

Present: Carol Roach, Kevin Taylor, John Witherell, Raquel Welch, Larry Snowman, Stephanie Woods, Vera Parent, Gail Belyea, Martha Witherell, Brad Hutchings, Mark Irish, Tyler McDonald, Valerie Taylor, Don Roach and Mia Purcell.

Chairperson Carol Roach opened meeting at 6:00pm.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Chair and Vice Chair Election – Carol nominated Raquel as Chair; Seconded by Larry; All in Favor. Carol nominated John as Vice Chair; Seconded by Kevin; John respectfully declines Vice Chair; He feels he would not be able to dedicate the time needed to rightfully do the duties as Vice Chair. John nominated Kevin as Vice Chair; motions fails. Raquel nominates Carol as Vice Chair; Seconded by Larry; 2-1 motion carries.**

**Minutes – May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - Carol motions to accept minutes as written for May 30<sup>th</sup>; Seconded by Raquel; All in Favor.**

**June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – Carol motions to accept minutes as written with amendments to the Fire Chief not being able to make the meeting; Seconded by Larry; All in Favor.**

### **Action Items:**

#### **Building Permit:**

**Greg Stewart - Carol motions to approve permit; Seconded by Larry; All in Favor.**

**Keith Langervin and Devon Vaughn – To build a structure/house located on Vaughn Heights Road- Carol motions to table until the Board by way of workshop to review and determine by the Towns Subdivision Ordinance before approval; Seconded by John; All in Favor. Board members set the Workshop time for Wednesday June 21, 2017 at 6pm. Board requested for Stephanie to notify Mr. Langervin of the workshop for his attendance if he wanted. Also, Jack Plumley will attend workshop as well.**

**Warrant # 26 = Kevin motions to approve payroll warrant # 26; Seconded by John; All in Favor.**

**Warrant # 27 = John motions to approve payroll warrant; Seconded by Kevin; All in Favor.**

**AP Warrant # 26 = Kevin motions to approve AP warrant # 26; Seconded by Carol; All in Favor.**

**Community Concepts-** Mia Purcell spoke to the board about the opportunities the organization offer to this area. Economic Developments. Mia listed the types of help Community Concepts offers – Business Development, Marketing, Workforce Development, Business Financing, Legal Issues, Business Planning, Housing Assistance, Foreclosures, Broad Band Internet using Fiber and Wireless. Also, mentioned was the assistance community concepts are providing Rumford in the CBG funds to replace Rumford's waterlines; which was over bid and has to be resubmitted for RFP. Board members asked Mia if Community Concepts could help, First question pertained to the Worthley Pond Spring and how slow the water flow has been since the latest owner did some work above spring on their property. Mia requested the information for owners of the Carrabasset/ Moontide Spring Company. Second question was in reference to the town playground and if any assistance from community concepts or who the board could contact that would possibly help rejuvenate the playground area. Mia didn't have any information on hand but would look into it and let the board know her findings.

### **Elected Officials:**

**Road Commissioner-** Brad was present; he spoke on the roads. He states that in his opinion the roads have not been top coated in 10 to 12 years. Roads have to be topped coated to keep the water out. Roads are cracking and shouldn't be. Brad states he found notices sent to the previous Road Commissioner advising the Town to put a top coat over the roads being redone so they would last. Brad says he spent some time with the paving contractor Manzer; Brad suggest instead starting new projects why not start going over some of the newer paved roads to lay the top coat for them to last longer. Carol states that as a board they have a right to approach and negotiate with the contractors to finish some projects instead of entering into a new project. If the amount stays the same or to do a change order. **Larry motions for Brad the Road Commissioner to meet with contractor Bruce Manzer to discuss postponing the new projects; and finishing the projects that need to be finished and present findings to the board for final approval; Seconded by Carol; All in Favor.** Brad asked for Boards approval to hire help for labor; he states he is the only one working for the month, his employees have taken the month of June as vacation. Carol states, it is up to you as to who you hire it's your budget. Tyler has stated he may be available; He is already an employee of the Town and doesn't believe the ordinance says anything about a hired employee that works for the Town only Elected Officials. **Carol motions to give Brad authority to hire, interview and utilize Tylers services under the Road Commissioners budget; Seconded by Raquel; 4 to 1 abstained.** Brad informs the board of the International Tractor and Drag Grater

