

Town of Peru
Board of Selectperson's Meetings
April 30, 2018

Minutes

Present: Raquel Welch, Carol Roach, Kevin Taylor, John Witherell, Vera Parent, Valerie Taylor, Martha Witherell, Lynda Hebert, Jim Belyea, Gail Belyea, Karen Lark, Wendy Henderson, Mark Irish, Ed Patenaude, Tammi Lyons

Absent: Larry Snowman, Brad Hutchings

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

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Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

- **Minutes for April 23, 2018 – Carol motions to approve the minutes; seconded by Raquel. All in Favor.**

Action Items:

- **Letter to the Town of Rumford – Carol motions to approve the letter to the Town of Rumford; seconded by Kevin. All in Favor.**
- **Cory Marquis' resignation -- Carol motions to accept Cory Marquis' resignation as of May 11, 2018; seconded by Raquel. All in Favor.**
- **Carol motions to advertise for the ACO on MMA & the Maine Career Center websites; seconded by Raquel. All in Favor.**
- **Ronda Palmer's Abatement – The Board signed the abatement.**

Request from individuals/entities to meet with board members:

Incoming Correspondence:

- **Concerns/ Complaints -- 104 Peru Center Road ~ 3 years after house was torn down, the junk is still there. Carol motions to forward the complaint to the Town's CEO, Jack Plumley; seconded by John. All in Favor.**
- **Franklin Savings Bank -- Angela Cushman called about the 150th Birthday celebration of Franklin Savings Bank. They were calling to see if they could plant a Blue Spruce sapling some where in the Town. The Board had a discussion & came up with a few areas that the sapling could be planted.**

Elected Officials' Reports:

Road Commissioner:

- Brad was absent.
- Brad conducted 2 interview. He picked a candidate for recommendation @ \$16.00 Hour & .50 increase after 90 days.
- **Discussion:** The Board had a lengthy discussion on the subject.
- **Carol motions to table the discussion until Brad is present; seconded by John. 2-2 Motion dies.**
- **Raquel motions that the candidate start at \$15.00 Hour with a .50 increase after 6 months of employment; seconded by Carol. All in Favor.**

Tax Collector/Town Clerk/ Treasurer:

- Vera notified the Board that the ballots are finally done ~ got them Friday.
- Vera will have the Articles ready for the Board to sign next week.
- Vera has been doing property tax statements ~ there are over 400 accounts that haven't paid their property taxes.

Secretary:

- **David Sapphire for the Health Officer --**
 - The Secretary notified the Board that she contacted David Sapphire about the Health Officer position & he was questioning about the stipend. David Sapphire mentioned to the Secretary that the Towns of Rumford & Mexico were paying him \$1,500.00 a year.
- **Carol motions to offer \$14.50 an Hour to the Health Officer, based on an as only needed basis for the Town; seconded by Raquel. All in Favor.**
- **Raquel motions to have Carol write a letter to Jack, reiterating their conversation; seconded by Kevin. All in Favor.**
- **Email from Klaudia Bristol ~ Requesting information on the Change of Use Permit**
_ Carol suggested that the Secretary email the information that the individual is requesting under FOAA.

Fire Chief:

- Bill had a work session at the new station ~ painting, etc.
- Open House on June 9th ~ Bill wants to have it while Region 9 is in session as the kids have volunteered to cater the function.
- Bill will be doing Pump training at the new station.
- The Department will need air pack bottles, they are good until June 2019.

CEO:

Committee Reports:

- **Ordinance Committee:** No report.
- **Planning Board:** No report.
- **Finance Committee:** No report.
- **Recreational Field Committee:**
 - Ryan & Amanda Putman have started to do some work on the ballfield.
 - They notified the Board that the shed was broken into sometime during the winter. Nothing was stolen, but the door has some damage.
 - They want to purchase some crusher-dust, estimated cost \$400.00.
 - They will be renting a Porta-potty ~ May thru July at \$100.00 a month.
 - They will be staining the benches.
 - They brought up the subject of donating some money to the Dixfield Athletics. Other Towns donate money.
- **Carol motions to approve the \$500.00 donation to the Dixfield Athletic Sports; seconded by Raquel. All in Favor.**
- **Carol motions to approve the Recreational Committee to purchase the crusher-dust, fix the shed & rent the porta-potties, using funds from the Recreational Committee account; seconded by Kevin. All in Favor.**
- **Appeals Committee:**
- **Comprehensive Committee:**
 - Raquel gave the Board an update on the Comprehensive Report.
 - Raquel noted that Bill Hines stated that it took 18 months to do the report & that the State didn't accept the report.
 - The Committee will be working on the sections that the State didn't accept.
 - Raquel will set up another meeting on Wednesday, May 9, 2018 @ 6:00PM
 - The Board & some Committee members had a lengthy discussion on the subject.

Selectpersons' Business: (New & Old):

John: No report.

Carol: Change of Use Inspection --

- Architectural Plans were examined before the inspection.
- Possible findings – will take place before May 31, 2018.

Carol: Recommends that a Board member should inspect the playground.

Carol: Carol motions that the Selectboard's ledger should be given to the Finance Committee quarterly; seconded by Kevin. All in Favor.

Carol: Carol mentions that MMA is having a Personnel Policy workshop on Wednesday, May 2, 2018 & asked if she could attend the workshop. The Board members had no objections.

Carol: Carol motions to have no Selectboard meeting on May 28, 2018 (Memorial Day); seconded by Kevin. All in Favor.

Raquel: No report.

Larry: Absent.

Kevin: No report.

Public participation- began at 7:48PM

Karen questioned how long has it been since the Town had an operational road grader.

Gail thanked the Board for their request on the Selectboard's ledger & questioned why the Finance Committee couldn't get them every 2 weeks.

Gail questioned Vera about the cost of having the Comprehensive Report printed.

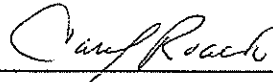
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At 7:58 PM: **Kevin motions to adjourn; Seconded by John. All in Favor.**

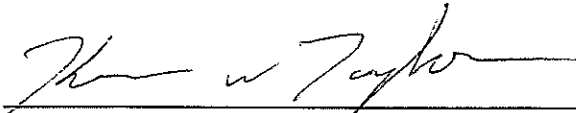
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