

**Town of Peru
Municipal Office
Select Board Meeting
August 5, 2019**

Present: Raquel Welch, Carol Roach, Lynda Hebert, Larry Snowman, Tammi Lyons, Sandy Wingate, Brad Hutchings, Don Roach, Earle Wingate, Jackie Child, Gary Child, Karen Lark, Anna Touchette, Gail Belyea, Mark Irish, Martha Witherell, Joe Kerr, Rick Childs

Raquel opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance:

2. Minutes:

- Minutes of the July 29, 2019 Select Board Meeting
 - ❖ **Lynda made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Larry seconded the motion. All in favor.**

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

– **Road Commissioner, Brad Hutchings**

- Extension on paving Dickvale Road by Spencer Group Paving:
Brad explained to the Select Board the proposal for the extension of paving that was from Spencer Group Paving.
 - ❖ **Raquel made a motion to accept the proposal for \$31,500.00. Larry seconded the motion. All in favor.**

Proposal Specifications:

Dickvale Road: Shim 2700x22 with an average of 1" 375 ton @ \$88.00/ton,

East Shore 600x20 1334SY, Reclaim 1334 @ \$2.88/SY \$3,841.92

Pave with 2" of 12.5mm 150 ton @ \$85.00/ton \$12,750.00

MDOT Asphalt Escalation N.E. Average Selling Price of \$550.00 Applies

- Brad reported that all culverts were completed on Dickvale Road and that the gravel still needed to be done.
- Brad gave an update on Mineral Springs Road, there were two culverts that still needed to be done on that road, but the road did not need to be closed.
- Brad requested to discuss with the Select Board the options for the Town vehicles. First - the backhoe failed again. Brad explained that there was no money in the budget to fix either one of the machines (the backhoe and the 6-wheeler truck). Brad reported that the truck was 22 years old and to fix it you are looking at an estimate of \$9,500.00 to \$10,000.00. Brad went over what had to be done to start fixing it. The Select Board and Brad discussed the backhoe as well. The Town has 2 large trucks and 1 small truck. The Town crew uses 3 Trucks, plus an additional truck that they call in for storms. Brad informed the Select Board of the cost of new and or used Trucks.

- ❖ **Carol made a motion to present voters with the same Article 5 as presented July 30, 2019, at the September ballot election when the RSU 56 budget is presented. Larry seconded the motion. All in favor.**

- A newsletter was discussed to inform the taxpayers about the Town Truck, the delay in the tax bills coming out and other information about Town news.

– **School Board:**

- William Hine:
 - Bill informed the Select Board that he did not have any new information for them. The Select Board thanked Bill Hine for coming to the meetings to help them with the School Board. Bill discussed with the Select Board the future School Board meetings to refigure the RSU 56 Budget. Bill discussed some details of the old school budget with the Select Board. Bill thanked everyone; Select Board, attendees to the

Select Board meeting and the residents who came to the School Board Budget Meetings. The Select Board thanked Bill again for coming to the Select Board Meeting.

- Bill Hine left the meeting at 6:39 p.m.
- Brad Hutchings left the meeting at 6:40 p.m.
- **Fire Chief, Bill Hussey**
 - Nothing New reported
- **Tax Collector / Town Clerk / Treasurer, Deb Coudrain:**

Election Results for July 30, 2019

Total Voters	226			
	YES	NO	Article Description	
Article 1	140	86	Town Officers and Appointed Officials	Passed
Article 2	121	105	Town Office Operations	Passed
Article 3	119	107	General Expenses	Passed
Article 4	141	83	Garage Facility Maintenance & Poperations	Passed
Article 5	108	112	New 6 - Wheeler	NOT PASSED
Article 6	61	159	New Backhoe	NOT PASSED
Article 7	151	66	Preservation of Town Record Books	Passed
Article 8	160	59	Oxford County Tax	Passed

RSU #56 Budget	70	156	NOT PASSED
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- The 2019/2020 Taxes can be committed after the RSU 56 Budget is finally approved.
- The RSU 56 Payment for August and September will be based on the 5% increase, awaiting documents for accurate figures. If the RSU 56 Budget is less than 5% the money will be withheld on future payments.
- **Secretary, Sandra Wingate**
 - Fuel Tax Refund from 2018 – 2019 – We are getting a tax refund of \$2,841.43
 - Web Site was discussed.
 - New printed General Assistance Ordinance Appendices A-D – Department of Health and Human Services clarified that the document to be signed is only Appendices so it can be signed by the Select Board. Only Ordinances need to have a notification to the public and a hearing to approve and sign.
 - ❖ **Raquel moved to accept and sign the Appendices for the General Assistance Ordinance Book. Larry Seconded. All in Favor**
 - The Road restrictions, laws and regulations about posted roads – The bridge on East Shore Road was discussed, the bridge is posted with a State tag identifying the bridge. Sandra is still investigating.
 - Discussion came up about the backhoe again. In the earlier discussion, there was a motion to present the voters with Article 5 – the 6-Wheeler Truck NOT Article 6 – the backhoe.
 - ❖ **Raquel moved to table any decision on Article 6 – The new backhoe until further notice. Tammi seconded the motion. All in Favor**
- **Assessor**
 - Nothing New reported
- **Animal Control Officer**
 - Nothing New reported
- **Code Enforcement Officer**
 - There was discussion about the classification of a “junkyard” according to the State statutes. Possibly putting it in the newsletter was discussed to bring it to the attention of Peru residents, as many people could be affected. There was concern that enforcement of the State statutes would lead to some people thinking they were being singled out.
- **Committee Reports**
 - Board Vacancies:
 - **Certificate of Appointments were Signed:**
 - ⚡ For the Ordinance Committee – 5 Peoples appointments were signed.
 - Martha Witherell, Wendy Henderson, Tammy Ferland, Kevin Taylor and Jackie Child.

