

Peru Selectboard Meeting March 21, 2018

Present: Chuck Black, Gail Acosta, Todd Williams, Juliette Britton, Wayne Blanchard and Jill Braddish

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

Review and Approve Minutes: Gail made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 21, 2018 meeting as written; Todd seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

Request to Change Agenda/Public Comment: Juliette Britton wanted to follow up with the Selectboard on the JJ Hapgood violation documented in the December 20, 2017 minutes. She explained that this letter has never materialized and gave her account of the permitting process regarding the work done on the historic site. Todd explained that ultimately the work was done without an approved permit. Hal has asked Juliette to resubmit her permit application to the Planning Commission and the Selectboard advised Juliette to comply. They will work closer with Hal, the Planning Commission, and the Preservation Board on this issue. Juliette also asked the Selectboard to address the parking and speeding issues in Town. Discussion ensued.

New Business

Appointments: Gail made a motion to nominate Todd Williams as the Selectboard Chair and as Chairman he has the authority to make decisions on behalf of the Board should an emergency arise; Chuck seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

Gail made a motion to nominate Todd Williams as Road Commissioner for the next year; Chuck seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

Jill has appointed Jennie Freeman as the Assistant Clerk/Treasurer.

Unused Space: Gail mentioned the lack of use of the downstairs in the Town Office and wondered if the Town could better utilize the space. Discussion ensued.

Old Business

Update on Loss Control Report: The Selectboard reviewed the work that has been completed. Mike Gayda will be assisting the Selectboard with completing the remaining items that need to be addressed. Discussion ensued. The Selectboard will be meeting with Wayne and Mike at the Town garage on Thursday 3/29/18 at 1:30pm to go over the punch list. The Selectboard and Wayne will research if the PACIF grant program could offset some of the expenses that will be incurred.

Other Business

Approval of Liquor Licenses: The Selectboard approved and signed liquor licenses for JJ Hapgood Store.

Approval of Excess Weight Permit: Gail made a motion to approve the excess weight permit applied for by Beacon Sales Acquisition Inc.; Todd seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

Hold Harmless Agreement: Todd signed the release and hold harmless agreement requested by Carrara's Rustproofing & Gun shop as their Insurance Coverage no longer will cover incident or accident involving their services being done on municipality owned vehicles.

Public letter: The Selectboard read a letter received from Michael Schultz requesting a follow up on his initial letter dated 12/10/2017 expressing his concerns regarding the dumpster and portable toilet located on Roland's property. Chuck was going to respond to his initial letter documented in the 12/20/2017 minutes however the dumpster and toilet were

consequently removed. Gail will draft a letter to Mr. Schultz in response to his second request which will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Catamount Security Estimate: The Selectboard reviewed the estimate received from Catamount Securities and devised a time line as to when they would incorporate the installation of new fire alarm systems in the Town Office, Town garage/Fire Dept, and The Community House.

Road Foreman Report: Wayne reported snow, snow, snow. There is a shortage on salt but the Town is getting a load delivered tomorrow. Equipment is running well. The 550 needed brakes, tires, and a set of rims. The 550 also has a power steering leak that needs to be fixed. The Road crew has reported some overtime in the last few weeks due to the weather.

Review Bills and Approve Payments: The Selectboard viewed and approved all bills for payment.

Adjournment: Gail adjourned the meeting at 8:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jill Braddish
Peru Town Clerk