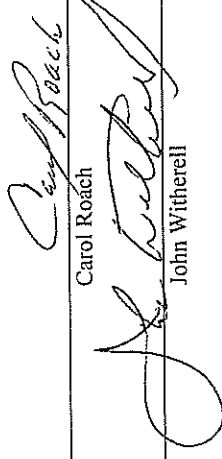

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Present: Carol Roach, Larry Snowman, Wendy Henderson, Martha Witherell, Stephanie Woods, Vera Parent, Don Roach, Gail Belyea, and Mark Irish.

Chairperson Carol Roach opened the special meeting at 6:02pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes – March 13th, 2017 – Wendy motioned to approve as corrected ‘Remove AED to RSU’ Seconded by Raquel, All in Favor. Signature for March 6th was signed.

Action Items:

Grant opportunities from the Military to help with upcoming Town upgrades: Carol explains to the Board members the help that can be provided with the ballfield and playground located at the Town office. Carol explained what was in the package and stipulations on what can be done. Larry comments; he remembers the Military doing work back in the 70's at Black Mountain and other different places; He does state if he remembers correctly the program is full of politics. Larry feels it would benefit the town if we can get the help. Raquel questions if there are any negatives in going with a grant like this? The negatives that can be seen are political and whether or not it would antagonize local businesses that could be given the opportunity. Vera stated; she felt it was a good start and said; yes, some businesses may want to be asked to do the work but, more than likely for a price we can't afford. She feels it's worth a shot. **Raquel motions for Carol to continue the process for Military assistance to see if we can get approved; Seconded by Wendy; All in Favor.**

Elected Officials:

Road Commissioner – Was not present and did not have anything new to report.

Tax Collector/ Town Clerk/ Treasurer – Vera reports she is currently trying to pull together three properties that can be put up for sale in the spring. She recommends putting the Main Street house “next door” on hold for now.

Fire Chief – Bill was not present and no new report was given.

Committee Reports- Ordinance Committee members Wendy and Martha report the committee are waiting for approval from attorney. Both report they are working on the ACO ordinance, Gravel Pit and Metal recycling which is separate from the junk yard ordinance.

Selectmen's Business:

Kozy Kennels – Mailed an offer for the No Kill shelter. The board members would like more information from other options. **Wendy motions to authorize Raquel to contact our current ACO Sue Milligan to see if she is available to continue being Peru's ACO, to draft a contract and the need of ACO's business cards and to contact Mckennel's to see if they are still open for business and report back to the board members at next week's meeting on her findings; Seconded by Larry; All in Favor.**

Letter to Lisa Leahy in reference to supporting planning grant that Northern Forest Center is submitting on behalf of Maine West = Letter was ready for board members if they decided to support at no cost to the town and we may be able to benefit from the grant support. **Raquel motioned to sign the letter in support of grant request; Seconded by Wendy; All in Favor.**

Worthley Pond Spring – Frozen or dried up, Larry will snowshoe in tomorrow morning to investigate the issue further. Stephanie will contact DHHS to inform them and ask what the next procedure is.

Letter to David Errington (LPI) - Carol started to look at statues on what was required of an LPI and found the town doesn't have a file on certifications and reports that are required annually from the LPI and CEO. Which prompted Carol to look at our CEO file as well and she finds that there is not a file for either of them. Carol wrote a letter to the Town's LPI requesting a copy of his certificate. Writing letter requesting the information from both the LPI and CEO is the first step in correcting the issue.

Major Equipment/Materials – Raquel motions for Department Heads to make list of major equipment that's valued more than \$2,000.00 with make, model and year; Seconded by Wendy; All in Favor.

Vera- Informed the board the fire extinguisher guy came to do inspections, we have some in the back room that's operational but not refillable. A couple on the Fire truck as well are the same. We will need to invest in more next fiscal year 18/19. 5lb are not replicable.

Public Participation Don brought up FPES roof problem, suggested that the roof's not being cleaned off to keep the roof cleared. He states the roof hasn't been cleaned all winter. Raquel states on nice days people are washing

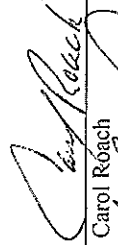
vehicles and she doesn't feel it should be that way, she states she has heard complaints from other citizens as well.
Business vehicles are ok; not personal vehicles.

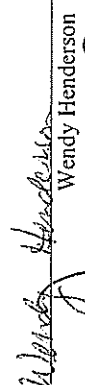
Larry motioned to adjourn; Seconded by Wendy at 7:38 pm. All in favor.

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