**Town of Petersham Massachusetts**

**SELECTBOARD MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting-Town Hall Lower Level**

**1 South Main Street**

**Monday December 8, 2014 7:00PM**

**Present**: Nancy Allen, Rick Marsh, Peter George **Absent:** None.

Steven C. Boudreau-Administrative Coordinator, **Others present**: Roy Nilson, Christine Mandel, Eric Mandel-AFC, Jared Robinson-Athol Daily News, Tom Cahill, Michele Cahill, Henry Woolsey, Deb Bachrach, Mary Anne Reynolds-late arrival, Chip Bull, Josh Cayea, Tamara Castagnaro, Abby Castagnaro, Mike Tavares.

1. **Call to order**

 Chairman Peter George called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. He announced the meeting was being

 recorded.

1. **Approval of Minutes**

 **December 1, 2014 Regular Session:** Nancy Allen motioned for review of the 12/1/2014 minutes. Rick Marsh motioned for approval of the minutes of 12/1/2014 as amended and it was so voted unanimously.

1. **Meetings-**

 **7:15 PM Meeting with Chip Bull & MBI/Wiredwest Representatives RE: Follow Up & MBI/Wiredwest Regional Broadband Network Initiative Response from Selectboard**

 Chip Bull met with the Selectboard to review the latest information on the MBI/Wiredest Regional Broadband Initiative. Chip apologized for missing the last meeting and noted that he requested members of the Wirewest Board attend tonight’s meeting and was unsuccessful. The Selectboard discussed with Chip the merits of the town by town regional broadband network initiativeand bonding proposaland asked questions. It was decided the Selectboard would ***not*** support the town by town bonding proposal suggested by MBA/Wiredwest. The Selectboard was asked again by Chip Bull to attend an upcoming Broadband Committee meeting with Matrix Engineering Group to discuss a town wide fiber cabling innovative. Chip stated that there were state bond funds available and that Petersham’s estimated share was $750,000.00. The meeting with Matrix Engineering will be hopefully set soon. Peter George and Rick Marsh will try to attend. Nancy Allen noted she could not attend the meeting with Matrix Engineering due to a previous engagement.

1. **New Business**

 **RE: Signatures for Payroll and Bills Payable Warrants New Business**

The Selectboard members affixed their signatures to the bills payable as requested by the Town Accountant.

 **RE: Discussion Business Certificates**

 No Selectboard action was taken on Business Certificates as there were none presented for approval.

**RE: Discussion/Review of Historic District Commission Member Conflict of Interest Exemption for Selectboard Member Nancy Allen Follow Up**

Peter George introduced the matter by asking the Selectboard to consider revoking the previously approved Selectboard exemption granted to Nancy Allen in 2009 allowing Nancy Allen to act on matters before the Historic District Commission (HDC) as an appointed member of the HDC and an elected Selectboard member. He noted that Nancy Allen is an elected Selectboard member and an abutter within 300ft of some matters to be acted upon. He stated that the Massachusetts State Ethics commission rulings consider an elected Selectboard member in conflict of interest if they are an elected member of the Selectboard and or an abutter within 300ft. Rick Marsh moved that the exemption granted in 2009 to Nancy Allen be ***revoked*** effective immediately and it was so voted in the affirmative. The vote was 2-AYE, (George, Marsh) 0-NAY 1-ABSTAIN-(Allen). Nancy Allen stated that she had not objections to the vote to revoke the previously granted exemption by the Selectboard.

 **RE: Discussion /Award of Three Year Trash Hauling Contract FY16-FY19**

The Selectboard considered a report from AC Boudreau on the soon to expire Trash Hauling contract due to expire June 30, 2015. AC Boudreau noted that he solicited 3 quotes on a new trash hauling contract from area trash haulers. Mallet Disposal, Gelinas Disposal and Monadnock Disposal were contacted by email and phone and asked to submit proposals for trash hauling by 12 noon 12/1/2014. The only firm responding by the deadline was Monadnock Disposal

the current trash hauling contractor. Nancy Allen motioned approval of the contract proposal from Monadnock Disposal for a term July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018 at no change in terms or conditions or prices and it was so voted unanimously to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign for the Selectboard.

**RE: Discussion /Approval Selectboard FY2014 Annual Report Draft**

He matter was placed on hold until the next meeting for further re-draft of the report to be sent email to Selectboard members for review and comment back to AC Boudreau.

 **RE: Discussion Vote to Close of Upper Town Hall December 15, 2014-March 31, 2015 Follow Up**

The Selectboard considered the request to close the upper town hall. After discussing the matter with some members of the Energy Committee members present in the audience it was deicide not to close the upper town hall as was done over the last few years to save money. Nancy Allen motioned ***not to close*** the upper town hall December 15, 2014 – March 31, 2015 and it was so voted unanimously. The temperature in upper town hall will be set back to 50 degrees when not in use.

 **RE: Discussion/Approval of Request to State Administration & Finance Office for Release of Funds for Petersham School House Rehabilitation Project**

The Selectboard reviewed a draft letter to Mass Administration and Finance Secretary Glen Shur developed by Petersham Historic Society Committee (HSC) Henry Woolsey and fellow HSC members requesting release of approved FY2015 state budget funding in the amount of $50,000.00 for restoration of the one room school house. Nancy Allen motioned approval and signing of the letter by the chairman and it was so voted unanimously.

**RE: Discussion /Approval of Administrative Coordinator Time off 12/26/2015 4 Hours Comp Time**

 Rick Marsh motioned approval of the time off and use of 4 hours compensatory time by AC Boudreau for December 26, 2014 and it was so voted to approve. The Selectboard Office will be closed all day Friday December 26, 2014.

1. **Correspondence Review-**The Selectboard reviewed the following documents and correspondence

 items in the central correspondence folder on the table:

 Copy of Selectboard 12/8/2014 Agenda

 Copy of signed letter to Mass Secretary Gen Shur RE: Release of State Funding $50K for 1 Room School House Restoration

 Copy of letter to Mass DOT RE: Various Chapter 90 Reimbursement Request

 Copy of Press Release RE: 13 New Green Communities Designations by Gov Patrick

 Copy of letter from Brianna Skowyra Building Commissioner RE: Concerns about Re-Entry Into Nichewaug Inn originally sent 6/19/2014

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 Copy of email from L. Paquet RE: Solar Energy Support

 Copy of email to H. Woolsey RE: Request for One Room School House Draft Letter to A&F Sec Shur

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 **Correspondence Action Item Follow Up:** Peter George read/summarized the contents of the Correspondence Folder aloud. No follow-up Selectboard action taken.

1. **Executive Session-Reason –** No Executive Session.

1. **Next Meetings**

 The next meetings of the Selectboard will be Monday December 15, 2014 7PM at Town Hall Lower Level and at the call of the Chairman as needed.

1. **Adjournment**

 There being no further business, Rick Marsh motioned and it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:02PM.

 Respectfully submitted,

 Rick Marsh, Clerk

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