

**Joint Board of Selectmen & Energy Committee Meeting Minutes
3/21/2018, 6:00pm, Rhodes Building**

Present: Selectman Martell, Selectman Ribeiro, Selectman Pearson, Eileen Leahy-Comcast Representative, Cable Advisory Committee members Rusty Rowell and Rich Hall, Julie Rypsys, Burt Franzman, Joan Epstein, Stan Swiercz, and Susannah Carey.

Open: Selectman Martell opened at 6:30pm.

Households Not Receiving Broadband Service Through Pelham's Buildout & Options Going Forward

Comcast representative stated it is not feasible to extend poles costing about \$83,000.00 to reach the 2 houses not covered by Pelham's current build out. Those two households have committed funds to the Town of Shutesbury's internet service once created. The cost estimates with Shutesbury is ~\$10,571.00. A warrant article was submitted for the Pelham's Annual Town Meeting for 2 households to recoup part of the cost. Letters will be sent from Pelham Select Board to Comcast and MBI requesting additional funds in support of finishing the project as well as a letter will be sent to Shutesbury Broadband Committee allowing project poles and lines to enter the Town. PEG Access and Cable Related Fund will be discussed with counsel on uses, etc.

CCA Discussion with Todd Ford, HCOG Executive Director

Mr. Ford was not present. Energy Committee announced Caitlin Dragun-Bianchi will join the 3 municipality task force for CCE. Pelham is able to opt out of current contract with Colonial Power at any time for their CCA broker services.

Town Officials-none.

Public Comment-none.

Liaison Reports

Highway Department; Selectman Pearson; Discussion of need for RFP similar to Fall TM process for article for \$122k maintenance to Community Building. Question if any grants are available for the upcoming repair and what process was used to come up with a figure for the warrant article.

Town Offices; Selectman Pearson; Collector/Treasurer will be at upcoming trainings, list to be provided. Town encourages June to attend trainings and School as part of her work schedule. As a salaried employee no compensation time is offered.

Fire Department; Selectman Martell; everything ok.

Police Department; Selectman Martell; good for now.

Energy Committee; Selectman Pearson; Information session on 4/24/18 at 7pm for CCE. Data loggers should be the same on all the buildings, total cost around \$1,000 which is contained within the Engineer Consultant article for Annual Town Meeting.

Finance Committee; Selectman Martell; nothing new to report.

Library; Selectman Ribeiro; April 14th from 12-2pm program on ceremonial landscapes, seed planting workshop on 18th, Makerspace meets again on 3/24/18, musical performances being scheduled, and a recent large donation has been made to the Friends of the Pelham Library.

Elementary School; Selectman Ribeiro; Selectman Ribeiro met with Principal regarding 2 school choice students which will cost Pelham ~\$46k/year. Talks continuing with Solomon Goldstein-Rose about State's ability to help Pelham. Principal and new facilities manager James McPherson will attend the

MVP seminar. Energy Committee interest in learning about Green Team at School. SWOT Analysis (Strength, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) completed on how to attract kids to Pelham, which may be part of the MVP workshop. Exploring compensation to School if child moves out of Town mid-year.

Regional School; Selectman Ribeiro; nothing new at this time.

Other-Planning Board has large warrant article for Annual Town Meeting. Discussion regarding how to be kept abreast of important work being done by committees: Decided to request quarterly updates from Boards/Committees in Town at BOS meetings. Elected Boards not required to attend, but BoS may request.

Old Business

Minute Alerts are not working on the Town's website.

Next agenda will include discussion about Town meeting and the website.

Next meetings on 4/4 and 4/18 at 6:30pm, and 4/23 at 6pm.

Motion to sign letter to Sean Mangano with Select Board vote on Assessment Method and Budget/Assessment amount, seconded by Selectman Ribeiro, motion passes.

Minutes

Minutes from 2/1 and 3/15 will be tabled as Chairman Martell had to leave meeting early and Selectman Ribeiro was not at 2/1 and Selectman Pearson not at 3/15.

Motion to approve minutes from 2/27/18 as amended, seconded by Selectman Pearson, motion passes.

New Business

Motion to approve time off request for Susannah Carey on July 30-August 2 and August 20-23, seconded by Selectman Ribeiro, motion passes.

Warrant order was discussed. Money articles are traditionally first on the warrant before resolutions/citizen petitions.

Suggestion to have Board of Selectmen present statement at Annual Town Meeting similar to Finance Committee.

Early initial planning for Pelham School Fair around 3rd week in May. Food, music, raffles, possibly collaborate with Library Trustees plant sale.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Ribeiro, motion passes at 8:45pm.

Documents Examined

List of questions and costs related to Broadband from Shutesbury Road residents, Letter to Sean Mangano for Assessment method/budget amount vote by BoS, Time off request, Minutes from 2/27/18, Draft Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Respectfully Submitted, Susannah Carey