

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

**Present: Raquel Welch, Carol Roach, Lynda Hebert, Larry Snowman, Tammi Lyons, Sandy Wingate, Brad Hutchings, Bill Hine, Jackie Child, Gary Child, Karen Lark, Anna Touchette, Mark Irish, Martha Witherell, Joe Kerr, Rick Childs, Don Roach, Ed Patenaude, Clint Bradbury, Amanda Bradbury, Earle Wingate, Aubrey Desjean.**

**August 12, 2019**

**1. Pledge of Allegiance:**

**2. Minutes:**

- Minutes of the August 5, 2019 Select Board Meeting
  - ❖ **Lynda made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Larry seconded motion. All in favor.**

**3. Warrant #3 (07/29/2019):**

- Accounts Payable Warrant #4
  - ❖ **Lynda made a motion to accept the Accounts Payable Warrant as presented in the amount of \$263,222.19. Tammi seconded motion. All in favor.**
- Payroll Warrant #4
  - ❖ **Lynda made a motion to accept the Payroll Warrant as presented in the amount of \$10,225.70. seconded motion. All in favor.**

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

- Chris Brennick from Rumford Select Board  
Chris thanked the Select Board for having him at the Meeting. He informed the Select Board that there was a meeting held with the Mexico Selectboard, the Rumford Selectboard and the Rumford Recreation committee last Wednesday August 7, 2019. The goal of that meeting was that they want to build a new community center for the for the region. It is in the very preliminary stages now. What they are looking for is for the area communities to try and look at this. There are no numbers now, it is just a basic concept. They want to build something that would attract people here and not just a recreation for Rumford but also include a senior center, music, maybe a pool and some other things were discussed at the meeting with Mexico and Rumford Selectboard. Chris is going to all the communities and meeting with Select boards, Members of Chamber and all the river valley communities to find anyone interested in giving their support for the new Community Center. Chris invited the Selectboard to a meeting at 6:00 p.m. on September 25, 2019. There is not a location at this time, but Chris informed the Selectboard that he is gathering email addresses to have a list to give updates to. Chris let everyone know that it just for anyone's interest right now. It is just in the preliminary stages now. Chris discussed with the Selectboard the ideas of the new community center and how the other towns and communities would benefit from this. The Selectboard thanked Chris for coming to the meeting.
- Clinton & Amber Bradbury, Map 22 Lot 22, East Shore Road  
Clinton Bradbury stated that he owns a part of the beach that is on Worthly Pond. Clinton informed the Selectboard that he was at the meeting to ask the Town to establish where the 12-foot section of the beach that is next to his part of the beach. He explained that he has been cleaning the whole beach and he just wants the Town to take care of their part of the beach. He informed the Selectboard that people have been coming down to use the beach and say that it is town owned so they have the right to use it. Then he is left to clean up after them. He has informed the people coming down to use the beach, that it is not a public beach and they can't use it. The Selectboard told Clinton that we would do some research on it and get back to him about it.

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

- Road Commissioner, Brad Hutchings

- Brad explained to the Selectboard that he didn't want to have the truck put on for voting in September. He suggested putting fixing the truck on the vote instead of a whole new truck. The Selectboard discussed with Brad the price of fixing the truck and how much it would cost to fix the backhoe.
    - ❖ **Raquel made a motion to remove the purchase of a new six-wheeler Article off of the upcoming ballot. Larry seconded the motion. Motion passed.**
    - ❖ **Larry made a motion to take \$16,500.00 from surplus to pay for the repairs needed to fix the 2007 John Deere backhoe. Raquel seconded the motion. All in Favor.**
    - ❖ **Lynda made a motion to take \$8,000.00 from surplus to pay for the repairs needed to fix the 1997 International dump/plow truck. Raquel seconded the motion. Motion passed.**
  - Brad informed the Selectboard of the paving that was being performed in town and that it was almost completed.
  - Brad left the meeting at 6:40 p.m.
- School Board, William Hine
- Bill informed the Selectboard that there would be a meeting on Tuesday August 13, 2019. He explained that the School Board wanted to use the same budget that they had put through on the last ballot. The school budget did not pass with such a small margin the School Board thinks that if they put the same budget amount through for ballot again it will pass. Bill discussed the school budget with the Selectboard. The Selectboard thanked Bill for voicing to the School Board what the Selectboard wants. Bill asked the Select Board to clarify what they would like him to tell the School Board what the Selectboard wants as far as the 5% School budget is concerned. The Selectboard discussed with Bill their feelings about the upcoming vote and the recent School Board Meetings. Bill asked if there is a newsletter, can the School Board put information about the upcoming vote. The Select Board told Bill that they could absolutely do that.
  - Bill left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.
- Fire Chief, Bill Hussey
- Nothing new to reported
- Tax Collector / Town Clerk / Treasurer, Deb Coudrain
- ❖ **Raquel made a motion to sign the Oxford County tax document for \$142,946.00. Larry seconded the motion. All in Favor.**
  - ❖ **Raquel made a motion to sign the certificate appointment for Tim Placey as an alternate on the Planning Board. Larry seconded the motion. All in Favor.**
- Secretary, Sandra Wingate
- Sandra explained that the presentation of the Spirit of America Award Certificate to Ryan & Amanda Putnam will be on August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at the Town Office.
  - Sandra explained that she was able to fix some of the web site issues. She was able to upload the Select Board minutes and some of the Select Board agendas. It is under the Community Tab in the Blue Box on the Top Left-Hand Corner of the Home Page. She also explained that new posting could be done, and old ones adjusted or updated. She informed the Selectboard and the attendees that if they had new information or pictures that they would like placed on the web site it could be done.
- Assessor
- The Selectboard discussed the Assessor and entering information into the Trio system and what could be done to make the processes easier on Lee-Ann. The Selectboard discussed some of the ideas to rectify that problem. It was discussed to have the secretary – Sandra do some of the entering of the second information to cut down on what the Assessor must enter.
  - The Assessor has corrected 253 deeds.
  - Tree Growth was discussed by the Selectboard.
  - The Selectboard discussed what needed to be done to get the re-evaluation done. It was recommended that there be a motion to contact Lee-Ann and discuss what must be done for the re-evaluation and to give an estimated budget on what it was going to cost.

