

**Town of Peru**  
**Municipal Office**  
**Select Board Meeting**  
**Minutes of the June 10, 2019**

**Present:** Raquel Welch, Lynda Hebert, Larry Snowman, Carol Roach, Jacquelynn Child, Martha Witherell, Mark Irish, Gail Belyea, Wendy Henderson, Karen Lark, Katie Lawrence, Ed Patenaude, Tammi Lyons, Gary Child, Rick Childs, Joe Kerr, Brad Hutchings, Don Roach

At 6:00 p.m. Raquel Welch opened the meeting.

1. Pledge of Allegiance:

2. Minutes:

- Lynda moved to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2019 Select Board Meeting. Larry seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Raquel moved to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2019 Select Board Meeting. Larry seconded the motion. Motion passed.

3. Elected Officials/ Appointed Committee Members/ Board Reports:

-Road Commissioner, Brad Hutchings

- Brad reported that Old Valley Road was prepared to be paved and also that they were taking care of East Shore Road.
- He also reported that chip sealing of East Shore Road would be done on 6/23/2019.
- Brad suggested to the Board that the manhole in the town office parking lot might collapse under the weight of heavy equipment brought in for the demolition. It has already sunk a lot.
- Brad said that on his way home he would take a look at the corner of Ridge Road and Main Streets to check out the reported visual obstructions, tree limbs and overgrown scrub, on the lower left side of the Ridge Road.
- In response to a citizen's question, Brad said that if the road budget and/or equipment articles weren't passed, a special town meeting would have to be

called. He would have to request money to repair existing old, worn out equipment.

- In response to a Select Board inquiry, Brad said there was nothing new to report on the Mary Turner Bridge Project.
- Brad reported that FEMA funds were released to the State and hoped that the town would have those funds soon.
- In response to a citizen's inquiry, Brad said that Clay Peletier had worked Friday.

-Fire Chief, Bill Hussey

-Secretary

-Tax Collector/ Town Clerk/ Treasurer, Debra Coudrain

-Assessor

-CEO

-Committee Reports

-Planning Board Reports

#### 4. Action Items:

- Raquel moved to table Rae-Jean Coulombe, Rumford Community Home, donation request of kitchen/oven wares i.e. hotel size sheet pans from the old Peru Elementary School until 6/17/2019. Lynda seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Raquel moved to table Yvonne Allen's request to purchase folding tables and chairs located in the old Peru Elementary School until 6/17/19. Lynda seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Raquel moved to notify Gail True, Scout Leader and Certified Red Cross Trainer, that she was authorized to remove and relocate to the Green Church all equipment and materials including three file cabinets, tables and chairs donated by her church or others. Lynda seconded the motion. Motion passed.

5. Incoming Correspondence:

- Don Roach presented the board with a Production Cost Report of the 2017 - 2018 Annual Town Report. Supplies and labor costs per book totaled \$2.19, a projected cost savings of about \$3.00 per book.

6. Selectboard Business:

-Old Business

- Lynda committed to contacting Belinda Maillet/Flint Christie regarding the proposed 2019-2020 Town of Peru Renewal Insurance Breakdown of Premiums

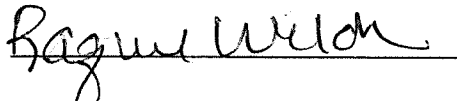
-New Business

- Raquel moved to recommend yes on warrant Article 2., and to sign the Notice of June 17, 2019 Special Town Meeting to be held at the Town Office at 5:30 P.M. prior to the scheduled Select Board Meeting. Seconded by Larry. Motion passed.
- Lynda moved to reconsider the motion made and passed at the June 3rd Select Board meeting to "transfer \$26,414.00 from the LRAP budget to the East Shore Road account" explaining that Article 20 passed on June 12, 2018 authorized the Select Board "to expend the Local Roads Assistance Program... funds, for road reconstruction or rehabilitation" and as such the voters had previously approved this action. Raquel seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Lynda moved to present only one article regarding Fire Engine 11 repair costs in the amount of \$10,500 at the Special Town Meeting on June 17th. Raquel seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Carol announced that Sandra Wingate had been appointed as the new Secretary to the Select Board. Sandy will begin work on Thursday, June 20, 2019. Her starting pay will be \$12.00 an hour and she will work the current Select Board Office hours; Mon., Tues., Thurs., & Friday from 9 to 3:30 p.m. and whenever the board meets.
- Carol informed the Board of DeMerritt Cemetery Board of Directors' inquiry regarding how to submit a request to the Town of Peru to take ownership of this private cemetery.

7. Raquel opened the meeting to public participation at 6:52 p.m.

- Members of the Finance Committee challenged the Select Board's decision not to seek a recommendation on the warrant article to be presented at the Special Town Meeting scheduled for June 17th. It was explained that Maine's Freedom of Access Act (FOAA) notice requirements relating to non-emergency special town meetings is seven days and that by signing the warrant at this meeting (6/10/2019) the 7-day notice issue is properly addressed. Postponing signing the warrant to obtain a recommendation from the Finance Committee would not be justified as the Finance Committee will be able to make a verbal recommendation at the special town meeting.

Carol moved to adjourn the meeting a 7:10 p.m.

  
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Raquel Welch, Chair

  
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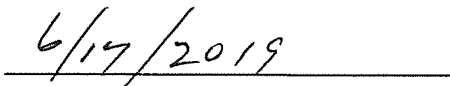
Carol Roach - Vice Chair

  
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Larry Snowman

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Lynda Hebert

  
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Date