not being safe to work on the roads. He questions what the town would like to do with it? The Tractor is an old one and is in good shape but not safe to use to work on the roadways. **Carol motions to put the International Tractor and Grater in front of the voters for approval to sell; Seconded by Kevin; 4 to 1 motion passes.** Brad states the vehicles are in good shape; the back hoe on the other hand is tired. He suggest to limp it through the year and maybe think about getting a newer one next year. Brad states he finally found the Chipper, located at Dwayne's on Dolloff Street. Some items were being stored in the salt shed. Brad states in the future we will need to invest in newer equipment; he states you can purchase good equipment through auctions, state, etc. He will research and make good recommendations when the time comes.

**Tax Collector/ Town Clerk/ Treasurer** – Vera informs the board; due to the school budget not being passed; we are going to have to postpone getting the commitment done until we have a new budget from the school board that passes. Also, Surry's Seafood is inquiring on permits to park their food truck on Clint Bradbury's property this summer located at Worthley Pond who has given them permission to do so. Vendor permits are issued through the state. As a town we do not have any requirements that would prohibit them from being able to do so. Carol motions to send a letter to Surry's explaining we do not have an ordinance that would prohibit them and to inform them the Town of Peru would not be held responsible for any repercussions/ liable for any food being sold.

**Fire Chief** – Reports the foundation is complete, plumber and electricians will come to the site tomorrow. The building contractor is expected the week of the June 26<sup>th</sup>; weather permitting. He reports he spoke with CMP to replace pole no cost to the town. There was safety issues with the grid wire that touches the transformer when the wind blows. The well was filling quickly and needed to be pumped there was an overflow by the footings. Also, bill reports an ATV pulled out the ditching and Dwayne fixed the issue; He doesn't know who did it. Plumbing permit was in last fall and he is working on the building permit. Carol states her concern of the position the new station is sitting; she thought it would be closer to where the well is. She thought it would be angled more to the road and what of the old building if that doesn't get knocked down how would the fire trucks get in the building. Bill states the old building will get torn down; that it was a part of the contract. Bill reports there has been no news from the Fire marshal on neither the FPES issue nor the new Fire Station.

**Committee Reports-** Carol reports that the Recreation department will not be expending all of the 16/17 budget balance and would like the Boards' authorization to use the remaining balance to purchase 3 new swings and the hardware. In additions to that would also like to have permission to contact Mike Gallant for a new estimate being that some of the work has already been done on the fences she doesn't imagine it being that much. We don't need an RFP because it will be under the two thousand dollar mark. John states no improvement to the playground can be done until the concrete and resurfacing is done. **Carol motions for the board to authorize her to purchase the seats and hardware for the three swings and call Mike Gallant for an estimate of the fence work that needs to be done; Seconded by Larry; All in Favor.** Money voted to be used to do ground work for playground was three thousand.

**Finance Committee** - Don reports he's been working on a list of items to think about for next year's budget and will present it to the board at next meeting.

**Re-appointments** - CEO- **John motions to reappoint John Plumley as CEO; Seconded by Carol; All in Favor.** Plumbing Inspector – **Larry motions to reappoint David Errington as Plumbing Inspector; Seconded by John; All in Favor.**

**New England Forest Rally Request** – Carol motion the Town to grant permission for the rally to use Peru's Roads and Parking lot for July 21<sup>st</sup> from morning to evening; **Seconded by John; All in Favor.** Rick Vaughn asked if Peru eligible to allow the Rally to access Peru Roads; He stated to Carol that Woodstock was able to get money from the organization. Carol made several calls and got several verbalizing that Woodsstock got fifteen hundred dollars for allowing the rally to utilize their Roads and Parking lots; So, Carol requested if Peru could get the same. She was told that the original Coordinator passed away last year; However Peru could get six hundred from the organization to use Peru roads and Parking lot. Carol responded that it would be great! The Rally would need a letter from the Board granting permission to utilize Peru's roads and parking lot for six hundred dollars. Unfortunately it would have to go back into surplus. The Article on the ballot does not authorize to except receipts.

