

# PERU SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

## NOVEMBER 2, 2016

**PRESENT:** Todd Williams, Gail Acosta, Chuck Black, Barbara Petra, LJ Petra, Wayne Blanchard, Margaret Cobb

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

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

**Request to Change Agenda/ Public Comment:** Barbara asked to include discussion regarding 911 address changes.

### New Business

**Comcast:** Tina Torres-Buzzell, from Comcast, would like to discuss ideas and packages for the Town of Peru. She needs five businesses to sign up to move forward on providing Comcast service. The Selectboard would like her to attend the next meeting to explain what might be available. Margaret will contact her about attending.

### Old Business

**Town Center Media Discussion:** Barbara apprised the board of options she had researched for a media system. She had communicated with Adam from Veterans Electric about mounting a flat screen smart TV above the chalk board in the meeting room using a fully functional articulating arm mounting system and connecting a DVD player, that would be located in a kitchen cabinet, using HDMI cables. She also suggested purchasing a sound bar to clarify and amplify sound. The cost would be approximately \$700 to \$800 for a good system, not including electrical work.

She also asked Adam to convert old two prong outlets in the meeting room to updated three prong outlets and replace the burned out bulbs in

the light fixtures. Discussion continued over how much a system like this would be used by the Town and whether a rolling cart system would be a better option. The Selectboard asked Barbara to continue researching rolling carts and wiring vs Bluetooth DVD systems and report back at the next meeting. She will also get an estimate from Adam with a break down of costs. Chuck made a motion to upgrade the wiring of the old outlets in the meeting room; Gail seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

**Town Green:** The Selectboard discussed the pros and cons of various electrical bids. Todd made a motion to accept Veterans Electric proposal for installing underground power to the Town Green in the amount of \$6,500.68 adding weather proof circuit boxes and hooking up the well; Gail seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

Nate Chaves said they should be able to complete the excavation and landscape work on the green this fall.

**911 Mapping and Addresses:** Barbara drafted a letter to the four home owners of the shared driveway off of Vt Rte 11 that will be required to change their 911 addresses. They have been given until the end of the year to respond. It is an emergency service hazard as it stands because first responders would not know how to locate the houses. The Town would be responsible for purchasing the street post, sign and bracket. Todd made a motion to send the 911 letter to the four residents that instructs them on the required address changes to form a private road; Chuck seconded: all in favor; motion passed.

**Community House:** Gail met with Josh from Re-Design Construction to discuss rebuilding the storm windows. He said he could have them rebuilt in a month. The Selectboard agreed to move forward with this project.

### Other Business

**Electrical Rewiring of Grader Shed:** Veterans Electric had given the Selectboard a detailed proposal for rewiring the shed. Question regarding

public building codes, amount of lighting needed and permits was discussed. Todd and Wayne will continue discussing options with Adam.

**Town Center Basement Cleaning:** Chuck will spray the walls with bleach and scrub them. The heat will be set at 60 degrees, HEPA Air Purifiers will run, and a dehumidifier will be turned on in the summer. We will ask Frances to include cleaning of the basement once a month to her services.

**Northshire Glass:** Margaret will call Northshire Glass to come and replace the basement window in the Town Center that was broken by a bird.

**ZBA Appointment:** The ZBA board is asking the Selectboard to fill a vacant seat. Todd spoke with Charlie Howard about becoming a member of the zoning board again and he is willing. Gail made a motion to appoint Charlie Howard to the ZBA Board; Chuck seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

They also considered naming an alternate member to the ZBA if they are short at a meeting. A selectboard member can be named to the ZBA, they are not incompatible offices. Gail made a motion to appoint Chuck as an alternate on the ZBA board; Todd seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

**Appropriations:** The board is considering requiring a new organization requesting donations/ appropriations from the Town complete Form 9 90. This would help determine the need. Chuck said the old policy for a new appropriation request required a signed petition with enough signatures. The board will study new requests and continue discussion.

**Vermont Blue Cross Blue Shield Renewal:** The increase for health insurance this coming year is less than 5%. Todd made a motion to approve renewal of the health insurance policy as is: Gail seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

**Londonderry Police Team:** Todd will attend a police meeting on November 3rd in Londonderry.

**Road Foreman Report:** Brian did an excellent job Friday morning plowing the heavy snow from the storm, two tons of salt were used. The backhoe needs new tires and the 550 has new springs. Lawn clean up is complete and most of the ditching is done. With Todd's suggestion they will start chain sawing, chipping and cleaning trees close to the road sides. The standing dead tree on Pierce road was reviewed. Gail made a motion to hire Williams Construction to assist in downing and completely removing this tree hazard; Chuck seconded; all in favor motion passed. The clogged culvert on South Road that needs repair and how to restore and repair it was explained. Gail made a motion to hire Williams Construction to help dig out a 10' x 20' section of water way on the South Road culvert; Chuck seconded; all in favor; motion passed. Todd abstained from both votes. Wayne will talk with the new owners of the MacCuaig property about continual use of their drive way for drive-through during plowing season.

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

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 by Todd.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Cobb  
Peru Town Clerk