

July 9, 2018 Board of Selectperson's Meeting

In attendance: Raquel Welch, Larry Snowman, Carol Roach, Lynda Hebert, Martha Witherell, Wendy Henderson, Karen Lark, Mark Irish, Brad Hutchins, James Butler, Tim Placey, Gail Belyea, Jim Belyea, Tammi Lyons.

Absent: Kevin Taylor

1. Pledge of Allegiance 5:00 pm
2. Minutes:
 - July 2, 2018 - Carol motioned to accept minutes; seconded by Larry. All in favor
3. Action Items:
 - John Witherells key to building and office – Keys were returned and given to Lynda. Carol informed Lynda that she needs to see Deb regarding the key policy.
4. Request from individuals/entities to meet with board:
 - James Butler:
 - Town office – James informed the board that the change of use permit for the town office has been submitted.
 - Old School – James presented two options for the old school. Option 1 was to keep current uses in place rough estimated cost \$168,500. Option 2 was to abandon assembly and mercantile and to convert to business use only rough estimated cost \$39,500. See attached for full list of changes and cost.
 - James felt that the board should inform the state that the review has been completed and they are reviewing their options.
 - Larry asked about the Food Pantry and Senior's that are currently in the building, James felt that they were fine as long as the state knows the town is working on a plan.
 - Lynda asked about the cost of demolishing the building. James said it could be around \$50,000 but would depend on what is found inside. However, he feels the building still has life.
 - Lynda asked about selling the building. James said the same repairs would need to be done depending what type of business was taking place.
 - Carol asked about senior housing, James said that is very costly. Nick said they looked into that back in 2007.
 - Carol motioned to have James draft an email to the state informing them that the review is done. That no mercantile or assembly is happening in the building

and that they will notify the state within 75 days of the towns plan going forward; seconded by Larry. All in favor

- Carol asked James if he would attend the town meeting regarding the building. James said he would be happy to attend.
- Carol said she had attend a seminar recently regarding grant writing. She found out that if a town has more than three months' worth of operating expenses in surplus they would not be eligible. However, a 501 C3 could apply. Carol said she would be happy to pass this information on to Nick as long as the board would allow her to.
- Lynda motioned to allow Carol to look at all options regarding grants and to work with FPES regarding grants for the old school; seconded by Larry. All in favor

5. Elected Officials/Appointed Committees and Board Reports:

- Road Commissioner:
 - Complaint Main St – Brad left message for Lucas Tree waiting for call back.
 - East Shore Rd– Brad said they didn't start East Shore Rd today they had to finish the cleanup from the storm damage. Should be starting Wednesday. The board asked Brad to talk with Kerri Merrill before works starts on the road regarding some tree removal.
 - Mary Turner Bridge – Brad when to see Mr. Gallant he was not around nothing more to report.
- Fire Chief: no report
- Tax Collector/Town Clerk/Treasurer: no report
- Secretary: no report
- CEO: No report

6. Incoming Correspondence:

- Public records of dogs – Carol said this is a FOAA request and should be given to Deb.

7. Select-persons business:

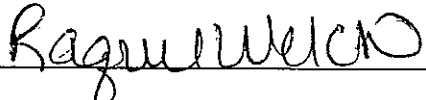
- Old business: No report
- New business:
 - Raquel:
 - School budget – monthly cost for the town of Peru is \$156,201.11 annual is \$1,874,413.35

- Town office hours – an article was passed in 2000 to set the town office hours 8am – 5pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and evening hours on Monday from 6pm- 9pm. Carol was going to check and see if that article is only for that year or continues until a new article is voted on. The board is going to check with the Deb to see how much business is done on Monday nights.
 - Shirley – Raquel is waiting for Shirley to call regarding what time she will be at the town office on Friday, July 13th.
 - Larry:
 - Informed the board there was an increase in the water fee for the Worthley spring from \$60 to \$65. Gave the bill to Deb to pay.
 - Lynda:
 - The Peru town website is down she is trying to get the information needed to keep the domain name.
 - Carol:
 - FYI the town doesn't have enough paper or postage to mail out the 150 tax liens.
 - The appeal paperwork was forwarded to the attorney he would like a copy of the ordinance that was in place at the time the permit was issued.
- Raquel motion to take recess at 5:30; seconded by Larry. All in favor
- Larry motion to return to session at 5:50; seconded by Raquel. All in favor

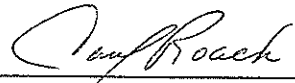
8. Public Participation:

- Gail – questioned the board regarding James Butlers fee, the contract with FPES, the website, the hours for the clerk, no ad for the secretary, if they had any information regarding past article #28 and the 3 month operating expense regarding applying for a grant.
- Tim Placey – said the select board and planning board should have a few round tables during the year to keep each other informed. Also the planning board needs to continue to work even without getting paid until the budget is passed. There is a lot of stuff going on at the pond that needs to be addressed. Larry said if they want to work and wait to be paid that is fine do what needs to be done.
- Wendy – ask if the letter was mailed to Jack
- Karen – How many kids are enrolled in school, who has liability insurance on the old school and if Carol was charging the town for her research.
- Martha – said Carol should have had full board permission to write a grant.
- Carol said they could start working on a contract for the old school. The contract can be written to be the same for anyone who manage it. Lynda said she felt a lawyer should look it over once it was done.
- Carol motioned not to meet on Monday, July 23rd; seconded by Larry. All in favor

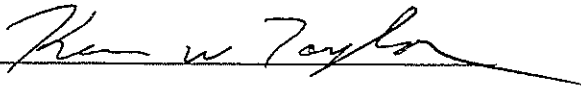
Carol motioned to adjourn at 7:40 pm; seconded by Larry. All in favor




Raquel Welch- Chair



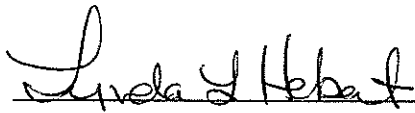
Carol Roach Vice-Chair




Kevin Taylor



Larry Snowman



Lynda Hebert



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