- ✚ For the Appeals Board – 3 Peoples appointments were signed.
 - Joseph Kerr, Dan Tremper and Micheal Arsenault.
- ✚ For the Finance Committee – 5 Peoples appointments were signed.
 - Karen Lark, Mark Irish, Rick Childs, Wendy Henderson and Joe Bordeau.
- ✚ For the Bicentennial Committee – 1 Person’s appointment was signed.
 - Nick Waugh
- ✚ For the Cemetery Committee – 2 Peoples appointments were signed.
 - Robert Boyle and Jackie Child
- ✚ For the Planning Board – 1 Person’s appointment was signed.
 - Earle “Sandy” Wingate

– **Planning Board Reports**

- Planning Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday August 12, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at the Town Office.

4. Action Items:

- The donation check for \$500.00 was received from Rally New England LLC. and will be deposited into Road Budget.

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

- No New Requests

6. Select Board Business:

- **Old Business:**

- Old Elementary School

- ✚ 2 Bids Received for Asbestos Removal Bid: R.J. Enterprises, Inc. & Abatement Professionals Corp.

- The Select Board opened the bids and they are as follows:

- **R.J. Enterprises, Inc.: \$84,399.00**
- **Abatement Professionals Corp.: \$89,400.00**

- Raquel reported that she had talked to Ed Jurczak about any estimates of the bids coming in and Ed suggested that if they came in too expensive to rebid without the deadline of the original bid. Discussion followed about the bids.

- ❖ **Raquel made a motion to reject both proposed bids that were received. Larry seconded the motion. All in Favor.**

- The reposting of the Asbestos Removal Bid was discussed.

- ❖ **Raquel made a motion to contact Ed Jurczak to tell him to put the bids back out without a specified date that the work must be completed by. Lynda seconded the motion. All in Favor.**

- ✚ The Bid proposal for General Contractor was discussed. There were some minor changes that needed to be performed on the General Contractor bid proposal. The General Contractor Bid will be postponed until next week’s Select Board Meeting.

- **New Business:**

- Tammi reported about two of the companies that work on Web sites that she had been in touch with. Tammi said that she and Lynda had been working together on this project. The two companies were Expenet.com and DC Tree. Tammi explained that there was another company that she had talked to, but they had not given her information to present at the meeting. Discussion followed about different ideas for the Town Web Site and the different companies that may be able to help us.

- The Training workshops were discussed.

- The Select Board discussed the Oxford County Commissioners Meeting. There is a meeting on August 28, 2019. It was decided that as many of the Select Board that could attend, would.

- Lynda reported to the Select Board that a citizen asking what was going to happen to all the awards and pictures that were in the Old Elementary School. The Select Board discussed the trophies and pictures that had been retrieved and the ones that were in the progress of still coming over the Town Office.

- ❖ **Carol Made a motion that the Select Board take possession of the trophies, photos and any other memorabilia that have been awarded to the Youth of the Town of Peru and to be responsibly displayed in the Town Office. Tammi seconded the motion. All in Favor**

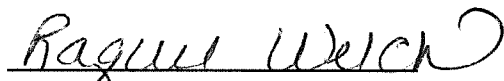
Raquel made a motion to move into Public Participation at 8:05 p.m. Tammi seconded it. All in Favor.

7. Public Participation:

- There was an inquiry about the Ryan and Amanda Putnam being recognized for their Spirit of America award. The attendees were informed by the Select Board that the Putnam's were deciding a date that would work for them to attend.
- There was a question about a bill from the last warrant and general questions regarding budgetary expenses. The Select Board explained all the questions to the attendees about the two areas in question.
- The newsletter that was discussed earlier was discussed by the attendees and the Select Board.
- The Mill rate was discussed, and it was explained by the Select Board to the attendees that the Mill rate could not be determined until the School Budget was passed.
- The Town Budget, the School Budget and the taxes for Peru were discussed by the attendees and the Select Board.
- The Town 6-Wheeler truck and backhoe were discussed.
- The Asbestos Removal Bid was discussed by the Select Board and the attendees.

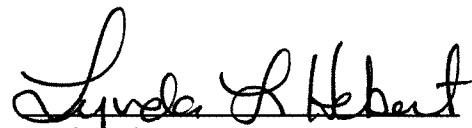
Raquel made a motion to come out public participation at 8:24 p.m.

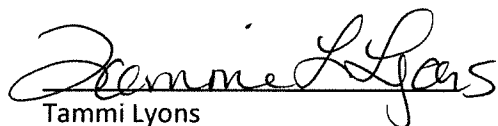
Raquel moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Tammi seconded the motion. All in Favor


Raquel Welch


Carol Roach


Larry Snowman


Lynda Hebert


Tammi Lyons

August 12, 2019
Date

