

Select Board Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2015

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

Call to Order: Charlie Howard called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Request to Change/Amend Agenda: None

Review/Approve Meeting Minutes: Todd made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 22nd meeting; Gail seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

New Business

Town Credit Card: Donna Williams spoke to the Select Board about securing a Peru Town credit card. As treasurer, Donna has had a few issues where personal credit cards have been used to purchase computer software, Town checks, website domain contract, etc. Individuals would then have to be reimbursed. However, as a municipality, the Town should not be paying sales tax. This is not accomplished with this procedure. Therefore, Donna would like to open a credit card with Berkshire bank where control is held by the Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and Select Board Chair. The card will only be used in the above stated conditions and kept in the vault at all times. After discussion, Charlie made a motion that the Town of Peru apply for a credit card with the conditions stated; Gail seconded; all in favor; motion was passed.

Fuller Paving Bid: The Select Board received proposed bids from Fuller Sand & Gravel for work on Hapgood Pond Road starting from last years' shim, continuing for 2,225 ft x 24 ft wide. Vermont Recreational Surfacing & Fencing submitted a proposal for installation of guardrails and anchors on Hapgood Pond Road. They are also waiting for proposals for the resurfacing work to be done on North Road and the new paving to be done on South Road. Todd and Wayne will be applying for grant monies for all these projects.

Jack Bailey Bike Ride: A fundraiser was discussed with the Select Board. Charlie will ask Jack to please answer some further questions. They will continue the discussion at next Select Board meeting.

Road Mowing: Bruce Orchitt submitted a proposal for this years' roadside mowing. Wayne was going to explore this issue further.

Old Business

L.E.O.P. Re-adoption of plan as of April 1, 2015 as amended.

Bromley vs. Hammer: Still no word on delinquent taxes to be paid.

Johnny SeeSaws: The auction of the land and buildings took place on April 30, 2015. At this time no one knows who the party or parties are.

Other Business

Grant Braddish Folder: The Select Board will review folder that Grant kept during his tenure as Select Board member.

Insurance: Donna will investigate workers compensation coverage through the Vermont Clerks and Treasurers Association.

Excess Weight Permits: Permit applications were reviewed and approved.

B.C.R.C.: The Peru Town Plan is on the Bennington County Regional Commissions website and a copy is in the Town Office.

Green-Up Day: Barbara reported that Green Up Day went well and most every road was "represented". She thanked Wayne for having the truck available for trash and hauling away to the transfer station on Monday.

Road Report: Wayne reported that the roads are in very good shape. He wanted to know if the crew should do something for dust control on the dirt roads. Right now they are making their plans for upcoming resurfacing of roads. He is waiting for further proposals and grant application approvals.

Review/Approve Bills: Invoices were reviewed and all bills approved for payment.

Adjournment: Charlie adjourned the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Petra
Assistant Clerk
Town of Peru
May 7, 2015