

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF PEMBROKE, NH
April 19, 2023 at 6:30 PM**

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

Staff: Town Administrator David Jodoin

Excused: Selectman Sandy Goulet

I. Call to Order:

Chairman Yeaton called the meeting to order at 6:31pm.

II. Citizen Comment

III. Scheduled Meetings

Pembroke Energy Committee – Electric Supply Options

Matt Miller and Richard Wengenroth, Pembroke Energy Committee, discuss the next steps in the Community Power process.

Selectman Gagyi questioned the 36 months' notice for early termination after 12 months of the agreement being in place. Matt explained that the service provider is trying to get some idea of how long they will have customers so they can look for the right deals. The CPCNH contracts look for 36 months. The individual customers can move in and out of the program at any point. The 36 months does not apply to them. The 36-month time commitment is only for the Town. Even if all the residents of the Town pull out, the Town can stay in and there will be no financial penalties. Selectman Gagyi shared concerns for signing the town up for a contract that will last three years with a new entity.

Matt discussed some of the benefits of moving forward with CPCNH rather than a broker such as continuity with customer service and data management whereas a broker model would change with each new offering. CPCNH will also have a yearly independent 3rd party audit.

Selectman Gagyi asked how many customers will be in the initial offering. Matt answered there are around 12 towns are in phase 1 but he does not have an individual customer count. There are around 3,500 individual accounts in Pembroke. Selectman Gagyi asked when the launch will take place. Matt answered May 1st for the first 10

towns and June 1st for the next group. Richard stated the first 10 towns are comprised of 65,994 customers.

Matt explained the Wave 1 Communities have 4 tiers of service to choose from. The City of Keene has structured theirs as Basic, Default (extra renewables from NE England), 50% renewables, and then 100% renewables. Each entity can choose where their default level is and residents can switch levels depending on what is most important to them. Selectman Gagy asked if there is a tier that is 100% free of renewable energy. Richard answered that there is not because the State requires at least 23.6%.

Matt explained the Energy Committee is recommending that Pembroke uses CPCNH as the Pembroke Community Power Supplier because the total community benefit of a rate discount plus financial reserve, active portfolio management, breadth of rate classes served, ability to initiate and support local energy projects and initiatives, and transparency and community governance of the electricity service process.

The Board would like to wait until the May 3rd meeting when all 5 members of the Board are present before voting.

Chipper Bids

Selectman Frederickson made a motion to award the bid to MB Tractor for the purchase of a 2023 Bandit 12 XP Chipper in the amount of \$46,311.50. Selectman Bean seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Robert Frost Memorial Park Clean Up

VJ Ranfos, Public Works Director, shared Meet Me in Suncook received a quote from Girard Tree Service for the work at Robert Frost Park. This land is not conservation land and is town owned. This quote is much more involved than what the DPW's mowing contractor was going to do. The quoted day rate is \$1,675 which includes all equipment and labor. Following the Meet Me in Suncook Meeting, there was some confusion and Girard did a days' worth of work. VJ explained he budgeted \$2,000 in the mowing lines of the DPW budget to keep the brush back but not for this work. VJ had requested DPW be there when Girard took care of the property so they could understand how to care for the parcel moving forward since it is currently being overrun with invasive species. Since the work was done on a Saturday without advanced warning, no one from DPW was there. The Board would like DPW to be the entity taking care of the park going forward. They will discuss payment to Girard after they receive an invoice.

Safety Center Generator

VJ explained there was an alarm going off on the diesel generator last week, so he called the service provider and they found the radiator is leaking. He gave two

options for repair; one is to take out the old radiator and refurbish it for \$8,213 and the other is replace it with a brand-new radiator at a cost of \$12,229. Each option comes with the same 1-yr warranty. The town has a 3-year contract with Milton CAT for service. The current generator is 20+ years old and this is the original radiator.

