

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF PEMBROKE, NH
January 3, 2024 at 6:30 PM**

Present: Selectman Karen Yeaton, Selectman Peter Gagyí, Selectman Richard Bean, Selectman Rick Frederickson, Selectman Sandy Goulet

Staff: Town Administrator David Jodoin

I. Call to Order:

Chairman Yeaton called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

II. Citizens Comment

None

III. Scheduled Meetings

Trail Dawgs – Poor Town Road Usage

Bill Palmer, Director of NH Trail Dawgs, explained they lost a landowner's trail permission for the trail off Hardy Road that crosses North Pembroke Road. This cuts off a major route from Bear Brook into Pembroke and ultimately into Chichester. They talked with neighbors and found a route that crosses Poor Town Road that is 200 feet below the current crossing. It is a class VI road. They have spoken to all the landowner's on the road and received permission to travel down the side of it.

Selectman Frederickson asked if there are signs for snowmobiles crossing. Bill explained there is no signage at this point.

Selectman Yeaton asked if Poor Town Road is considered a Range Road. David explained it is considered a private road. David expressed concerns for damage to the road like they have seen in the past on Thompson Road. Bill explained on Thompson Road, they were coming up a hill and spinning off it. This is a flat shot across so it won't cause the same damage. Since this is private property, there will not be 4-wheelers coming across the road like there are on Thompson.

Selectman Yeaton asked about the sight lines from this crossing. Bill explained that there are better sight lines from this crossing than the previous one. Police Chief Gaskell explained the sight lines improve greatly where they are looking to cross.

Selectman Goulet made a motion to allow the Trail Dawgs to cross North Pembroke Road in the vicinity of tax map 14-1/14-2 Selectman Frederickson seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Public Hearing in accordance with ARSA 53-C:3-a Franchise Regulations of Cable TV Systems

Selectmen Yeaton opened the public hearing at 6:54pm.

Bryan Christiansen shared an updated senior discount with the Board. It is a needs-based discount.

Selectman Yeaton closed the public hearing at 6:57pm.

Selectman Goulet made a motion to approve the contract renewal with Comcast. Selectman Gagyi seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

IV. Non-Public Session

Selectman Goulet made a motion to enter into non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A: 3 II (b) hiring, seconded by Selectman Gagyi at 7:00pm

Roll Call Vote:

Selectman Gagyi	Yes
Selectman Bean	Yes
Selectman Yeaton	Yes
Selectman Frederickson	Yes
Selectman Goulet	Yes

The Board came out of non-public session at 7:10pm.

Selectman Goulet made a motion to hire Jacob Roz as a Probationary Police Officer with a starting rate of \$24.49. Selectman Gagyi seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

V. Old Business

None

VI. New Business

Review Draft 2024 Warrant Articles

Selectman Goulet made a motion to approve warrant article 3 as presented. Selectman Bean seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Selectman Goulet made a motion to approve warrant article 4 as presented. Selectman Gagyi seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Selectman Goulet made a motion to approve warrant article 5 as presented. Selectman Frederickson seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Selectman Goulet made a motion to amend warrant article 6 to add the wording for "at least the last three consecutive years" and "to each other for at least the last five consecutive years". Selectman Frederickson seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Selectman Goulet made a motion to approve warrant article 6 with the amendment. Selectman Gagyí seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Selectman Goulet made a motion to approve warrant article 8 as presented. Selectman Bean seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Selectman Goulet made a motion to approve warrant article 9 as presented. Selectman Gagyí seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Selectman Goulet made a motion to approve warrant article 10 as presented. Selectman Frederickson seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Selectman Goulet made a motion to amend warrant article 11 to change the word "camera" to "system" and add Memorial Park. Selectman Frederickson seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Selectman Goulet made a motion to approve warrant article 11 as amended. Selectman Frederickson seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

NHMA HB 1479 Request

Selectman Yeaton asked if there are any other organizations that use taxpayer funds for lobbying. David stated there are not. There are dues with NHMA that are paid for with taxpayer dollars.

Selectman Gagyí asked who the sponsors are of this bill. Selectman Yeaton stated it is 3 republican representatives.

The Board would like to ask for more input from the Town Representatives on the background of the bill before deciding to send a letter in support of NHMA.

Manifest/Abatements

Selectman Goulet made a motion to accept the manifest and abatements as presented. Selectman Gagyí seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Minutes 12/20/23

Selectman Goulet made a motion to approve the minutes of December 20, 2023 as presented. Selectman Frederickson seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

VII. Town Administrator Report

Energy Committee has the informational brochure printed.

VIII. Committee Reports

Selectman Yeaton – None

Selectman Bean – None

Selectman Gagyi – Budget met for the School overview. They signed a 4-year CBA with the paraprofessionals. It will go to the voters for approval in March. Selectman Gagyi sent three RTK requests for student classroom counts at each school, whether or not they are able to change the contract after the fact, and whose responsibility it is to decide who gets those raises.

Selectman Frederickson – None

Selectman Goulet – None

IX. Other/Citizen Comment

None

X. Adjourn

Selectman Goulet made a motion to adjourn at 8:17 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.