

Peru Select Board Meeting Minutes January 20, 2016

Present: Charlie Howard, Todd Williams, Gail Acosta, Bob Stelz, Wayne Blanchard, Barbara Petra

Call to Order: Charlie called the meeting to order at 6:29 pm.

Request to Change Agenda/Public Comment: Bob Stelz asked to be added to the agenda.

Review/Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: Todd made a motion to amend the minutes to reflect Caitlin Corkins from the State of Vermont, Division of Historical Preservation be included in the minutes; Charlie seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

New Business

Dangerous Tree: Bob Stelz was asking if the Select Board would address the very large limb of a tree on Rte. 11 corner of Pierce Lane. Todd said he would stop and take a look to see what should be done. Bob was also concerned about the recent robberies that have taken place in and around Peru. He mentioned that Londonderry was asking their voters to consider voting to hire the State Police for 25 hours a week at Town Meeting. Discussion ensued regarding possible neighborhood watch, sharing in police coverage, etc for the Town. No determination at this time.

Town Meeting Warning: Charlie has e-mailed Town Meeting warning to the other Select Board members for review. The warning will be posted.

Old Business

Town Garage: Charlie reported that the rebates which he applied for regarding the new propane heaters, did not qualify. He was continuing to follow up with other rebates. The bathroom is now ready for sheetrock.

Town Budget: Unchanged

Street Light Update: Green Mountain Power has issued a credit to reflect the correct usage rate for the Town's street lights. In addition, all street lights will now be consolidated on one bill. The Select Board is looking to change the light at the South Road building and replace with a motion sensor light. More investigation will be done to determine if an additional street light is warranted by the church.

Clean-up Community House Basement: Gail reported that Fran Tobia from the Peru Fair Committee has requested that 4 tents, all trash cans and 2 small pop ups be left in basement. The remaining items can go but if there is a question regarding possible value, the Select Board will be contacted.

Hazard Mitigation Plan: The Select Board discussed whether it made sense to go forward with the plan. Charlie made a motion to table item at this time; Gail seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

Meeting with PACIF: No report submitted to answer. Charlie will follow up.

Other Business

Certificate of Mileage: All Select Board members will sign and Todd will forward to necessary party. Need to see about Mad Tom Notch and Mount Tabor Roads.

Candidate Night: Wednesday, February 3rd a meet your candidate night will precede the Select Board meeting. Light refreshments will be served. Due to knee surgery, Charlie will not be able to attend.

Road Foreman Report: Wayne says there have been no issues and all is well. Paperwork is available for the Better Back Roads Grants. Bob Stelz commended the road crew on a superior job done.

Executive Session: Charlie called an executive session at 7:29 pm. Regular meeting resumed at 8:04 pm.

Pay Increases: Charlie made a motion to increase the hourly rates for the following employees:

Wayne Blanchard, Road Forman

Margaret Cobb, Town Clerk

Donna Williams, Town Treasurer

Barbara Petra, Assist. Clerk/Treasurer

Gail seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

Review Bills and Approve Payments: The Select Board reviewed and approved all bills for payment.

Adjournment: Charlie adjourned the meeting at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Petra

Assistant Town Clerk

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