

Town of Peru
Board of Selectpersons' Meeting
Minutes of March 16, 2019

Present: Raquel Welch, Lynda Hebert, Larry Snowman, Carol Roach, Kevin Taylor, Gail Belyea, Martha Witherell, Dickie Powell, Donna Kazregis, Tammi Lyons,

Kevin Taylor opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Before the start of the budget meeting, Kevin read a statement that he had prepared regarding his need to step down from his position on the Board of Selectmen.

Motion: Carol moved to regretfully accept Kevin Taylor's resignation from the Board of Selectmen. Seconded by Raquel. All in favor.

Motion: Raquel moved that the town's current health insurance plan be changed to Anthem/Maine Municipal with a \$2500 deductible effective 7/1/2019. Seconded by Lynda. All in favor.

Discussion: much discussion was had regarding the various plans presented. Pro's and con's were discussed and potential impact to employees were discussed.

Motion: Larry moved that there be a 30% cap on insurance buy out by the employees that have coverage elsewhere. No second. Motion died.

Discussion: employees currently get 40% buyout.

Motion: Carol moved that the health insurance buy out be capped at \$5000 per employee with proof of other insurance. Seconded by Raquel. All in favor.

Break 10:13-10:20

Discussion: Lengthy discussion was had regarding how paving and materials should be presented to the voters i.e. broken down into Mineral Springs Road and another budget for other roads.

Motion: Raquel moved that the budget be presented to the voters as it was presented to the Board from the Road Commissioner. Seconded by Larry. 2-3. Motion failed.

Discussion: Carol is concerned that the road budget will increase taxes 2 mils as presented.

Motion: Kevin moved to raise and appropriate \$35,000 instead of \$36,500 in materials in the summer road budget. Seconded by Lynda. All in favor.

Motion: Carol moved that the board adopt the 2019/2020 summer budget in the amount of \$259661.17. 4-1. Motion carried.

Motion: Carol moved that the board recommend yes on the summer budget in the amount of \$259661.17. Seconded by Lynda. All in favor.

Motion: Kevin moved to approve \$65,000 for repair of the critical areas on Mineral Springs Road. seconded by Carol. 4-1. Motion carried.

Discussion: Larry does not agree with cutting this portion of the budget as he is afraid the project will not be able to be completed. Kevin feels stock items in the winter budget can be cut in half. Larry disagrees.

Motion: Carol moved that the board recommend yes to appropriate \$65,000 for the repair of the critical areas on Mineral Springs Road. Seconded by Lynda. All in favor.

Motion: Carol moved that the winter budget for the amount of \$168,955 be approved. Seconded by Larry. All in favor.

Motion: Carol moved that the board recommend yes on the winter roads budget in the amount of \$168,955. Seconded by Larry. All in favor.

Motion: Carol moved to raise and appropriate \$16,000 and to authorize the select board to expend receipts as needed for the operations of the garage facility maintenance and operations (article 15). Seconded by Kevin. All in favor.

Motion: Carol moved the board recommend yes on article 15- to raise and appropriate \$16,000 and to authorize the select board to expend receipts as needed for the operations of the garage facility maintenance and operations. Seconded by Kevin. 4-1. Motion carried.

Motion: Raquel moved to remove the article regarding funds for the maintenance of the salt shed from the ballot. Seconded by Lynda. 4-1. Motion carried.

Discussion: Much discussion was had regarding the work that has already been done to the salt shed and that if any repairs need to be done to, it should be minimal. Funds could be taken from the garage maintenance account if needed.

Motion: Kevin moved to not place the excavator on the ballot. Seconded by Larry. All in favor.

Motion: Larry moved to purchase the Case extendahoe with two buckets. Seconded by Lynda. 0-5. Motion failed.

Motion: Lynda moved to table the backhoe article for further information regarding leasing or loan with consideration of the trade in value. Seconded by Carol. All in favor.

Discussion: Kathy Hussey will advise Brad of what the board would like for information.

Motion: Kevin moved to not put the used ten wheeler on the ballot. Seconded by Larry. All in favor.

Discussion: Larry does not feel a ten wheeler is needed and will be too expensive to maintain. Kevin agreed.

Motion: Kevin moved to raise and appropriate up to \$96,000 to purchase a used 6 wheeler with all of the hydraulics. Seconded by Larry. 3-2. Motion carried.

Motion: Carol moved the board recommend yes to raise and appropriate up to \$96,000 to purchase a used 6 wheeler with all of the hydraulics. Seconded by Kevin. 2-3. Motion failed.

Motion: Larry moved to revisit the 6 wheeler article. Seconded by Lynda. All in favor.

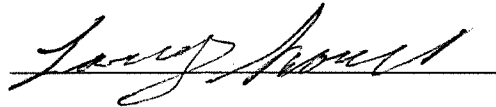
Discussion: Larry changed his mind.

Motion: Lynda moved to purchase a used 6 wheeler with attachments for up to \$96,000 by raising and appropriating \$36,000 towards the purchase then financing the remainder over two years. Seconded by Raquel. 4-1. Motion carried.

Motion: Larry moved to recommend yes on the purchase of a used 6 wheeler with attachments for up to \$96,000 by raising and appropriating \$36,000 towards the purchase then financing the remainder over two years. Seconded by Lynda. 4-1. Motion carried.

Larry moved to adjourn 12:30. Seconded by Lynda. 4-1. Motion carried.

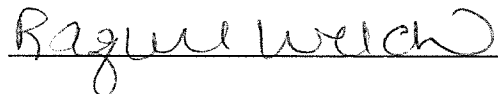
Carol Roach- Chair



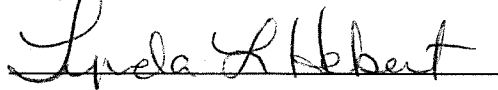
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Date



Raquel Welch- Vice-Chair



Lynda Hebert