

Town of Peru
Municipal Office
Select Board Minutes of the June 17, 2019 Meeting

Municipal Officers In Attendance: Raquel Welch, Larry Snowman, Carol Roach, and Tammi Lyons

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

1. Raquel led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Warrants:
 - Raquel moved to approve accounts payable (A/P) warrant #26, dated 6/17/19, in the amount of \$212,956.77 as presented. Larry seconded this motion. Motion passed.
 - Raquel moved to approve payroll warrant #26, dated 6/17/19, in the amount \$10,964.52 as presented. Larry seconded this motion. Motion passed.
3. Minutes:
 - Raquel moved to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2019 Select Board Meeting. Larry seconded the motion. Motion passed.
4. Elected Officials/ Appointed Committee Members/ Board Reports:
 - Road Commissioner, Brad Hutchings
 - Following the opening of the four paving bids received, Brad advised the board and interested parties that he would be examining the bid proposals to insure that they were responsive to his specifications, then check the references of the top two companies, and make a recommendation to the board on 6/24/19.
 - Brad reported that the Town of Peru received \$135,333.00 disaster reimbursement from MEMA/FEMA on Friday (6/14/19). This amount represents 60% of the recovery money owed to the Town of Peru. The balance due will be reimbursed upon receipt of bills/documentation from the him.

- Brad reported that Old Valley Road was paved but that the shoulders still work.
- He reported that the road crew were sealing the cracks on East Shore Road, that chip sealing would be done on 6/24/2019, and that the contractor will be sweeping stones on 6/27/19.
- Brad advised the board that parts to repair the backhoe, not including repinning or bushings of the rear boom at \$22,000, will be in the area of \$15,000-\$17,000, that no one on the road crew would be able to make the repairs, and that labor would be \$134 per hour by John Deere and they estimate anywhere from 3-5 days to complete the work in their facility in Herman, Maine. This would also require the town to pay for transport to and from their Herman facility. The other option is Stan Walik to repair the backhoe with no transportation costs and a cheaper labor rate approximately \$3500-\$4500 but still puts us around \$20,000 to repair the backhoe.
- The repairs to the 20 year old dump truck can be partially repaired in house but would still require the services of a truck mechanic. Stan Walik has looked at the truck and between the International Dealers parts list and labor estimates from the dealership, Stan would be cheaper and less costly. Parts and labor to repair the 22 year old truck and make it road worthy \$10,500 - \$11,500
- In response to Raquel's request for a more detailed estimate of materials and labor associated with the repairs on the backhoe and truck, Brad agreed to do his best to get that information for Saturday's (6/22/19) board meeting.

-Fire Chief, Bill Hussey

- Bill reported receiving a phone call from Augusta checking-in with him to be sure that the Town of Peru was registered with "Systems Award Management." He believes this is a positive indication that the Assistance To Firefighters Grant Application he submitted will be awarded.
- Bill reported that two invoices totaling \$11,734.95 related to Engine 11 repairs and NFPA testing had been received from Northeast Emergency Apparatus:
 - Invoice # 103521 dated 6/14/2019 in the amount of \$9,849.29, and
 - Invoice # 103522 dated 6/15/2019 in the amount of \$1,885.66

The \$10,500 appropriation voted on and approved at 6/17/19 special town meeting held at the 5:30 p.m. at the town office will be applied to these invoices.

The balance due, \$1,234.95 will be paid from the Fire Department appropriation for fiscal year 2019/2020.

-Secretary

-Tax Collector/ Town Clerk/ Treasurer, Debra Coudrain

- Deb provided a copy of a Rumford Animal Hospital Statement dated 5/31/2019 in the amount of \$103.98 showing this amount as past due. The description of services rendered stated that a stray dog had been cremated and medical waste had been disposed of. Deb checked with the town's Animal Control Officer who does not know anything about this case/animal. Raquel asked Carol to contact the animal hospital to find out who dropped the dog off and where it was found. Action is pending additional information.
- Deb provided a copy of the remittance detail from Paymode-X (State of Maine) dated 6/11/2019 relating to the \$135,333.21 MEMA disaster reimbursement.
- Deb prepared a draft ballot for the board to use as a guide when discussing the articles that did not pass on June 11, 2019. Raquel stated that she had also prepared a document for the board to reference at Saturday, 6/22/2019, board meeting.
- Deb submitted vouchers in behalf of election wardens and clerks that needed to be signed by all Select Board members present.
- By email Deb notified the board that Mary Dailey, RSU 56 Business Manager, called to inform the Town that the date for the next budget validation vote will be Tuesday, July 30, 2019. Prior to this secret ballot election, a budget meeting will be held Wednesday, July 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the gym at Dirigo High School.

The Town of Peru's RSU assessment due on July 2, 2019 is \$181,755.83. Once a budget is approved by the voters, necessary adjustments will be made.