- ❖ **Raquel made a motion to contact Lee-Ann Salley and have her move forward in deciding on the re-evaluation and to estimate how much that budget would be. Larry seconded the motion. All in Favor.**

- Animal Control Officer
  - There was a report that Roni-Sue had sent in.
- Code Enforcement Officer
  - John Evans had come by the Town Office and talked to Carol about some things that he was going to need. He wanted a letter that gave him authorization to enforce the Towns policies and ordinances. He also wanted the classification of a junkyard. John also reported to Carol that he had grave concerns about the property that the Town owns on Dickvale Road. He informed Carol that at a minimum the doors/entrances needed to be boarded up and a tape that says do not enter. The Selectboard discussed these concerns and what could be done to fix the problem.
- Committee Reports
  - Nothing new to report.
- Planning Board Reports:
  - There was a Planning Board meeting being held August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at the Town Office.

## **6. Action Items:**

- **Requests for Bid (RFB):**
  - ❖ **Raquel made a motion to not send the RFB for the Fuel Bid to the newspapers but to send the request for bid to the surrounding Fuel Companies in the area by mail. Larry seconded the motion. All in favor.**
  - ❖ **Carol made a motion to authorize Raquel to update the RFB for General Contractor for the demolition of the building to distribute it as discussed and to place an ad in the Sun Journal, The Portland Press Herald and the Bangor Daily News Weekend editions. Lynda seconded the motion. All in Favor.**
  - Town Fuel Bid is to be sent out to all the surrounding Fuel Companies in the area to save the town the cost of sending it to the newspaper to publish. It will also be posted on the Town web site.
  - Asbestos Removal Bid for Old Elementary School is being resubmitted out to request new bids.
  - General Contractor for Old Elementary School is being sent to three newspapers – Lewiston Sun Journal, Portland Press Herald and Bangor Daily News. It will also be posted on the Town web site.

## **7. Selectboard Business:**

- The Selectboard discussed how Ed Jurczak came to be hired to produce the RFB on Asbestos Hazardous materials removal from the old Elementary School. After the discussion it was found that there were misunderstandings between the Selectboard members and that closer communication in the future would avoid this from happening again. It was decided by the Selectboard the bill received by Ed Jurczak would be paid as submitted.
- Old Business:
  - The Selectboard discussed the work and costs to remove hazardous materials from other surrounding towns schools.
  - The Selectboard discussed that the original time frame was going to need to be extended because the cost and proposals to do the work on the old Elementary School safely and efficiently have pushed our time frame out.
- New Business:
  - The Selectboard discussed ideas for the upcoming newsletter.
  - The Selectboard discussed a request by the secretary, Sandy to move the office around. The Selectboard agreed that she could have the room moved around.


At 8:51 p.m. Raquel moved to open the meeting to Public Participation. Tammi seconded the motion. All in Favor.

**8. Public Participation:**


- There was a general discussion about executive session and why and when it can be used in meetings.
- Lee-Ann Salley and a contract with her was discussed. Raquel will be calling her Tuesday to touch base with her.
- There was discussion about the Town truck and different local mechanics such as Mark McCann that could be used to fix the truck. Rick Childs said he would get the number for us.

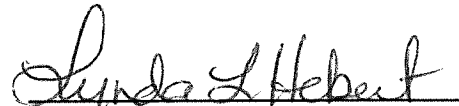
Raquel moved to close public participation at 8:57 p.m. Lynda seconded the motion. All in Favor.

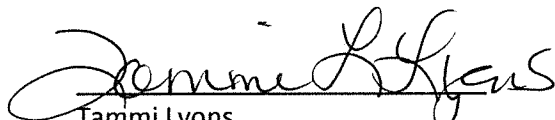
Raquel moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m. Lynda seconded the motion. All in Favor.

  
Raquel Welch

  
Carol Roach

  
Larry Snowman

  
Lynda Hebert

  
Tammi Lyons

August 12, 2019  
Date

