

Present: Carol Roach, Wendy Henderson, John Witherell, Raquel Welch, Larry Snowman, Stephanie Woods, Vera Parent, Don Roach, Martha Witherell, Gail Belyea, Bill Hussey and Tyler McDonald.

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

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Minutes – April 3, 2017 – Wendy motioned to approve; Seconded by John, All in Favor.**

**Warrant = \$ 161,230.00 – Larry motions to approve; Seconded by John, All in Favor.**

### **Incoming Correspondence:**

**Bard Paving** requested for an opportunity to bid. Paving projects haven't gone out for RFP; it was stated that in the past it wasn't a practice to put an RFP out for paving projects. Which brings to the attention that it needs to be done in the future. If it's going to be more than \$2,000.00 or more an RFP be in place. We need an ordinance for RFP's.

**Med-Care – Third Extension;** the Finance Committee's vote was a close, four of the members decided to not vote to protest against Rep. Jim Pulsifer; feeling it's conflict of interest. Board members feel they have no choice but to sign; according to the contract the Town has ten (10) years. To have been able to make a change before now three (3) or more town's needed to want the withdrawal from med-care agreement three years ago. We have missed that window. John states he doesn't want to sign, but will because the town has no choice. John states his issue with Jim Pulsifer being the Town's representative; he is also the Treasurer for Med-Care and John feels it's a conflict of interest. Jim's appointment is up in 18 months and the town will need to have someone waiting in the wings to take his place.

**Home Town Energy – Request to bid for fuel.** Home Town wants to bid repair services as well for all three buildings. Bids need to go out now; including a bid for diesel.

**Spirit of America – notice to extend the date for nominations (Feel Good Reward) town's recognizing groups or people in the towns who volunteer.** The board feels this is a great way to encourage more to volunteer in the Town. We will keep this in mind for next year and have Stephanie put on the calendar as a reminder for next year.

### **Elected Officials:**

**Road Commissioner – Not present at meeting.** Lee provided his Equipment list.

**Tax Collector/ Town Clerk/ Treasurer –** Nomination period for open seats are closed. Fire Chief returned his papers. Road Commissioner, Lee Merrill and Brad Hutchings returned papers, Two Select Board seats open, Carol Roach returned her papers. Requirements for write-ins; has to be 18 years of age and a voter in Peru. Write-in Nominee's are welcome to hand out papers at the Town Office to get elected as a write-in during the election. 706 forms have been mailed; we've received a lot of phone calls as to why they are getting them again after receiving them last year; Vera is responding to those who are questioning that the Assessor has suggested to send them annually.

**Fire Chief –** Bill started his equipment list, he was unable to return it due to working on the RFP's for the new Fire Station at Worthley Pond. Bill states, he would have equipment list in by Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. RFP's are ready for review. The Board members have set a workshop up for Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> to review the RFP's. Bill also reports there have been 32 calls to date. Bill also raises concerns around children being at the FPES building due to the Egress Fire Alarms not working. Bill recommends the board to speak with our insurance safety consultant.

### **Ordinance Committee -**

### **Selectmen's Business:**

**Mowing (Top Complex) - Raquel makes a motion to start an RFP for cemetery maintenance mowing out to bid process; Seconded by John; All in Favor.**

**Raquel makes a motion to place an advertisement ad for help wanted in the paper for mowing the Town of Peru complex; Seconded by John; All in Favor.**

FPES contract needs to clarify plowing, shoveling and all other outside maintenance need to be defined.

**Accepting Articles- John makes a motion to accept articles 37 through 47 as they are written for the June Ballot; Seconded by Larry; All in Favor.**

**John also makes a motion to put Article 36 on ballot for June's election; Seconded by Wendy; 4 to 1 opposed.**

**Motion passes.** Carol is not a fan of the recall ordinance and feels its mean. Carol states she will probably present an ordinance in November to resend the original or the revised one. She will do it in Public form. John doesn't share the concern, John states "I've been recalled and I don't mind it; he feels the recall will help". The revised one that will be presented in the June election will make it harder to recall individuals needing more signatures. Larry states if we are going to have one, he would like it to be the revised one. **John makes a motion to put Articles 36-47 on the ballot and recommend "yes"; seconded by Raquel; 4 to 1 opposed, motion passes.**

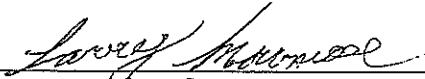
Public Participation: Gail asked if Brad turned papers in for the Road Commissioners positions. Brad and Lee both turned papers in for Road Commissioner. Gail also informs board she read in the papers that RSU#10 budget is going up 18 %.

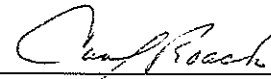
John motioned to adjourn; Seconded by Raquel at 9:10pm. All in favor.

