

Town of Peru  
Board of Selectperson's Meetings  
May 7, 2018  
Minutes

**Present:** Raquel Welch, Carol Roach, Kevin Taylor, Vera Parent, Valerie Taylor, Karen Lark, Dawna Kazregis, Mark Irish, Gail Belyea, Wendy Henderson, Tammi Lyons, Lynda Hebert, Ed Patenaude, Angela Cushman

**Absent:** Bill Hussey, John Witherell

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

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**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Minutes:**

- **Minutes for April 30, 2018 – Carol motions to approve the minutes; seconded by Kevin. All in Favor.**

**Action Items:**

- **Bldg. Permit ~ Chris Thibeault, Map #11 Lot #62C: Kevin motions to approve the Bldg. Permit, Map #11 Lot #62C; seconded by Larry. All in Favor.**
- **Bldg. Permit ~ Edward J. Roach, Map #11 Lot #77: Kevin motions to approve the Bldg. Permit, Map #11 Lot #77; seconded by Larry. 3-0 Carol Roach abstained.**
- **Bldg. Permit ~ David & Lisa Ellis, Map #13 Lot #04A: Larry motions to approve the Bldg. Permit, Map #13 Lot #04A; seconded by Kevin. All in Favor.**
- **Bldg. Permit ~ Gary Estes, Map #20 Lot #40A: Raquel motions to approve the Bldg. Permit, Map #20 Lot #40A; seconded by Kevin. All in Favor.**
- **Bldg. Permit ~ Dennis & Melissa McDonald, Map #08 Lot #18: Kevin motions to approve the Bldg. Permit, Map #08 Lot #18; seconded by Larry. All in Favor.**
- **Bldg. Permit ~ Kurt Ellis, Map #23 Lot #04: Larry motions to approve the Bldg. Permit, Map #23 Lot #04; seconded by Kevin. All in Favor.**

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

- **Angela Cushman from Franklin Savings Bank: Angela briefed the Board on the 150<sup>th</sup> birthday of Franklin Savings Bank & they would like to plant a blue spruce tree. The Board selected Kevin to coordinate with Angela for the plantings.**

- **Ed Patenaude's Citizen's Petition:** Ed Patenaude presented his Citizen's Petition to the Board. Vera verified the signatures.
  - **Discussion:** The Board gave their pros & cons on the petition.
- **Carol motions to accept the petition as written-- Article: To see if the Citizens of the Town of Peru will vote to raze (demolish) the building located at 30 Main St. in Peru, Maine formerly known as The Peru Elementary School & have it as a separate ballot for June; seconded by Raquel. All in Favor.**
- **Carol motions to recommend "NO" on the Citizen's Petition; seconded by Larry. 3-1 Motion passes.**

### **Incoming Correspondence:**

### **Elected Officials' Reports:**

#### **Road Commissioner:**

- **Mary Turner Bridge:** Waiting on the DOT's designs. Vera will cut the check to Calderwell tomorrow.
- **New Employee:** Brad brought up the subject about the pay for the new employee.
  - **Discussion:** The Board & Brad had a lengthy discussion on the subject.
- **Raquel motions to have the pay at \$15.79 with the 2.5% increase as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, pending approval of the June vote; seconded by Carol. All in Favor.**

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

- **Warrant for June 12, 2018:** The Board reviewed & signed the Warrant for June.
- The Board had a lengthy discussion on the Special Town Meeting that was held on May 1<sup>st</sup> on the overdrafted accounts & it was voted down. The Board decided to have Raquel email MMA on the subject matter & how the Town should approach the issue.

#### **Secretary:**

- The Secretary notified the Board that David Sapphire turned down the position of the Health Officer.
- Carol mentions about Dr. Riel, he's on the Med-Care Board & will be retiring from Head of Emergency Medicine at Rumford Hospital.
  - **Kevin motions to have Carol contact Dr. Riel about the Health Officer position; seconded by Raquel. All in Favor.**

#### **Fire Chief:**

- Bill Hussey was absent.
- Bill will be installing the Knox Box this week.

**CEO:**

- The Board had a discussion on the subject of the CEO. Carol brought up that James Butler would be available as a back-up for Jack.
- **Kevin motions for the Planning Board to contact James Butler as an available back-up for Jack Plumley as necessary for Shoreland Zoning permits; seconded by Raquel. All in Favor.**

**Committee Reports:**

- **Ordinance Committee:** No report.
- **Planning Board:** No report.
- **Finance Committee:** No report.
- **Recreational Field Committee:** No report.
- **Appeals Committee:** No report.
- **Comprehensive Committee:** No report.

**Selectpersons' Business: (Old)**

**John:** Absent.

**Carol:** Had the Secretary email Shirley Bartlett (Tax Assessor) to ask her when the property cards were going to be mailed out to property owners.

**Raquel:** No report.

**Larry:** No report.

**Kevin:** No report.

**Selectpersons' Business: (New)**

**John:** Absent.

**Carol:** Carol suggested that someone needs to call Tyler about the mowing. No money is available. Larry volunteered to call Tyler. Larry also volunteered to do the mowing around the Town Office.

**Raquel:** No report.

**Larry:** Mentions that the Secretary contact Shirley Bartlett (Tax Assessor) for a meeting with the Board & Joseph Kerr sometime next week. The Board & some citizens had a discussion on the Tax Assessor.

**Kevin:** No report.

**Public participation-** began at 7:31PM

Dawna had questions about the CEO & shoreland zoning.

Dawna referenced the article in the newspaper about the wording concerning the Road Department.

Joseph wants a meeting with Shirley (Tax Assessor) & the Board.

Karen questioned about Rob (Shirley's assistant) & what was he doing.

Gail questioned Vera about the 400 accounts (Property Taxes) & if people are paying on them.

Gail brought up about Carol's comment regarding Finance Committee's attendance.

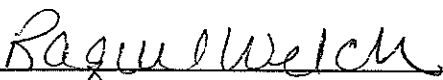
Mark brought up about Real Estate dealings – wanted to see if there were similar sales compared to the FPES building.

Wendy questioned when the absentee ballots will be available.

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At 8:04 PM: **Kevin motions to adjourn; Seconded by Carol. All in Favor.**

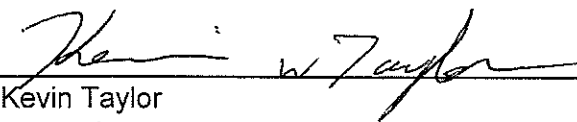
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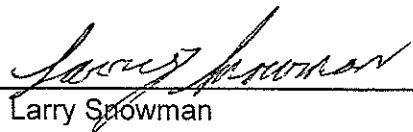
Raquel Welch



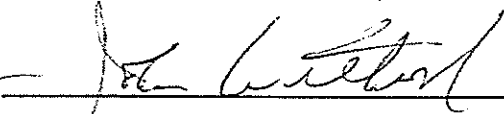
Carol Roach



Kevin Taylor



Larry Snowman



John Witherell