

Town of Peru Selectboard Meeting

September 17, 2014

Present: Charlie Howard, Todd Williams, Kevin Beattie, Fran Tobia, Suzanne Ragone, Wayne Blanchard, Alex Sheets, Margaret Cobb
Grant Braddish arrived at 6:40pm

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Charlie Howard at 6:32pm.

Request to Change Agenda: None moved.

Review/ Approve Minutes: Minutes from the September 4th meeting were reviewed. Minutes were approved and moved.

New Business:

Emergency Red Cross Shelter at Flood Brook Union School and Possible

Generator Purchase: Kevin Beattie attended the meeting to inform the Board about Flood Brook Union School becoming an emergency Red Cross Shelter. Kevin will be the contact person and the shelter would be available to Peru residence. When a facility is Red Cross Certified a disaster kit is received and Red Cross pays for cost of the supplies. The capacity will be 125 people for overnight use and 340 people for short term use. Volunteers will run the shelter for the first 72 hours and then Red Cross would be in charge. Possible disasters include but are not limited to flooding, ice storms, and long term power outages.

It was recommended Flood Brook Union School install a backup generator to improve service as a Red Cross Shelter. The cost with installation for a 130kw diesel generator is \$60,000. Kevin completed a FEMA grant seeking partial funding and is soliciting funding from each of the four towns for the additional \$15,000.00. Each town would pay their proportional value. The Selectboard verbally agreed to support this proposal by bringing it to a vote at the next town meeting in March.

Peru Fair: Fran Tobia, Peru Fair Chair was present to coordinate with the Road Commissioner the set up, tear down and placement of road blocks at four locations to close off Main St and a portion of Hapgood Pond Rd for the fair. There will be two bus drop off points this year. One will be the South Road entrance and the

second location is the parking lot at the Peru Town Center. Vendors can set up their booths Saturday morning before 8:30am and tear down is to occur by 5:30pm. Wayne and Todd agreed to help with road block placement Friday evening.

New Fence in Front of Main St Makery: Suzanne Ragone was here to discuss the application to the zoning board for building a new fence with similar dimensions to the existing fence in front of the Community House where the Main Street Makery runs a business. The Town is the property owner and she is the agent on the permit. The Selectboard is in agreement with replacing the fence. The Historic Preservation Committee can review the permit and submit an opinion at their discretion but have no authority.

Road Crew Update: Wayne said Brian Bills is motivated, excited and doing a good job. Once he completes the drug and alcohol test, scheduled for Friday September 19th and achieves clean results he will be able to drive the Town vehicles because he possesses a CDL license. He wondered if uniforms would be provided by the Town. This has not been provided in the past but a Selectboard member will investigate and report back.

Old Business:

Salt Shed: The salt shed was completed September 5th and the Selectboard is satisfied with the results. Flashing will be installed around the base of the building to prevent moisture from seeping in.

Other Business:

Road Foreman Report: Road side mowing will be finished before the Peru Fair. Trimming around bridges and guard rails has started and grading for this season is being finalized.

The big truck requires new tires and the brakes need to be checked. Wayne will research pricing and report back.

Delivery of sand with good grit was received from Jeff Yrsha

Larry Slade is putting in a new driveway on Anderson Road which requires approval. Todd and Wayne will make an inspection.

Todd has been working on a grant involving reimbursement for paving on Hapgood Pond Rd.

Delinquent Tax Policy: John Maher submitted a letter outlining the delinquent tax collection policy for 2014-2015 that the Selectboard approved. His letter is attached to the minutes.

NIMS National Incident Management System: Charlie will take the online IMS100 course to maintain Peru's compliance.

Peru Web Site: Barbara and Margaret met with Nathaniel Gibson for administrative training of the web site. It will launch in October.

Bills/ Invoices: Bills were reviewed with two adjustments and approval.

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Cobb
Peru Town Clerk