Selectman Frederickson made a motion to refurbish the radiator and use funds from the Town Building Capital Reserve Fund. Selectman Bean seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Cruiser Equipment Approval

Police Chief Gaskell stated they are replacing a 2016 cruiser with a 2023 cruiser. All the equipment from the old cruiser will not fit the new model so they need to update and outfit the new cruiser with new equipment. This bid for outfitting the new cruiser only is \$16,658.65.

Selectman Frederickson made a motion to approve the bid for the cruiser equipment from Global Public Safety purchase of a new cruiser for a sum not to exceed \$17,000. Selectman Gagyí seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0

AED Purchase

Police Chief Gaskell explained that at one point the Department had 3 AEDs. Over time, they have become out of service and the batteries and software have expired. They are also no longer compatible with Tri-Towns Ambulance's software since they are at least 15 years old.

Selectman Frederickson asked if they are on a replacement cycle. Chief Gaskell they have not been, but the new ones will be.

Selectman Bean made a motion to approve the purchase of 3 new AEDs from Stryker Medical for a sum not to exceed \$7,000 and to authorize the withdrawal from the Police Small Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. Selectman Gagyí seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

IV. Old Business

Tax Deeds

Deed date is May 4th. There have been no updates from the American Legion but all the accounts that are delinquent that have mortgages have been notified. The Board agreed to have the Police hand deliver letters to all those that remain delinquent.

V. New Business

Manifest/Abatements

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

Minutes 4/5/23

Selectman Frederickson made a motion to approve the minutes of April 5, 2023 as presented. Selectman Bean seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

VI. Town Administrator Report

The Board signed the previously approved Settlement Agreement with AG New England.

Selectman Frederickson made a motion to appoint Kathy Cruson and Stanley Brehm to the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission as citizen reps. Selectman Gagyi seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

A reminder that there is a non-meeting with legal that is invite only to discuss Range Roads on April 26th at Town Hall.

VII. Committee Reports

Selectman Yeaton – Conservation discussed easements on Gelinas property that are currently on hold. There are questions about liability on conservation land. Specifically, a rope swing into the river on the newly acquired Whittemore property. There are also questions on the process for private individuals that want to leave property to conservation. They will be attending the April 26th Range Road workshop. The Commission also discussed NE Trail Dawg improvements on 7th Range Road.

Selectman Fredrickson – Planning met and re-elected Brian Seaworth as Chair and Bob Bourque as Vice-Chair. They discussed a study that conducted that projects the population in Pembroke to increase by 400 people in the next 10-years. 98 Sheep Davis Road has decided to make the building smaller.

Recreation met and discussed softball that is starting on Sunday and they are moving yoga from the Library. They discussed work on the stage roof and the dugout. There are no quotes at this time. There is a new part-time employee for maintenance and summer camp signups are happening.

Selectman Bean – None

Selectman Gagyi – None

VIII. Other/Citizen Comment

Matt Miller asked if they can share the outcome of the property tax appeal by AG New England. Selectman Yeaton answered there were 5 years being discussed 2019-2023. The parties agreed on following valuations; 2019 – AG withdrew their appeal for 2019, 2020-\$37,000,000, 2021-\$33,900,000, 2022-\$26,900,000, 2023-\$26,900,000. The Town will pay a settlement in 30 days of \$566,366.22. AG agreed to waive any interest due under RSA 76:17. The Town agreed that during the 2024 town wide revaluation, AG's representatives will meet with the Town to avoid further litigation. The decrease is due to the assessment to market value ratio.

IX. Adjourn

Selectman Bean made a motion to enter into non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A: 3 II (a), The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted, seconded by Selectman Gagyí at 8:42pm

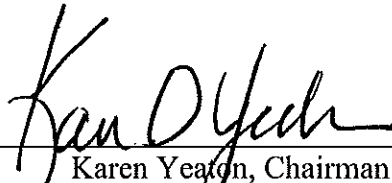
Roll Call Vote:

Selectman Gagyí	Yes
Selectman Frederickson	Yes
Selectman Bean	Yes
Selectman Yeaton	Yes

The Board came out of non-public session at 9:48 PM

X. Adjourn

Selectman Frederickson made a motion to adjourn at 9:49 PM. Selectman Gagyí 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.