

**Town of Peru  
Municipal Office  
Select Board Meeting**

**July 1, 2019 Minutes**

**Present:** Carol Roach, Lynda Hebert, Larry Snowman, Tammi Lyons, Sandy Wingate, Brad Hutchings, Don Roach, Jackie Child, Gary Child, Karen Lark, Anna Touchette, Earle Wingate III, Martha Wetherell, Mark Irish, Rick Childs, Gail Belyea

**At 6:00 p.m. Carol opened the meeting**

**1. Pledge of Allegiance:**

**2. Minutes:**

- Larry made a motion to approve the minutes of June 24, 2019 as presented. Tammi seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**3. Warrant #1 (07/01/2019):**

- Lynda made a motion to approve the accounts payable (A/P) warrant #1, dated July 01, 2019 in the amount of \$12,938.60. Tammi seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Lynda made a motion to approve the payroll warrant #1, dated July 1, 2019 in the amount of \$6,913.38. Larry seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**4. Town Officials / Appointed Committee Members / Board Reports:**

– **Road Commissioner, Brad Hutchings**

- Brad reported that the appropriated East Shore Road budget had come in over or near budget. Everything else came in under budget for the end of the year.
- The road crew would be starting on machine rentals. They will be coming in on July 15, 2019.
- The road crew will be starting the projects going on in the summer. Depending on when the paving company comes in for Brian's Road. The road crew would start on East Shore Road and work their way up to town.
- Brad will be keeping an eye on when the state's going to pave Greenwood Road because he wants to shut down East Shore Road at the end when they are going to do that, so that we don't have elevated traffic, truck traffic and every thing else taking a short cut. He said that the road crew is trying to protect the road.
- Other than that, they are hoping for a quiet week.
- **Carol asked if the Board members had any questions for Brad?**
- Larry asked if Brad had received the pump that he had left on his desk. Brad said he did receive it and he contacted the company because he wasn't sure what type of pump it was. He verified that the pump was good for petroleum products. Brad told the board that he was going to get a couple of fittings and find out what kind of hose was needed to get the oil out of the tank and into the truck. The oil will then be moved from the old Peru elementary school to the the town garage. Brad reported that he was working with Bill Hussey because Bill knows what the town has for oil in the ground for here at the Town Office and at the Fire station. Any that can't go to the Garage Brad would put into those two tanks. Larry said that there is about 300 gallons and Brad said that they could only move 100 gallons at a time. No other questions for Brad.
- Brad left the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

– **Fire Chief, Bill Hussey**

- **Planning Board Reports**
  - Planning Board meeting will be held on July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.
- **Tax Collector / Town Clerk / Treasurer, Debra Coudrain**
  - The warrant was presented with the referendum ballot to sign. Carol reported that she had met with Gail Belyea and went over the Finance Committee recommendations. The Finance Committee did not recommend yes on Article 3. That is the general expenses article. Also, Article six, which is purchasing the backhoe and funding the first payment out of surplus. Everything else looks fine. Carol reported that Debbie did incorporate this into the ballot itself. Once this is signed then she can move forward to posting the notice for the Informational Meeting on July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and preparing the ballot itself. The ballot looks very much like the state ballot with the yes and no boxes beside them. The absentee ballots would probably be another week or so, because we must wait for the school absentee ballot.
  - **Larry made a motion that to accept the referendum ballot for July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 as presented. Lynda seconded the motion. Motion passed.**
  - Carol reported that there was a certificate of appointment to be signed for the municipal offices of the town of Peru for Roni-Sue Vachon for the animal control officer from July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
  - **Lynda made a motion to reappoint Roni-Sue Vachon as the Animal Control Officer from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. Larry seconded the motion and the certificate was signed by the Board Members. Motion passed.**
- **Secretary, Sandra Wingate**
  - I prepared the newly elected, Tammi Lyons, the Municipal Officers Manual. I sent an email to the Maine Municipal Association to verify that we have the up dated copy. Maine Municipal Association to verified that our March 2016 revised edition is the most current edition.
  - I mailed the Contract renewal to Kozy Kennelz for Doreen Jackson’s signature.
- **Action:**
  - Call Doreen to confirm that she received the contract and when the Select Board can accept the signed contract.
  - Put approved Planning Board minutes from the May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 on the Town Web Site.
  - Put request for a volunteer to do the artwork on the Yellow Chair on the Town Web Site.
- **Assessor:**
  - Carol reported the information she had for the appointment of an Assessor. The Board discussed the possibility of having Rob Stevens and Leeann Salley working together. Carol let Jackie Child know that her abatement was in the pending folder and it would be reviewed as soon as we have an Assessor appointed. There are two other requests for abatement and that will be reviewed as well.
- **Animal Control Officer**
  - The bill from the Rumford Animal Hospital was discussed. The bill will be in the next Warrant to be signed.
- **Committee Reports**
  - **Recreation Committee:**
    - Request for \$500.00 donation to the Dixfield Recreation Department. The request was discussed.
  - **Tammi made a motion to approve the \$500.00 request to the Dixfield Recreation Committee. Lynda seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

