

Peru Select Board Meeting

November 16, 2016

Present: Todd Williams, Gail Acosta, Chuck Black, Tina Torres-Buzzell, Barbara Petra

Meeting Call to Order: Todd Williams called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Review/Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting: Todd made a motion to approve the minutes from previous meeting; Chuck seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

Requests to Change Agenda/Public Comment: None

New Business

Comcast: Tina Torres-Buzzell presented her proposal for Business Service phone/internet for the downtown area of Peru. Comcast will be building the service if at least 5 businesses come on board. The service will provide higher speed with fiber optics and a “node” located out on VT Rte. 11. Tina will provide the Select Board with a breakdown of costs via e-mail so that they may compare with current service provided by FairPoint. She said that the construction of this service would apply to Main Street for business customers only at this time and can be completed in approximately 100 days. The residents of Peru would still be without high speed internet service and no information from Comcast as to when residential service might be expected was forthcoming. The Select Board will weigh the pros and cons as to whether switching to Comcast from FairPoint is in the best interest of the Town. They are still waiting for an update from FairPoint about the upgraded service grant.

Old Business

Town Center Media Discussion: Barbara presented estimates on rolling TV carts. There was discussion on the practicality of this type of cart as opposed to a wall mounted bracket. There was talk about what the expectations for the use of the equipment would be, should the funds be raised by the public and the coordination of events. Events would include exercise classes on DVD, special movie nights, presentations from different organizations and promoting a better sense of community. The cost of the equipment was thought to be negligible and fundraising efforts would not be necessary. The electric upgrade was necessary and will be done

regardless before installation of any equipment. Gail made a motion to purchase media equipment of a Smart TV, DVD/Blue Ray player, wall mount and any connecting cables, not to exceed \$750.00; Todd seconded; 2 ayes (Todd and Gail), 1 dissent (Chuck); the motion passed.

Community House: Gail had nothing further as to the progress on the Community House. Re-Design will be manufacturing the storm windows needed. Safety concerns were brought up but with the improvements the building will be in compliance. No additional permits will be required for the work to be done.

Other Business

Londonderry Police Team: Todd attended the police meeting on November 3rd. There was discussion on additional police support to address speeding and break-ins in Andover, Weston, Londonderry, Windham and Peru. It was decided that there was no need for additional support at this time.

Act 46: Jay Ouelette reported via e-mail to the Select Board on the progress being made by the various schools districts in response to Act 46. Copy of e-mail is available in the Town Clerk's office.

Resident in Need: No further information at this time.

Village Designation: Gail reported that she will attend the BCRC meeting for a vote to accept Peru's village designation.

Zoning Administrator: Chuck, with the help of John LaVecchia, will develop an ad and job description for the zoning administrator's position.

Request for Adjustment: John Maher corresponded with the Select Board regarding a request for an adjustment of interest and penalty fees for being delinquent in payment of taxes. John presented his case as to why not to make the adjustment. After some discussion, the Select Board agreed to back up John's determination and chose to follow tax collection protocol.

Road Foreman Report: None

Review and Approve Bills for Payment: Bills were reviewed and approved for payment.

Adjournment: Todd adjourned the meeting at 8:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Petra
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Town of Peru, VT