

Town of Peru
Board of Selectperson's Meetings
May 14, 2018

Minutes

Present: Raquel Welch, Carol Roach, Kevin Taylor, John Witherell, Vera Parent, Valerie Taylor, Brad Hutchings, Martha Witherell, Tammi Lyons, Karen Lark, Mona White, Ed Patenaude, Garey Tibbetts, Jim Belyea, Gail Belyea, Dwayne Childs, Tom Hemmingway, Zach Hodge, Mark Irish

Absent: Bill Hussey

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

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Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

- **Minutes for May 7, 2018 – Carol motions to approve the minutes; seconded by Kevin. All in Favor.**

Action Items:

Request from individuals/entities to meet with board members:

- **Zach Hodge:** Zach gave the Board a history between the Kid's Theatre (Zach is the director) & FPES. Zach gave the Board a copy of the contract between the Kid's Theatre & FPES & a copy of a credit card statement.
 - **Discussion:** Zach, the Board & citizens had a lengthy discussion on the subject. Zach wanted to pay whatever money might be owed to FPES.
- **John motions not to accept any money from Zach Hodge until they figured out what money they are owed & to get their paperwork in order; seconded by Kevin. All in Favor.**
- **Kevin motions to have a 5 minute recess; seconded by John. All in Favor.**
- **John motions to return to session; seconded by Kevin. All in Favor.**
- **Finance Committee:** Members of the Finance Committee expressed their concern about a certain Article on a side ballot that was presented to them on Thursday, May 10, 2018.
 - **Discussion:** Members of the Finance Committee & the Board had a lengthy discussion on the subject.
- **Carol motions to have a 5 minutes recess; seconded by Kevin. All in Favor.**

- Carol motions to return to session; seconded by Kevin. All in Favor.

Incoming Correspondence:

- Jensen-Baird-Gardner-Henry – The new recreational marijuana law:
 - The Board had a discussion on the subject.
 - Raquel motions to have Carol to attend the session on preparing municipalities for cannabis held on May 24th in Portland; seconded by John. All in Favor.
- Von's Plumbing Roof Estimate for the sewer vent: The Board had a discussion on the subject. John, Kevin & Larry will coordinate together to put the mold test kits in the crawl space in the Town Office.
- Don Roach's Email about the Veteran's Memorial: The Board & some citizens had a discussion on the subject.

Elected Officials' Reports:

Road Commissioner:

- Brad explained to the Board that the new employee did not like the idea of getting paid bi-weekly, so the new employee resigned.
 - Discussion: Brad & the Board had a discussion on advertising the position again, but the potential new employee wouldn't be able to start until July 1st. Brad brought up the subject of Rick's vacation time & asked if Rick could carry his vacation time over just this one time. The Board & Brad had discussions on the budget & work that needs to be done on some roads.
 - Carol motions a one-time carry over for Rick's 2 weeks vacation; seconded by Kevin. All in Favor.
 - John motions to take the money from the Summer Account to cover the overdrafts on the Winter Account in the sum of \$27,000.00 --- John withdrew his motion until the Board hears from MMA.

Tax Collector/Town Clerk/ Treasurer:

- School Warrant: The Board reviewed & signed.
 - Carol motions to accept & sign the School Warrant as presented; seconded by John. All in Favor.
- Article #1 (Citizen's Petition): The Board reviewed & signed
 - Carol motions to accept & sign Article #1 as presented; seconded by John. All in Favor.

Secretary:

- **ACO Applicant:** The Board mentioned to the Secretary to contact the applicant & have them come to the next meeting on Monday, May 21st.
- **Carol motions to prepare a contract for the new ACO—no one seconded. Motion dies.**
- **Cheryl Dickson ~ River Valley Chamber of Commerce:** They want to donate an Adirondack chair (big one) to the Town. 10 surrounding Towns are going to receive one of these chairs. The Chamber is trying to get tourists in the area, to show them what the towns have to offer. The chair comes primed & painted and would be up to the town to maintain the chair.
 - **Discussion:** The Board had a discussion on where to place the chair. They decided to have the chair placed near the playground.
- **John motions to accept the chair from the River Valley Chamber of Commerce; seconded by Kevin. All in Favor.**
- **Mike Orfe:** The Secretary notified the Board that Mike Orfe came into the office, wondering if it was okay for him to start working on the stones at the cemeteries, the Board told the Secretary to notify Mike that it was okay for him to start the work.

Fire Chief:

- Bill Hussey was absent.
- Bill installed the Knox Box last week.

CEO:

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Committee Reports:

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

Selectpersons' Business: (Old)

John: No report.

Carol: Personnel Policy: Carol mentions to the Board that her & the Secretary worked on some of the policy earlier in the day. Carol brought up some concerns pertaining to the current policy.

Vacancy on the School Board: Carol mentions to the Board about the vacancy on the School Board & that Angela Cushman is interested in the position for the vacancy as a write-in.

Raquel: Raquel mentions to the Board that the Comprehensive Committee met on Wednesday & they are going through the paperwork that was provided to them. She'll keep the Board updated on their progress.

Larry: No report.

Kevin: No report.

Selectpersons' Business: (New)

John: John mentions to the Board that he is pulling out of the June's election for Selectboard member. The Board had a discussion on the subject.

Carol: Carol presented to the Board an email from Amanda Putnam requesting to see if they could use the Town's lawn mower to mow the ballfield. The Board had a discussion on the pros & cons.

John motions to allow the Rec Committee to use the Town's lawn mower to mow the ballfield; seconded by Larry. All in Favor.

Raquel: Raquel mentions to the Board that she will be sending a letter of appreciation for the trees to Franklin Savings Bank. Raquel asked the Secretary if Shirley (Tax Assessor) emailed her with any information on the reval or on Joseph Kerr. The Secretary notified them that she has not received any emails from her.

Larry: Larry mentions to the Board that he sent out 3 test bottles last week & will be sending 3 more test bottles sometime this week.

Kevin: No report.

Public participation- began at 9:06PM

Valerie brought up about the issues about the old Elementary School & the Fire Marshall's report & some Board members consulting with a lawyer about the report. She also mentions about the issues with Zach.

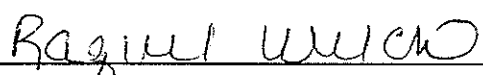
Dawna asked who put Zach Hodge on the agenda, also brought up the issue about the Fire Marshall's report. She also brought up the costs of maintaining the building & about the newspaper article & that the information provided was incorrect.

Martha brought up about last year's Fire Marshall's report & also the costs of maintaining the old school & the costs of tearing it down.


Ed mentioned about putting mold testing kits in the old school.

At 9:30 PM: John motions to adjourn; Seconded by Kevin. All in Favor.

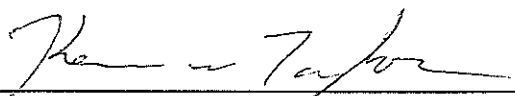
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Raquel Welch



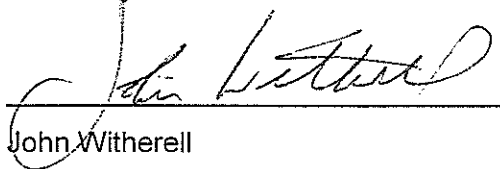
Carol Roach



Kevin Taylor



Larry Snowman



John Witherell