– **School Board:**

- Carol thanked William Hine for the detailed and informative notes from the School Board Meeting to bring the proposed budget down to a 5% increase.
- William reported on the discussion at the School Board meeting regarding the budget. He reported that an Pre-K Elementary Ed-Teacher position was eliminated for a total savings of \$38,000.00. That was the only recommendation from the School Board. He noted that a revised budget added an assistant principal for an increase of \$53,000.00. William suggested the Select Board approve the dollar amount for the School Board budget and let the School allocate the money where they see fit. He suggested sending some correspondence asking for an explanation for the concerns regarding this appointment. The School Boards meeting is July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and if a correspondence is sent, the School Board will have this presented to them at that time. Carol reported that Raquel is not here at the meeting and Raquel had requested that any action regarding the 5% increase from the School Board budget be tabled until she returns tomorrow night, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019. The Select Board will discuss the School Board budget with Raquel no later than Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The Select Board thanked William for stepping up and stepping forward and taking the appointment as the School Board Director.
- William Hine left the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

– **Code Enforcement Officer**

– **Committee Reports:**

– **Planning Board Reports**

- Planning Board meeting will be held on July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at the Town Offices. At which time the minutes from the meeting on May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 will be presented for approval.

**5. Action Items:**

- The Yellow Chair was discussed, and the Select Board asked for any volunteers to do the artwork for the Chair.
- Send a letter of appreciation to River Valley Chamber of Commerce. Thanking them for their generosity and the ginormous yellow chair, calling to all to come and sit awhile and enjoy all that Peru has to offer!
- Relocate the chair during the demolition of the Old Elementary School, perhaps to the playground area.
- Discuss artwork to be placed on the Yellow Chair. The Town Name and Town Seal on the chair is what the Select Board is looking for. Attendants were asked if they knew of anyone who could do the artwork. The Select Board considered putting putting the request on the Town Web Site. No decision was made.

**6. Requests from individuals / entities to meet with the board:**

**7. Incoming Correspondence:**

**8. Select Board Business:**

• **Old Business:**

- Larry reported that the recent testing of the Worthy Pond Spring were all perfect.
- Larry reported an update for the Elementary School hazardous material testing. The inspector performing the testing took a total of 112 samples.
- Carol thanked Larry for his help regarding the testing and for retrieving the trophies, that are currently at the Town Office.
- Carol reported the Fire Alarm System was completed.
- The old seal for the Town of Peru was discussed.

- **New Business:**
  - A nomination for Ryan and Amanda Putnam to the Town of Peru Spirit of America award.
    - Lynda moved to nominate Ryan and Amanda Putnam for the Town of Peru Spirit of America Award. Larry seconded the motion. Motion approved.
    - Tammi moved to purchase a plaque to be hung in the Town Office with the names of the residents who are awarded the Spirit of America Award, starting with last years recipients, Barbara and Elizabeth Lane. Larry seconded the motion. Motion was passed.
    - There will be a certificate for Ryan and Amanda Putnam for this years Spirit of America Award be made and they will be notified by letter of their nomination and award.
- **Meeting was Opened for Public Participation at 7:17 p.m.**

**9. Public Participation:**

- **Finance Committee:**

- Gail requested a copy of the page 7 and the page 24 of the RSU 56 2019-2020 School budget from William Hine, a copy of the letter from Pam Doyen and a copy of this week's A/P Warrant #1 and Payroll Warrant #1.
- Gail requested that the June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 minutes of the Budget Committee be added to the Select Board meeting minutes from June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The Select Board said that once the Minutes from the Budget Committee were approved by the Committee they could be posted on the Town of Peru website much the same as the Planning Board Minutes.
- The inventory that is left in the Old Elementary School was discussed. Larry will be taking pictures of everything in the building.


**The Select Board closed the meeting for public participation at 7:39 p.m.**

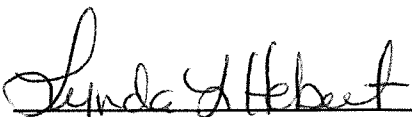
**Lynda moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Tammi Seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

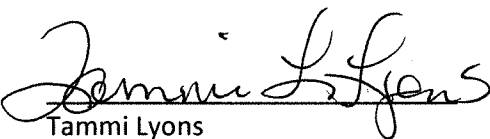
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