

TOWN OF PERU SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

May, 21, 2014

In Attendance: Charlie Howard, Grant Braddish, Todd Williams, Jack Pennypacker, Larry Daley, Stewart Beattie, William Stracher, and Margaret Cobb

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Charlie Howard at 6:30PM.

Recommendation to Approve Minutes: Grant Braddish made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 7, 2014 Selectboard meeting. Todd seconded. Motion Passed.

New Business:

Item #1: Reappraisal of all Real Property in the Town of Peru – Jack Pennypacker

The Lister's met with NEMRC appraisal and computer guru services. This is the company that reappraised Landgrove last winter. The proposed contract includes a start date of July 2014 with the completion in June 2015 and a total cost of \$65,000. They would hire additional personal to accommodate us and complete the job in one year. They would also use the NEMRC/Microsolve computer assisted mass appraisal (CAMA) system in PC Pad efficient fashion. They will also reestablish all software based Bromley condo information. Jack would like the Selectboard to review the contract so a decision can be made at the next meeting.

Item #2: Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council – Larry Daley

Larry attended a Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council class. He is requesting a badge, a blue light for his car and a radio. These items are provided by the Selectboard when you get elected. The badge is for identification purposes. Charlie would like Larry to provide the Selectboard with a list of objectives and duties he would like to enforce in his role as second constable. Charlie will investigate constable information regarding law enforcement powers constables have and what training is required to exercise their authority. Even after completing a minimum of 58 hours of classroom instruction the constable is required to be under the direct supervision and control of a fully certified law enforcement officer.

Item #3: Parking in Downtown Peru

The planning commission and ZBA would like the Selectboard to consider creating more parking areas by the Town green. During Sunday's church service approximately 56 cars are scattered throughout the downtown and with Hapgood Pond opening for the summer and J.J. Hapgood General Store reopened there will be more traffic. If cars park on both sides of North Road and Main Street fire trucks might not be able to maneuver through. Todd said that Bromley House parked up to 30 cars by the green. Discussion ensued. Grant will talk to Pastor Margaret as a first step. He will ask her to talk to the congregation about parking in specific locations including parking on outside, not green side, of roads, behind the Community House, and the Peru Town Center.

Item #4: Tax Sale

John Maher, the delinquent tax collector, is having Kevin O'Toole direct a public auction at the Peru Town Center on May 22, 2014 on two delinquent properties. He would like Margaret Cobb, Town Clerk, to act as the town agent to place a minimum bid if no other bids are moved. Grant made a motion to elect Margaret Cobb in this role. Motion seconded and passed.

Item #5: Road Commissioner Position

Charlie had a conversation with Garrett from the VLCT about this position. He suggested best practice would be to appoint one Selectboard member to this role. Grant made a motion to nominate Todd as the Road Commissioner and Charlie seconded. Motion passed. Todd will be the liaison between the Selectboard and the Road Foreman.

Item #6: The two bids for road side mowing were reviewed. Charlie made a motion to accept the bid from Bruce Orchitt and hire him to carry out the road side mowing for the summer. The motion was seconded by Todd and passed.

Reports:

Item #1: Six Month Probation Period for Road Foreman

The six month probation period for Wayne as the new Road Foreman will be fulfilled soon. At that time his pay scale will be reviewed. All agree he has been doing a great job and performing at a high level. Carl might be resigning in August. This will be furthered reviewed and discussed at the next meeting.

Item #2: Dental Insurance

The VLCT sent information about dental insurance. Wayne and Carl have the platinum plan that covers the majority of medical bills. A motion was made by Charlie and seconded by Grant to decline the opportunity to add dental insurance. Motion passed.

Item #3: Health Officers

Roger Fox agreed to accept the appointment of Town Health Officer. Charlie will discuss the position of Deputy Health for a three year term with John LaVecchia.

Item #4: Town Website

Tess Gauthier, the Vermont Digital Economy Project Coordinator for the Snelling Center for Government, will be meeting with Barbara and Margaret on Thursday May 22 at 11:00AM to help launch a website for the Town.

Old Business:

Item #1: John Maher reminded the Selectboard that he is an interim treasurer and he would like the board to actively look for a new treasurer. The treasurer is required by State statues to be a resident of the Town. Grant would like to post the position again.

Item #2: Grant made a motion to restore the multi room policy. Todd seconded and motion passed. The policy form was signed by the Selectboard and posted on the bulletin board.

Item #3: Work continues to move forward on the in ground minimal septic system at the Town Garage.

Item #4: The drug and alcohol paper work was completed and mailed.

Invoices and Bills Reviewed.

Bills reviewed, accepted and moved.

Meeting Adjourned:

No further business and meeting adjourned at 8:47PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Cobb
Peru Town Clerk