

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

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

August 19, 2019

1. Pledge of Allegiance:

2. Minutes:

- Minutes of the August 12, 2019 Select Board Meeting
 - ❖ **Lynda made a motion to accept the Minutes of August 12, 2019 as presented. Larry seconded the motion. All in Favor.**

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

- Road Commissioner, Brad Hutchings
 - Brad reported that all their projects were completed and ready to pave. The 64-foot section on Dickvale is scheduled to start first thing in the morning on Dickvale Road.
 - The culverts have been completely removed on East Shore Road and are just waiting for the culvert company to come in and install the new culverts and then the road crew will finish that road off.
 - Then the road crew are going over to Lacroix Road starting Tuesday, August 20, 2019. The just have to tidy up here and there.
 - Other than that, Brad reported that everything is status quo.
 - Brad informed the Selectboard that the issue going on with the Town truck and backhoe was not going to go away. Brad discussed with the Selectboard ideas on how to put the purchase of a truck and backhoe before the taxpayers. The purchase was going to have to happen soon, possibly as early as this next spring. Brad informed the Selectboard that there must be a plan on how to make that purchases happen. The Selectboard agreed with Brad that the purchase of the truck and backhoe was inevitable and that there had to be a plan set in place for that purchase to happen. Brad stated that we must come up with a plan to prepare for the Town-owned Truck and the backhoe to be purchased soon.
 - One of the attendees informed Brad that there was damage done to a railing on Sicotte Road. Brad discussed the issue with her and told her that he would go down and look at it.
 - Brad answered some questions about the culverts being taken out of the roads.
 - Brad discussed with the Selectboard and the attendees why leasing a truck or backhoe would not be a good option for the Town
 - Brad left the meeting at 6:40 p.m.
- School Board, William Hine
 - The Selectboard suggested to the attendees that they should attend the upcoming Public Hearing for the School Budget on the 10th of September. The Selectboard informed the attendees that at this hearing it would be the last time to voice their opinion to the School Board for the ballot being voted on, on the 17th of September .
- Fire Chief, Bill Hussey
 - Nothing new to reported
- Tax Collector / Town Clerk / Treasurer, Debbie Coudrain
 - There was a memo sent from Debbie Stating that the following people had been sworn into office:
 - Roni-Sue Vachon as the Animal Control Officer
 - John Evans as the Code Enforcement Officer
 - Earle Wingate into the Planning Board
 - Joe Kerr into the Appeals Board
 - Karen Lark into the Finance Committee
 - Tim Placey into the Planning Board

- Robert Boyle to the Cemetery Committee
- A document for the upcoming Articles to be placed on the Referendum Ballot was discussed. The Selectboard discussed with the attending Finance Committee members that the Finance Committee needed to meet to go over the Articles and give their recommendation for the Articles or not to recommend them. The attending Finance Committee members said that they could meet to go over the Articles on Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. It will be posted on the Website.
 - ❖ **Lynda made a motion that the Selectboard recommendation is yes for Article 1 to take 16,500 from surplus to make the repairs to the town-owned 2007 John Deere Backhoe and to authorize the Selectboard to expend these funds. Larry seconded the motion. All in Favor.**
 - ❖ **Lynda made a motion that the Selectboard recommendation is yes for Article 2 to take \$8,000 from surplus to make the repairs to the town-owned 1997 International dump/plow truck and to authorize the Selectboard to expend these funds. Larry seconded the motion. All in favor.**
 - ❖ **Raquel made a motion that the Selectboard would hold the informational meeting about the Articles being put on the Ballot, on September 9th, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. or immediately following the opening of the Fuel and General Contractor bids. Tammi seconded the motion. All in Favor.**
- Secretary
 - Sandy informed the Selectboard that she started working on the newsletter to be mailed to the residents. She discussed the newsletter with the Selectboard.
 - Sandy stated that the ad for the bid for General Contactor was Sent out to local papers. The Sun Journal printed the ad in the paper on Friday - August 16th, Saturday – August 17th and Sunday August 18th, 2019, the Bangor Daily News printed the ad in the paper on Saturday, August 17th, 2019 and Portland Press printed the ad on Sunday, August 18th, 2019.
 - Sandy explained that she did not find much information about the Town-owned section of beach on Worthy Pond. The only information that is in the office is the old property card. The only information on the old property card was that the size of parcel of land is 12 feet by 40 feet. The Selectboard discussed options and other places to look.
- Assessor
 - The Selectboard discussed an email that they had received from the Assessor, Lee-Ann Salley. Lee-Ann had suggested that the last assessor could possibly come in and take responsibility for the work that they had done for the Town in the past. The Selectboard discussed and answered some of the questions that the attendees had.
- Animal Control Officer
 - Nothing new to report
- Code Enforcement Officer
 - The Selectboard discussed the letter that was drawn up for John Evans to have with him for documentation of his job for the town is with the state status that he had requested. The Selectboard decided not to sign it until John had approved what the letter said.
 - There was a letter that John had dropped off for the Selectboard to take a look at and make sure the letter was okay to present to residents that were not following the ordinances and policies of the Town of Peru, as far as junkyards were concerned. The letter will be retyped on Town Letterhead for John to use for that purpose. The Selectboard asked to have the letters sent to John for his review and approval.
- Committee Reports
 - Nothing new to report
- Planning Board Reports:
 - Two of the Planning Board Meeting Minutes have been approved by the Planning Board and are available for anyone who would like to have a copy.

