

Town of Peru  
Board of Selectperson's Meetings  
April 9, 2018

**Minutes**

**Present:** Raquel Welch, John Witherell, Larry Snowman, Carol Roach, Valerie Taylor, Vera Parent, Brad Hutchings, Don Roach, Martha Witherell, Jim Belyea, Gail Belyea, Wendy Henderson, Karen Lark, Mona White, Lynda Hebert, Tammi Lyons, Ed Patenaude, Mark Irish

**Absent:** Kevin Taylor, Bill Hussey

Chairperson Raquel Welch opened the meeting at 6:00pm.

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**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Minutes:**

- **Minutes for March 29, 2018 – Carol motions to approve the minutes; seconded by John. All in Favor.**
- **Minutes for April 2, 2018 – Carol motions to approve the minutes; seconded by Raquel. All in Favor.**
- **Payroll Warrant #21 – John motions to approve Payroll Warrant #21 (\$8,834.71); seconded by Larry. All in Favor.**
- **AP Warrant #21 – John motions to approve AP Warrant #21 (\$162,130.68); seconded by Larry. All in Favor.**

**Action Items:**

- **Carol motions to place all advertisements in the Regional section of the Sun Journal; seconded by Larry. All in Favor.**

**Request from individuals/entities to meet with board members:**

- **Ronda Palmer's Abatement:** Ronda mentioned that she had talked to the Tax Assessor (Shirley Bartlett) about her camper & the Tax Assessor told her she would lower it to \$5,000.00. Ronda did mention that she did receive a denial letter & also the letter from Carol. The Board will further investigate some more documentation into this matter.

**Incoming Correspondence:**

- **Paul S. Holland ~ Map #28 Lot #10/11 :** Larry motions to approve the Veteran Exemption application – valid for 2019/2020; seconded by John. All in Favor.

**Elected Officials' Reports:**

**Road Commissioner:**

- Brad switched to the Summer Budget.
- Brad is hoping to do some more rock raking – waiting until next week.
- Brad & his crew have been patching some roads.
- Brad asked for an itemized towing bill from Big Rig Shop – waiting for a return call.
- Carol asked Brad about the job posting on the MaineCareer Center & how many applications Brad received so far – Brad has received 2 applications.
- **Mary Turner Bridge:** The State has not approved the Engineering part of the contract.

#### Tax Collector/Town Clerk/ Treasurer:

- **Article #40:** Carol motions to recommend “YES” on Article 40; seconded by John. All in Favor.

#### Secretary:

- The owner of the vehicle called (Complaint of dumping garage in the Town’s dumpster), she did not identify herself, but she was very upset that she got a call from the Sheriff’s Department. She also feels that she was personally attacked & had asked if either John or Kevin put in the complaint. Valerie told her that the complaint came from the Deputy Clerk. The caller mentioned that she’s a volunteer at FPES & she helps them to keep the building clean.

#### Fire Chief:

- Bill Hussey was absent.

#### CEO:

#### Appointments & Re-appointments:

- Carol recommends to keep searching for a CEO. **John motions to advertise for a CEO; seconded by Larry. All in Favor.**
- The Board recommends to send a letter to David Errington for Certification & Annual Reports.

#### Committee Reports:

- **Ordinance Committee:** Martha gave the Board an updated copy of the Animal Control Ordinance.
- **Planning Board:** Don mentioned that the Planning Board tabled 3 applications.
- **Finance Committee:** Met last Thursday. Will be meeting again in October.
- **Recreational Field Committee:** No report.
- **Appeals Committee:** No report.

#### Selectpersons’ Business: (New & Old):

- **James Butler:** John motions to sign the Change of Use contract with James Butler; seconded by Larry. All in Favor.

**John:** No Report

**Carol:** Attending her first meeting with Med-Care on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 @ 6:30PM.

**Raquel:** Raquel will contact David Sapphire in consideration for the Health Officer.

**Larry:** No report.

**Kevin:** Absent.

**Public participation-** began at 7:45PM

Martha brought the subject up about David Errington.

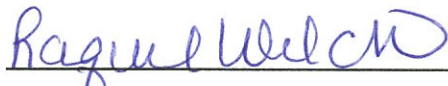
Martha brought up the subject about the contract with James Butler (Change of Use).

Karen asked the Board why the contract was signed & that Board members should have been able to have the opportunity to review the contract.

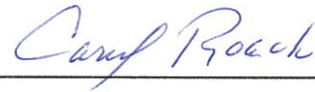
Mark mentions about a Pro-gun Rally being held in Augusta on Saturday, April 14, 2018, 2-6PM

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At 8:50 PM: **Carol motions to adjourn; Seconded by John. All in Favor.**

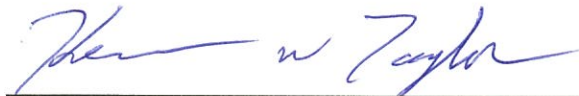
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