

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF PEMBROKE, NH
June 15, 2022 at 6:30 PM**

Present: Selectman Richard Bean, Selectman Peter Gagyi, Selectman Karen Yeaton, Selectman Rick Frederickson

Absent: Selectman Sandy Goulet

Staff: Town Administrator David Jodoin

I. Call to Order:

Chairman Yeaton called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.

II. Citizens Comment:

None

III. Scheduled Meetings

Sheriff David Croft

Merrimack County Sheriff David Croft discussed the role of the Sheriff's department. The Sheriff's office has full state jurisdiction and is the highest-ranking department. The Sheriff's Office handles evictions, transports as far across the county as needed, delivers warrants, has a detective unit, an internet crimes against children unit (which have gone up 300% in the last 2 years), dispatch for 17 difference communities, court security, teaches DARE for 4 communities, drug task force, and homeland security.

Selectman Frederickson clarified that the Sheriff's Office will also fill in when local departments are not available. Sheriff Croft answered that they do, and they have 3 communities that currently have no Police Departments, so they fill in for along with the State Police.

Selectman Yeaton asked if they have a social media presence that people can follow. Sheriff Croft stated he have a website and it can be found by googling Merrimack County Sheriff. They also have a Facebook. Most of the communications are done through the Facebook page.

David Jodoin discussed the Sheriff's office "poaching" police officers from smaller towns that are already understaffed. Sheriff Croft stated that while he understands his frustrations, he has never solicited anyone. The website advertises all open

positions. They are also losing Deputies to the larger communities that can offer sign on bonuses and salaries.

IV. Old Business

Selectman Gaygi discussed an article Selectman Yeaton wrote concerning the increase in energy rates. Selectman Gaygi would like clarification on the Energy Committees intents for the community power plan to be opt in rather than opt out. Selectman Yeaton discussed the work the Energy Committee has been doing to get citizen involvement in the planning steps of the power plan. The Selectman will invite the Energy Committee to come back and give an update.

V. New Business

Updated Welfare Guidelines

The monthly allowable expenses have been increased to accommodate market inflation. To formally change the guidelines, it would need to go through a public hearing since they are part of the Town Code.

Primex CAP Agreement

Primex sent a letter offering the Town the option to participate in the Contribution Assurance Program (CAP) for the next three coverage period years. CAP provides stability by creating a limit on the Town property liability contributions for future renewals. The Town has not seen any large increases in insurance costs in recent years with the largest being 9%.

Selectman Frederickson made a motion to approve the CAP agreement with Primex and to authorize the Chairman and the Town Administrator to sign the necessary documents. Selectman Bean seconded the motion 4-0.

Manifests/Abatements

Selectman Frederickson made a motion to accept the manifests and abatements as presented. Selectman Gaygi seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Minutes - 6/1/22

Selectman Gaygi made a motion to accept the minutes of June 1, 2022 as presented. Selectman Bean seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. Selectman Yeaton abstained.

VI. Town Administrator Report:

The New Hampshire Municipal Bond Bank came back with a rate of 2.35% with a premium of \$97,100 for the Main Street project. The first payment will be due in 2023. Work on the road has begun but they are still in discussions with the utility companies on moving the poles. This has caused some delays in progress.

Lt. Gaskell will be sworn in as Chief of Police on June 24th at 5:30pm.

Selectman Bean made a motion to appoint Lieutenant Gary Gaskell as the new Police Chief effective July 1, 2022. Selectman Frederickson seconded the motion. Motion was approved 4-0.

VII. Committee Reports:

Selectman Gagy – None

Selectman Yeaton – The Conservation Commission reviewed major site plans for the Pembroke Pines subdivision. They also discussed the proposed Kimball Street 6-unit townhouse building. David shared concerns from the TRC about sight lines on Kimball Street from the driveway. Specifically, with turning left. Selectman Gagy shared parking concerns that have been brought up with the planned 2 spaces per unit and one handicap space. Conservation also has concerns because it will fall with the MS-4 zone. They received an amendment to the wetland's application for the Rt. 28 bridge project to increase the impact area. They are still working on deed reviews for currently owned conservation land. They are also discussing a free tire day at public works.

Selectman Fredrickson – Planning voted on new site plan review regulations. They also discussed a new range road policy. They would be looking to get a study done in 2 phases. Phase 1 would be data collection and plan development and phase 2 will be a cost analysis. Selectman Yeaton discussed making a subcommittee of various stake holders to aid and participate in this process. David discussed the eventual possibility that a developer will be able to come in one day and bring a road up to town specs and put in a huge development rather than individual homeowners.

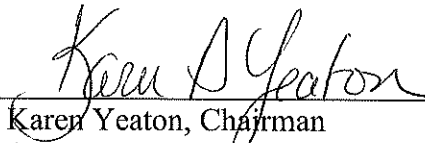
Selectman Bean – None

VIII. Other Citizen Comment:

None

IX. Adjourn:

Selectman Gagy made a motion to adjourn at 8:12 PM. Selectman Bean seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.



Karen Yeaton, Chairman

For more detailed information, the meetings are now taped and can be seen on www.townhallstreams.com
click on Pembroke NH and look for the day of the meeting under the month.