4. Action Items:

– Requests for Bid (RFB):

- There were two Proposals sent in for the Asbestos Removal Bid for Old Elementary School. One proposal from Atlantic Environmental Contractors was for a total amount of \$43,950. The second proposal was from R.J. Enterprises for a total amount of \$90,000.
- ❖ **Larry made a motion to hire Atlantic Environmental Contractors, Frank Perry, 81 Fifth Avenue, Lewiston ME, for the Abatement of Asbestos Bid after submitting a certificate of liability insurance. Lynda seconded the motion. All in Favor.**
- Town Fuel Bid were mailed to surrounding Fuel Companies.
- General Contractor for Old Elementary School was posted in the newspapers and the bid requests are currently being received.

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

- There were no requests for this meeting.

6. Selectboard Business:

– Old Business:

- Carol reported what she had learned about what it would cost to mail the newsletter and what some of the costs would be for the printing paper. The newsletter would be a direct mail and would need to be provided in certain ways. The total cost of the mailing would be approximately \$135.00. Carol reported that Debbie, the Town Clerk, had already purchased the paper and was able to purchase the paper cheaper than what it was listed for on the company's website.

– New Business:

- The Selectboard discussed the video recording of the meetings and finding the websites that could handle that kind of sharing. There was discussion of calling surrounding towns that already do this and what they use for a website. The Town of Caribou currently video records their Selectboard Meetings and we will be touching base with them about their website and the ordinance/policy that they currently have to video record their meetings.

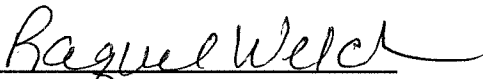
Raquel moved to go into Public Participation at 7:40 p.m. Lynda seconded the motion. All in Favor.


7. Public Participation:

- There was a discussion about putting the link on the Town website to the Worthley Pond Association. The Selectboard thought that it was a good idea and that it was something that we could do.
- There was a discussion about the weekly Agendas for the Selectboard meetings on Monday nights. There were questions about when and how the information was gathered for the posting of the Agenda on the Town website and when the posting was supposed to be up by. The Selectboard discussed this information with the Attendees.
- There was more discussion about the newsletter and the cost of printing and mailing it. The Selectboard discussed this with the attendees and answered the questions that were asked.

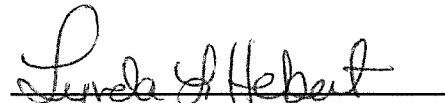
Raquel moved to close Public Participation at 7:49 p.m. Tammi seconded the motion. All in Favor

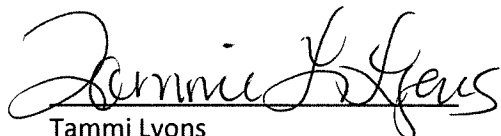
Raquel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Tammi seconded the motion. All in Favor.


Raquel Welch


Carol Roach


Larry Snowman


Lynda Hebert


Tammi Lyons

August 26, 2019
Date

