

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
TOWN OF PEMBROKE, NH  
September 7, 2022 at 6:30 PM**

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

Staff: Town Administrator David Jodoin

**I. Call to Order:**

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

**II. Citizens Comment:**

Mike Leviss, Central Street, handed in his volunteer sheet for Budget Committee or Planning Board.

Ryan O'Hora introduced himself as the new Library Director.

**III. Scheduled Meetings**

Energy Committee - Update

Matt Miller, Jackie Wegenroth, Sandy Golden, and Henry Hernden, technical consultants with Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (CPCNH), were at the meeting to discuss an update to energy plan.

Matt handed out a document answering questions the Board had at the July 6<sup>th</sup> meeting and also explaining how the rate setting will be done. Matt explained that so far, around 20 communities have adopted a Joint Power Agreement (JPA). Those members will join in the base operation of buying power. On October 4<sup>th</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup> at Pembroke Academy, the Energy Committee will be holding public hearings to solicit input from the community on the community power plan they have prepared. At this year's Old Home Day, they were able to pass out a lot of brochures and have a lot of good conversations with residents. Once the Town votes on the community power plan, they will be able to join in with other communities on the coalition's procurement of community power.

Selectman Yeaton asked if, for instance, we are paying .22/kwh, can she assume 5% of that is to cover operational costs. Henry clarified that while that is correct, it would be no more than 5% and 5% would be a very high-end percentage. It will be closer to 2% or less. Selectmen Yeaton asked if there would be any caps to operational costs. Matt explained that is really up to the Board since it is a

community governed board but there is an overriding focus on creating a lean operating model.

Selectman Gagyi asked if Ascend Analytics has for other companies that are similar to CPCNH and have they reduced the rates to their customers. Henry stated they service other agencies like CPCNH in other states and competitive retailers on the supply side. They have helped other organizations reduce rates.

Selectman Gagyi renewed his concerns for an opt out model rather than an opt in model for residents given the uncertain nature of this new program. Henry explained that ultimately it will come down to who the resident wants as their default supplier. Do they want people who are active in getting the lowest rates or a major corporation who doubles rates suddenly because they went to market at the wrong time.

Selectman Bean asked who owns the electricity generated by windmills? Henry explained it would be part of the competitive markets, but someone would own the mills and sell the energy. Selectman Bean asked if solar panels are gaining more popularity. Matt answered they are.

Selectman Yeaton asked what the contracts will look like. Matt explained the contracts are in process of being finalized. They will have a detailed explanation of services, costs, and clarification documents. There is not a publicly available final document just yet.

#### Southern NH Snow Slickers - Raffle

Steve Kiander and Jason Riley, NH Snow Slickers Snowmobile Club, reached out to the Town to ask to sell raffle tickets at their event in order to fund raise for their operational costs. The group has to pay 25% of maintenance costs for their 110 miles of trails in order to receive 75% from grant in aid. David stated the Board has already approved a large gathering permit for their event, but the group will need an additional approval to sell 50/50 raffle tickets according to the town ordinance.

Selectman Goulet made a motion to authorize the NH Snow Slickers to operate the 50/50 raffle on September 10, 2022, at Memorial Park. Selectman Gagyi seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

#### **IV. Old Business**

None

#### **V. New Business**

##### Manifests/Abatements

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

Minutes - 8/17/22

Selectman Gagy made a motion to accept the minutes of August 17, 2022, as presented. Selectman Bean seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. Selectman Goulet and Selectman Frederickson abstained.

**VI. Town Administrator Report:**

James St Jean Auction will be held October 15, 2022 at the White Farm in Concord.

NH Democratic Party sent a letter requesting Kevin Marzoli, Marie Stratton, Joy Barker, Lisa Spring, Nancy Stewart, Marianna Veer, David Doherty, and Sharon Eaton as inspectors of the election pursuant to RSA 658; 2. Jim Goff, Town Clerk, explained this is not a new process for the Town. Organizing elections has been a job that he has been doing but it should be run by the Selectman. Typically, there is an even number of Democrats and Republicans.

Selectman Goulet made a motion to appoint the prior mentioned individuals. Selectman Frederickson seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Selectman Goulet made a motion to approve 2022 State of NH MS-1, Selectman Bean seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Selectman Bean made a motion to re-appoint Vincent Greco as the Health Officer. Selectman Frederickson seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Town of Allenstown sent a letter to disband the Inter-municipal agreement for the Tri-Town Ambulance. David will invite the Pembroke reps to a Board meeting to discuss the impacts to the Town.

Selectman Yeaton read a letter from Rose that shared that T-ball and the little kids use the dugouts that need to be replaced. This question came out of CIP.

Selectman Yeaton read a letter from Steven Whitley at Drummond Woodsum stating the Evans case is officially done. They can make material changes and resubmit if they wish.

Selectman Yeaton read a letter requesting information on the likelihood of a 3-bedroom, 2-bath home being built on a property on 6<sup>th</sup> Range Road. They would need to upgrade approximately 760 feet of road.

**VII. Committee Reports:**

Selectman Gagyi – None

Selectman Yeaton – Zoning reviewed RSA changes.

Selectman Bean – Roads discussed subdivision regulations and updates on road projects currently happening around town. The Roads Committee sent a letter stating all buildings should be constructed on Class IV paved roads. The Town Attorney is working on the case law surrounding this and would like to meet with the Selectboard and the Chairs and Vice Chairs of Planning, Zoning, Conservation, and Roads.

Selectman Frederickson – Zoning approved the application for Kimball Street 6-apartment development.

Selectman Goulet – None

**VIII. Other Citizen Comment:**

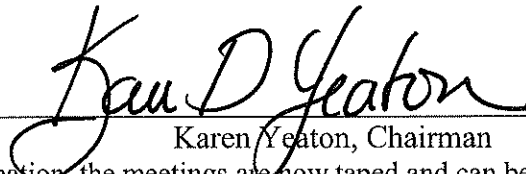
Mike Leviss, Central Street, people downtown are not pleased with the winter parking ban and a situational ban may be a better option. The Board will revisit this discussion with Public Works and the Police Chief.

**IX. Non- Public Session:**

None

**X. Adjourn:**

Selectman Goulet made a motion to adjourn at 8:23 PM. Selectman Gagyi 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](http://www.townhallstreams.com) click on Pembroke NH and look for the day of the meeting under the month.