Tammi asked that a letter be sent to RSU 56 asking that the ballot warrant article state the sum (i.e. recommended \$3,658,608.00) to be raised and appropriated by the voters.

Raquel asked Tammi to draft a letter to be signed by the Town of Peru Select Board.

-Assessor

-CEO

-Committee Reports

- Finance Committee Chairperson, Gail Belyea, reported that the committee had met just prior to the 5:30 p.m. special town meeting to discuss the warrant article relating to the supplemental appropriation request for \$10,500 for the Fire Dept. The committee voted to recommend yes to the article.
- Gail also reported that the committee had decided to let the board do its part then meet separately on the warrant articles to be reconsidered at a special town meeting.

-Planning Board Reports

5. Action Items:

6. Request From Individuals to Meet with the Select Board:

- Dennis Thibodeau representing the Town of Peru ATV Club asked the board to open all town roads to ATVs and set the ATV speed limit at 10 miles an hour below the posted vehicle speed limits. Currently, the posted ATV speed limit is 15 miles per hour on all access routes. Mr. Thibodeau said that there are 220 registered ATVs in Peru and the ATV Club has 17 members.

Raquel asked for a written proposal. Upon receipt of this request, the board will decide whether to take this matter to the voters in November or move to approve or deny the request at a Select Board meeting.

7. Incoming Correspondence:

8. Selectboard Business:

-Old Business

- Raquel asked Larry to visit the property located at 20 Magoon Way to determine whether anyone is living in the house and to let Deb know so that she can relay the information to Amanda Meader, Town Attorney.
- Raquel confirmed with Larry that he will be available on Monday (7/1) and Tuesday (7/2) to accompany Ed Jurczak as he collects bulk asbestos samples and takes pictures from the old Peru Elementary School. He confirmed that he will be on-site and asked what hours the inspector will be at the school and that all keys to the building be made available to him prior to 7/1/2019.
- Raquel addressed the challenge and costs of removing heating oil from the two tanks located within the old Peru Elementary School. Many ideas were forthcoming from board members and citizens present but no action was taken regarding this matter.
- Raquel informed the board that she had contacted DEP regarding State regulations and town requirements related to asbestos removal and waste deposits. DEP must be notified at least five (5) working days prior to demolishing the building. Form D must be submitted.
- Raquel handed each board member a copy of the Asbestos and Hazardous Materials Removal Request for Bid she prepared and asked for feedback by Saturday, 6/22/2019.
- Carol informed the board that 2019/2020 board and committee appointments and reappointments must be done by 6/30/2019. Raquel asked Carol to place an ad in the local papers listing board and committee openings and requesting a statement of interest from individuals interested in doing assessing and code enforcement work as an independent contractor for the Town of Peru.

-New Business

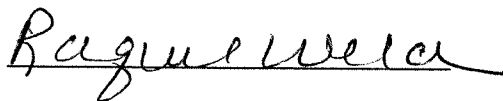
9. Raquel opened the meeting to public participation at 7:20 p.m.

- In response to a question regarding receipt of the CMP supplemental taxes, Raquel replied that CMP had paid those tax bills totaling over \$200,000.00 and

that the money had been assigned to surplus. She explained that the town's contracted assessor had overlooked CMP's filings for multiple years. As a result of a State of Maine audit the error/omissions were identified and the supplemental tax bills were mailed.

- Clarification was requested regarding renewal of the Town of Peru's building and vehicle insurance policies. It was confirmed that renewal documents need to be signed prior to 7/1/2019.
- Attendees called the board's attention to the Facebook postings regarding the Peru Community Center's up-coming flea market on Thursday (6/20) and Friday (6/22). Questions about what belonged to the Town were raised. Raquel arranged to meet Martha Witherell later in the week to enter the school and attach notes to town property.
- Kathy Hussey in behalf of the Peru Firefighters Association offered to coordinate and hold a 2-day yard sale of town owned kitchen housewares and appliances, furniture, kids desks & chairs, lockers, etc. located at the old Peru Elementary School. She suggests that the first day of the sale be restricted to town residents and the second day open to anyone. Proceeds would go to the association.

Larry moved to adjourn the meeting a 7:49 p.m. Raquel seconded the motion. All in favor.



Raquel Welch, Chair



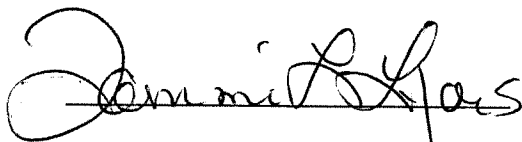
Carol Roach - Vice Chair



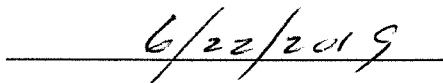
Larry Snowman



Lynda Hebert



Tammi Lyons



Date