

Town of Peru

Selectboard Meeting

July 17, 2024

PRESENT: Chuck Black, Ben Foltz, Rhonda Kilburn, Wayne Blanchard, Alex Sheets, Cheryl Fox, Melinda Beebe, Jack Pennypacker & Jay Reichman.

MEETING CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 pm

REVIEW/APPROVED MINUTES:

Chuck Black 1st, Alex Sheets 2nd – to approve the minute from July 03, 2024, selectboard meeting.

REQUEST TO CHANGE AGENDA: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: N/A

ROAD FORMAN REPORT:

- The Grant that only pays a percentage for the box culvert on Lover Lane has been approved. Wayne Blanchard is going to investigate pricing a steel culvert instead. They are cheaper but will not last as long as the box culvert.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Village Traffic-
Alex Sheets is reaching out to get a study done of the traffic on Main Street.
- Town Green Improvements-
Ben Foltz waiting for Record Concrete quote for the gazebo on the town green. When he gets that he will put it all together and present it to the Selectboard.
- Town Center Maintenance-
Servpro has contacted Chuck Black about doing the mold in the basement. Even though we are waiting to see if insurance will pay, Chuck 1st motion we contact Servpro and get on their schedule. Alex Sheets 2nd to approve.

NEW BUISNESS:

- Employees Pay Raises-
Cheryl Fox (Town Office) & Wayne Blanchard (Highway Department) presented figures in pay increases that they would like to see, that would start to bring The Town of Peru up to more of what other towns are paying. Selectboard had a decision and Chuck Black 1st, Alex Sheets 2nd and the selectboard approved a 6.5% pay increase for the Highway Department crew and the Town Office personnel.

- Set the 24-25 fiscal year tax rate-
Cheryl Fox presented the selectboard with the figures for the new tax rate. Selectboard had a decision and Chuck Black 1st motion the tax rate be excepted and Alex Sheets 2nd to approve.
- Lister-
Jack Pennypacker presented the letter from the state that instructs all towns in Vermont to do a reappraisal.
Jack/Lister has signed a contract with an Appraiser for 2 years to do Town of Peru reappraisals.
NEMRC Fund Accounting has all been updated.
Jay Reichman has given notice that he will serve out his term of office. He has moved out of Peru for personnel reasons. He has really enjoyed doing his job with his side kick Jack.
Jay also gave notice he is resigning from the BCRC.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Next selectboard meeting will be on Thursday August 01, 2024 @ 8:00 am.

REVIEW BILLS AND APPROVE PAYMENTS: All bills were approved for payment.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Kilburn
Assistant Town Clerk
The Town of Peru