

Town of Petersham Massachusetts
SELECTBOARD MINUTES
Town Hall Upper-Level South Main Street
WEDNESDAY, October 13, 2021
6:00 PM

Present in person: Selectboard members Nancy Allen, Becky Legare

Others present in person: Henry Woolsey, PPD Officer Peter Buck, and Alexandra Wysocki

Others present remotely: Annette Ermini

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM.

On-going business:

Review approve new Police Chief per candidate for promotion from Petersham Police Dept., Nancy opened up by stating that Chief Cooley is retiring on December 1, 2021. Peter Buck, who is currently on the Department as Detective Sergeant, has been offered and has accepted the position of Petersham Police Chief. Peter has been on the Petersham Police Department part-time since 1996 and is a full-time officer for Town of Athol. The Selectboard summarized Peter's qualifications and his very lengthy curriculum vitae. The Board explained that current Chief Dana Cooley had planned to attend but had a personal conflict. They also noted that former Selectman Henry Woolsey had been part of the summer review process for Peter Buck and was present tonight for support.

A motion was made and seconded to complete the promotion, hiring, and appointment process of PETER J. BUCK to the position of Town of Petersham Chief of Police. The motion was passed unanimously. The Selectboard signed two original copies of the Petersham Police Chief contract.

The Board noted that a Swearing In ceremony would be scheduled by the Town Clerk and Peter Buck and that incoming Chief Buck would overlap duties with Chief Cooley for the month of November.

Review single election precinct authorization form for the Town of Petersham

A motion was made and seconded to approve and accept the single election precinct authorization form for the Town of Petersham as per request from the Town Clerk. The motion was passed unanimously.

Review appointment to Petersham Cultural Council at request of the Council:

A motion was made and seconded to nominate Trisha Delohrey to the Cultural Council with a term to be determined per the Town Office appointments schedule. The motion was passed unanimously.

Review accept resignation from Petersham Council on Aging:

A resignation was received from Phil Hanno from the Council on Aging. A motion was made and seconded to accept his resignation with regrets. The motion was passed unanimously.

A discussion ensued about the next SB meeting and the fact that we will have 3 joint sessions with the Advisory Finance Committee that go into November.

Correspondence:

- Halloween flyer
- Single precinct form
- Resignation letter form Council on Aging
- Emails to the Board of Assessors and PPD Chief Cooley about the ARPA funds
- Notice that a MassWorks grant request that was submitted for the Quaker Drive Bridge was denied
- Nancy Allen and Greg Waid attended a meeting on Oct 1 with National Grid regarding reliability; Petersham will be affected due to the High Tension Wires.
- Selectboard thank you note to the DPW and the Police Department for the installation of the blinking stop sign on Hardwick Road
- Matrix correspondence about a tree that took down some wires in the NW quadrant of the Town
- Senator Gobi sent a note about the re-districting. We will be losing Sen. Gobi. We are joining the more Western part of the State.
- Notice that Paul Williams will become the meal site manager for the transfer station
- Mass Department of Local Services – COVID Cares act and ARPA
- Mass DOT providing all towns with notification of changes to Chapter 90
- Workshop notice from Mass DOT – about the new DOT software interface
- US Department of Transportation – individuals seeking CDL – they will have to meet the new requirements
- National Grid – MassSAVE application process has begun for energy efficiencies
- United Way – upcoming heating forum – defining aid for assistance
- Mass DEP – annual drinking water assessment of public water systems – same rate as FY 2020
- Mass DEP – Public water suppliers are sending out letters to chemical suppliers
- Legal notice for the National Opiate settlement – towns are being encouraged to participate
- Mass Department of Local Services monthly newsletter
- MMA The Beacon newsletter

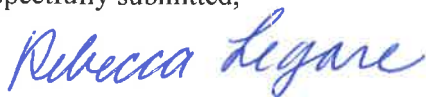
Next Meeting:

Next Meeting: October 26 @ 6 PM

Adjournment:

There being no further business, moved to adjourn at 7:07 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Becky Legare, Selectboard Clerk