

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
12/4/2019 6PM Ramsdell Room, Pelham Library

Present: Selectman Ribeiro, Selectman Agoglia, William Wilson, Bill Pula, Dave Waskiewicz, Police Chief Gary Thomann, Rusty Rowell, Otis Rowell, and Susannah Carey.

Open: Selectman Ribeiro opened at 6:00pm.

Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from October 2, October 16, and November 6, 2019, unanimously approved.

Vehicles at 117 Buffam Road

Aerial photo shared by Planning Board shows property laid out in orderly fashion. Bill Wilson has spoken in the past with the Planning Board about the items on his property. Currently Bill is working on an RMV application to acquire a farming license. Process will be complete with State Police inspection of property. Mr. Wilson has priced out fencing/bushes and is willing to put up a 'barrier' on property by the Spring 2020. The only complaint received anonymously was 7 years ago by the Police Chief. There are no violations according to the Zoning Enforcement Officer, Dave Waskiewicz, and Conservation Chair, Dana MacDonald (not present). The Code of Pelham bylaws regarding the number of unregistered vehicles allowed is vague. The Zoning Enforcement Officer has Mr. Wilson's permission to visit the site anytime and Dave will do so in Spring 2020. Board of Selectmen have ability to issue a special permit for more than two unregistered vehicles and motor vehicle accessories (§125-16. Unregistered motor vehicles). Motion to issue special permit for unregistered vehicles, for screening in Spring 2020, and continuing with application process and monitoring situation at 117 Buffam Road, unanimously approved.

59 Meeting House Road Clean and Lien Discussion with Updates-Board of Health

Two bids were received for the Clean and Lien; \$3,000 and \$3,100. Pelham Collector/Treasurer spoke with Bank of America and they are willing to pay the Clean and Lien. Animal Control Officer currently checking on animals in house as Ms. Partridge is at a rehab center. Currently the bank is the owner of the property and has rights for eviction but the property is not recorded in the registry of deeds. Motion to award Clean and Green contract for the clean and lien at 59 Meeting House Road, Pelham, contingent on verification with Collector/Treasurer that Bank will repay town funds, unanimously approved.

Vote & Sign Election Warrant for January 4, 2020

Motion to approve Election warrant for January 4, 2020, unanimously approved. No nomination papers were taken out for the election.

Town Officials

Police Chief reported total 9 accidents on Amherst Road during snowstorm 12/1-12/3- large amount of traffic returning from Thanksgiving break that was slow and even stopped at times. The storm was a challenge for the Highway crew trying to keep up with weather and the number of accidents which backed up of traffic along Amherst Road. Police Chief will close Amherst Road in future if similar events occur.

Permanent speed sign on Amherst Road- warrant article for Spring Town Meeting.

Reduction of speed in Village Center-State permission is needed along with Mass DOT. Signs could be located at the East and West boundaries along Amherst Road as well as speed tables. These suggestions will be mentioned at the upcoming State Senator's meeting on 12/6.

Use of Hand Crank Ballot Machine-Rusty Rowell wondered if this machine could be used at the upcoming election to save from having to program machines and possibly save money. Town Clerk would need to be consulted.

Public Comment

Comment from Rusty Rowell about quality of well water at the Rhodes Building and why the town office has been using bottled water.

Liaison Reports

Town Offices; Selectman Agoglia; Highway Department did an amazing job on our roads this last snowstorm. Request for 2019 BoS motions to be listed on excel spreadsheet.

Old Business

Town counsel sending opt-out health insurance waiver.

Cancel 12/18 meeting.

Potluck 12/19 at town offices, 12pm.

Next meeting: 1/8/2020 budget roundtable, reserve Ramsdell room.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn, unanimously approved at 6:54pm.

Documents Examined

Minutes 10/2, 10/16, & 11/6, §125-16 Code of Pelham, Aerial picture of 117 Buffam Road, Planning Board minutes 6/10, 7/8.

Respectfully submitted, Susannah Carey