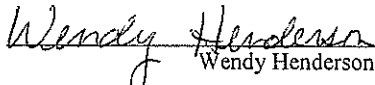
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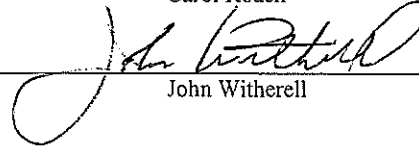
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### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Minutes – March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – Wendy motioned to approve; Seconded by John, All in Favor.**

**Action Items: NONE**

### **Elected Officials:**

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

**Tax Collector/ Town Clerk/ Treasurer** –Reported the Clerk's office will be closed until 2pm, Friday April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Vera and Debbie have a training class to attend that morning. Nomination papers are due by 4pm on Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Vera reports she's been working on the campgrounds. The Ordinance verbiage for warrant is ready and will go to the printer by next Tuesday 4/11/17.

**Fire Chief** – Not present. Informed secretary he nothing new to report. Bill is working on RFP's.

**Ordinance Committee** – Martha reports committee copied state statues on all ordinances besides the recall ordinance and plumbing ordinance.

### **Selectmen's Business:**

Incoming correspondence regarding the School Revolving Renovation Fund (SRRF) bond for Mountain Valley High School roof. Peru will not financially be impacted needs to go on June's Ballot. **John motions to add separate ballot for the SRRF in June; Seconded by Wendy; All in Favor.**

**Annual Dinner and Awards Banquet Invitation-** RSVP due by April 15<sup>th</sup> if elected Officials would like to attend.

**Develop RFP proposal guide-** Tabled

**Shirley Bartlett-** Asked whether or not Peru would postpone having the revaluation completed until tax year 2018/2019. Shirley feels she could do a better job if she had the extra time. Board asked Shirley how far along she was with the maintenance work; Shirley stated she hasn't done any yet. Usually it's not done until May stated Shirley; Inspections can't be done until after the snow is gone. Carol asked Shirley how the process worked and Shirley responded; first is building permits and list of properties to update; second, we go out to gather the information; third, updates are completed. Carol inquires the responsibilities and relationship between Secretary to the Select Board and the Assessor and who would train our secretary who has had no prior experience in this kind of work. Shirley stated she wasn't asked to. Shirley states; Angela would provide me with what the board wanted from me and Angela took care of the rest. Carol doesn't feel comfortable with the way things are going. Shirley asked the board members; what the process was before and where did the board want it to go for the future? Carol states; passed boards haven't always been consistent. We as the current board would like to inforce consistency. Board members discuss the process and time that's left, we want to make sure the citizens have enough time to sit down with the assessor to go over their revaluation and give them opportunity to ask questions. Rule of thumb for percentages is 33% would go up, 33% would stay the same and 33% would go down. Those who have gone up are more likely the ones that would request time with the assessor and we don't want to not provide that opportunity to our citizens. If the board wants the revaluation done this year we fear it will not give them that opportunity. Raquel stated her concerns about Shirley not being able to meet the deadline that she said she would be able to and wanted to know why. Shirley stated she didn't get the software until December is one reason. Raquel has concerns with why Shirley is requesting more time and asked if she bit off more than she could chew; Shirley says; no. Carol states in representing the citizens of Peru she would much rather see the work done and not short shift citizens. She ask board members for a motion to push out completing the revaluation until tax year 2018/2019. John requested a workshop with Shirley to go over responsibilities between the Board, Shirley and Stephanie (Secretary). Shirley asked about the 706 forms and if they will be sent out. They should go out every year; Shirley states. Board members requested Stephanie to send the 706 forms out As soon as possible. **Carol makes a motion to extend the revaluation assessment effective April 1<sup>st</sup> period through April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 to allow for careful review, rechecks and appropriate time to meet with citizen's commitment completed by June 2018; 3 to 1 opposed. Motion passes.** In the continuance we need better communication and written documentation.

**John inquired on the state reimbursing the town for plowing state roads.** Vera was unsure, but, didn't think so. John will contact D.O.T to ask and will report back to the Board with his findings.

**Jack Plumley** – Carol updated the board on Jack's health and states she is helping him with extending his certificate.

Jack has respectfully asked that a revaluation on the Paradis lot not be done until he can accompany one of the Board members to do it. Carol is concerned of Jack's health and if he will be able to return to work for the town. We want to respect his wishes and allow him to assist in the Paradis case but, after we may need to find another CEO.

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**Public Participation**

Richard Powell (Dicky) provided the Board the finding of his research in the Knox RD. Dicky also gave the board a map of his property that has a tree that's needing to be cut down. Half of the tree is Dicky's the other half is the towns and he would like assistance with having it cut down. Gail reports; she noticed in the paper RSU#56 is talking about sharing services with RSU#10.

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**John motioned to adjourn; Seconded by Wendy at 8:33 pm. All in favor.**

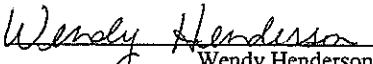
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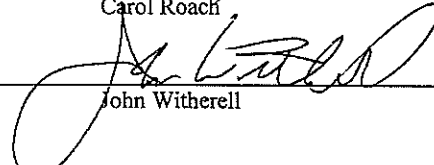
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