



TOWN HALL | 3 EAST MAIN ROAD | PERU, MA 01235

SELECT BOARD MINUTES. | JULY 9, 2018 at 6:00 P.M.

COMMUNITY CENTER

OFFICIAL

Present:

Ed Munch, Chairman/Historical Commission
Bruce Cullett, Selectman/Police Sergeant
Verne Leach, Selectman/ACO/Transfer Attendant
Irene Morrison, Administrative Assistant
Brian Dewkett, Fire Chief
Justin Russell, Highway Superintendent
Kim Leach, Town Clerk
Daryll Darby, Cemetery Sexton

Residents: Brian Waldron, Sara Adams, Ellen Lansing

Guest: William Hewig III, Attorney, KP Law

Item 1: **Call to order** - Meeting called to order at 6:00 P.M.

Item 2: **Roll Call**- Chairman Munch, Selectman Leach, Selectman Cullett present

Item 3: **State recording status** - Recording: Selectman Leach, Adm. Asst. Irene Morrison

Item 4: **Review and approve Meeting Minutes for 6/18/18**

Mr. Cullett motions to approve the 7/2/18 Minutes. Mr. Leach seconds. All in agreement. **VOTE 3-0**

Item 5: **Report from Departments**

Highway Dept. - Supt. Russell -cporting

Supt. Russell said that he got the paperwork back with the approval from the State for paving South Rd. He will work with TA Mitchell to get the bids together.

Supt. Russell said that Mr. Doherty stopped by to talk about the painting of the old Highway Garage. The far east wall facing the Fire Station, is so rotted out that if you used a power washer on it, it would blow the exterior siding apart. Supt. Russell told Mr. Doherty that he would see if there were available funds to strip that and put some T1-11 to replace the gable on that side. Mr. Doherty said that he could paint the other 3 sides, so he's thinking of power washing those 3 sides sometime this week. Supt. Russell said he'll make a list of materials needed, and ask Mr. Doherty to hold off for a little bit.

Mr. Munch said he doesn't think a power washer should be used, but to scrape or go over it quick with wire brushes. Supt. Russell said that Mr. Doherty is volunteering his time, and that would take a lot of time, scraping or wire brushing. Mr. Cullett said it might be alright if he doesn't use too much pressure. Mr. Munch indicated that Mr. Doherty could keep an eye on it when he starts, and if it starts making a mess, stop.

Supt. Russell said that he's decided to switch to Roberts Energy for fuel. They will be putting GPS Monitors on the fuel tanks. There's already one on the gas tank, and he's waiting for that to get inspected so it can be filled up. They will put a GPS monitor on the diesel fuel tank. When the tanks get below 30%, the delivery is generated automatically.

TA Mitchell reporting

TA Mitchell indicated that he has received an amended contract from Crocker that he wants to finalize so as to get them up to install the phones at the Fire Station and Highway Dept. He has to get the contract back to them to get them to come and install the new phones.

TA Mitchell said that he also has the amended contract for the Broadband Planning Assistance Grant which is an extension of an ongoing Grant through MBI. Mr. Cullett motions to approve and sign the amended contract for the extension of Broadband Planning Assistance Grant. Mr. Leach seconds. All in agreement. **VOTE 3-0**

Cemetery Sexton - Daryl Darby TCpoliing

Cemetery Sexton Darby asked Highway Supt. Russell what the status was to get the flag pole at North Cemetery fixed. Supt. Russell said that the person he needs to talk to about it will be in town this week. Supt. Russell told Cemetery Sexton Darby that they will be starting the trimming at South Cemetery tomorrow.

BOS - Chairman Munch reporting

Mr. Munch announced to the BOS that a letter of resignation has been received from Kimberly Wetherell of the Conservation Commission. He read the letter to the BOS, in which it said that she is resigning her position on the Con Com effective immediately.

Item 6: Discussion of the use of Punch cards for bulk waste disposal at Transfer Station

Transfer Attendant Leach said he was able to contact Worthington about the punch cards, but the person who takes care of that is on vacation, so he wasn't able to get a copy of theirs yet. What he is thinking about is making \$20.00 Punch Cards that don't expire. They would be purchased at the Town Hall.

Highway Supt. Russell was informed by the BOS of the discussion at the last BOS Meeting about putting signs up on the bulk waste and metal container, and in addition to the use of security cameras at the Transfer Station.

Item 7: **Discussion, Review and possible Vote to hire Cathy MacPhail as Town Cleaner**

Mr. Munch motions to hire Cathy MacPhail as Town Cleaner. Mr. Cullett seconds. Mr. Leach recuses due to Cathy MacPhail being his neighbor. Mr. Munch and Mr. Cullett are in agreement. **VOTE 2-0**

TA Mitchell pointed out that because she will be an hourly Town Employee, she should have a punch card to punch in to get paid by the hour.

Item 8: **Public Hearing regarding new Cable Television License for Charter Communications Entertainment I, LLC**

Mr. Munch has recessed the BOS Meeting and opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 P.M.

Attorney Hewig, III addressed the audience by explaining the purpose of the Public Hearing is to determine whether the license should be granted by the BOS, and if so, what the terms might be. He and TA Mitchell have spent a fair amount of time negotiating this license with Charter Cable Television, and their Representative Anna Lucey. Attorney Hewig, III said that he has reviewed the License, and considers it to be legally sufficient to protect the Town's rights and interests for a typical Cable Television Licensing arrangement. He briefly explained some of the terms of the License before turning the Hearing over to the Chairman of BOS.

Mr. Munch welcomed any input from the audience. Brian Waldron of 6 South Rd. and Sara Adams of 3 Orpin Rd. discussed their concerns about the programming of the local stations, as to whether they are coming out of Albany or Springfield. Attorney Hewig, III said it's not the fault of the Cable Company, but the stations that make the Cable Company carry their signal.

There were no further questions or concerns from the audience or the BOS. Mr. Munch then stated that the Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:13 P.M. and that the BOS Meeting was to resume at that time, going on to Item 9.

Item 9: **Discussion, Review, and possible vote to approve new Cable Television License Agreement with Charter Communications Entertainment I, LLC & Town of Peru**

Mr. Munch motions to approve and sign the new Cable Television License Agreement between Charter Communications Entertainment, LLC and the Town of Peru. Mr. Cullett seconds. All in agreement. **VOTE 3-0**

Ellen Lansing of 84 Hickingbotham Rd. expressed her concern that she is 400 ft. in from the pole on Hickenbotham Rd. Mr. Munch explained that if she has underground conduit or she would dig her own trench, they will lay the cable. The only thing she would have to pay extra for is the extra distance of the cable.

Item 10: **Review and approve account payable, treasury warrants**

Item 11: **Adjourn**

Mr. Munch motions to adjourn the BOS Meeting. Mr. Leach seconds. All in agreement. **VOTE 3-0**

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 P.M.

Articles used

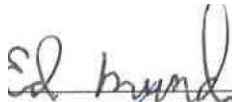
7/2/18 Meeting Minutes
7/9/18 Agenda
Cable Television License Agreement
Letter of Con Com resignation from Kim Wetherell
Amended Agreement with Crocker
Vendor Warrants V54

Respectfully submitted,

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Administrative Assistant

Ed Munch, Chairman

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Verne Leach, Selectman

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Bruce Cullett, Selectman

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Approved: 7/16/18