Language/amendments should be changed in next June's Ballot to except receipts so when things like this come up we could put it in the Roads account to help with the maintenance of the roads. **Carol motions to accept donation of six hundred dollars from the Rally Organization; Seconded by John; All in Favor.**

**Selectmen's Business:**

**Consult with the Towns Attorney:** Carol received a memo from Town's Attorney relating to FPES and it advised the Board not to enter into any negotiations with FPES until the Town has the Fire Marshal report and to act according to what his report states. Kevin asked if we could split the attorney fees with FPES; Carol responds we can but that may lead them to walk away. Kevin asks if the town is still liable to give the eight thousand to FPES without a contract. Carol responds; yes we are still liable. Although for clarification the eight thousand doesn't just get handed over; it

stays in the account and the Board oversees the amount. There is a lot of diversity and discussion on this topic. **Raquel motions to table until next meeting July 3<sup>rd</sup>; Seconded by Carol; 3 to 2 opposed.**

**ACO** – We do not have an ACO, Stephanie is putting advertisements out for the position.

**Florence Hastings-** Mrs. Hastings and son are asking Peru to pick up the Maintenance of River Road based on Canton's vote to cease winter maintenance on River Road for 10 years; leaving no entrance for an emergency vehicle if needed. Carol wrote a letter to the Hastings explaining past and present circumstances and inviting them to attend tonight's meeting to be a part of the discussion. After hearing Canton's vote; Peru Selectpersons ask the Road Commissioner to evaluate all Peru roads and make a list of the roads that he finds can be discontinued byway of population and the use of roads. River Road will be one of many the Road Commissioner will evaluate. **Carol motions for the Brad to gather a list of recommended roads to present to the Board for consideration of discontinuing; Seconded by Larry; All in Favor.** Vera states Canton use to send us bills of three hundred dollars to maintain River Road. Send a letter to Mrs. Hasting explaining the Boards decision to have our Road Commissioner to evaluate all roads for consideration to be discontinued based on a number of things.

**Key Policy – John motions to get 2 more stamped keys from the locksmith; Seconded by Kevin; All in Favor.**

**Status of Fire Alarms-** Carol states we have not heard anything from them at this time. She sent a second request and still no response.

**Raquel motions to resume to our weekly Monday meetings next week; Seconded by Larry; 4 to 1 opposed.**

**Raquel motions to table all new business until next week's meeting; Seconded by John; All in Favor. Tabled -**

**Franchise agreement until next week, Med-Care third Extension until next week, Ballot Tally sheet, Broken Tree at Waite Cemetery, Role of Select Person's Document and Separate phone lines for Select Board Room.**

**Road Commissioners Pay-** Carol did a Salary Survey for the same population of our town and surrounding areas. She found that Road Commissioners average about sixteen dollars and hour and Road Forman's averages about sixteen dollars and thirty two cents an hour. **Carol motions to start Road Commissioner out at the sixteen dollars with a review in six months; motion failed**

**Kevin motions for Road Commissioner to earn the same rate as former Road Commissioner at eighteen fifty and hour; Seconded by Larry; 2 to 3 vote motion fails.**

**Lee former commissioner started out at fourteen dollars and fifty cents and worked his way to the eighteen;**

**Carol states you can't start at the top. He would not have any room to grow. Mid-level is 16.63.** John Motions to start Road Commissioner off at seventeen dollars and a raise every thirty days as he gains experience until he reaches the former Road Commissioners pay at 18.50; **Seconded by Larry; 3 to 2 motion carries.**

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#### **Public Participation**

Valerie informs the board that the message board has some bulbs not working and is not reading right. Martha needed clarification if Carol spoke to attorney or if the correspondence was through email? It was through email. Tools for the Town Garage; Larry remembers Lee speaking of needing tools and thought the Garage purchased an impactor. Gail thanks Kevin and Brad for jumping right in and thinks they are off to a great start in their new positions. FPES will be asked to meet when Simplex lets us know when they have scheduled a time. Carol recommends NO one enter the FPES building unless a member from FPES is accompanying you.

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**John motioned to adjourn; Seconded by Carol at 9:47 pm. All in favor.**

NOTE: Bold print = agenda item & motions/ Regular print = discussion.

NOTE: THESE MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED UNTIL SIGNED BY THE SELECTPERSONS.

June 19, 2017

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