Town of Petersham Massachusetts
SELECTBOARD MINUTES
Regular Meeting-Town Hall Lower Level
1 South Main Street
Tuesday February 25, 2020 6:00 PM

Present: Nancy Allen, Henry Woolsey, Rick Marsh. Absent: None

Organizations/Representatives present: Advisory Finance Committee (AFC). Police Chief Cooley, Greg Waid – Highway Superintendent, Jean Joel – Town Accountant, Roy Nielson – Petersham Common

Others Present: Stephanie Selden

1. 6:00 PM Call to order.

Chair Nancy Allen called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM at Town Hall lower level and stated the meeting was being recorded.

2. Meetings

FY 2021 proposed budget reviews with AFC to be taken under advisement

Meetings

6:00 PM with Highway Department

Salaries (budget sheet 44) $153,098.00 level funded plus Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)

Town Barn (budget sheet 45) $8,150.00 level funded

General Highways (budget sheet 46) $65,000.00 an increase of $5000. General increase including bridge maintenance.

Snow Removal (budget sheet 47) $64,500.00 an increase of $4500. To cover cost of repairs

Street Lights (budget sheet 48) $8,000.00 an increase of $500. To cover increased cost of electricity

6:30 PM Town Accountant (budget sheet 15) $30,622.00 an increase of $1183 for software.upgrade

6:50 PM Board of Health (budget sheet 42) $10,293.00 level funded plus COLA

7:15 Police Department

Static Operations (budget sheet 33) $239,704.00 an increase of $440 for septic tank pumping

Public Safety (budget sheet 35) $6,505.00 an increase of $1630 for records software

Emergency Management (budget sheet 40) $4190.00 level funded

3. Business Permits

None

4. Correspondence

Letter from MRPC advising that the Town will receive a DLTA award
Thank you from FEMA for Risk Mapping assessment
Hearing notice from MassDOT re Glen Valley Bridge Project. Public Hearing scheduled for April 2, 2020 at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall lower level
Cell tower information

5. Questions or comments from Public and Press

Henry described the MRPC DLTA award of planning services the Nichewaug Inn property and that the next step will be to schedule a meeting with the representative.
Roy asked if the Board would consider putting funding for the Friday Market on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant
Nancy noted that he could bring his request and supporting documentation to a future meeting.
Collectively the Selectboard did not offer support for a possible article noting their reasons remain the same as previous years for use of public funds by non-profit groups

6. Minutes

Henry moved to open the minutes of the February 18 meeting.
Rick seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Henry moved to accept the minutes of February 18 meeting as amended
Rick seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

7. Next Meeting

The next Selectboard meeting date Tuesday March 10, 2020, 6:30 PM Town Hall lower level, and at the call of the Chair as needed.

8. Adjournment.

Henry motioned for adjournment, seconded by Rick and it was voted unanimously to approve the motion to adjourn at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Marsh, Clerk