

Town of Peru Selectboard Meeting December 17, 2014

Present: Charlie Howard, Grant Braddish, Todd Williams, Wayne Blanchard, Barbara Petra

Request to Change Agenda: None

Condolences: Charlie Howard wanted to convey to the Margaret Cobb and her children the Selectboard's deepest sympathy on the passing of Michael. Charlie reminded all that services will be held at 2pm Thursday, December 18th at the Peru Congregational Church.

Review/Approve Minutes: Motion made by Grant to approve minutes from the December 3, 2014 meeting. Todd seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

New Business:

Civil Ordinance: The Town of Peru will implement, in accordance with the Londonderry Transfer Station, a "Variable Rate Pricing by Volume or Weight for Municipal Solid Waste Collection" ordinance. All residents, haulers or caretakers will be required to register on an annual basis and will have to comply with the ordinance or risk fines. The Londonderry Group's Recycling Coordinator will serve as Peru's administrative agent. All fine monies will go into the transfer station/recycling centers revenue as to benefit all the towns. After discussion, Charlie made a motion to accept and sign the proposed ordinance. Grant seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

Old Business:

Proposed Budget: After review, the Selectboard has made adjustments and amendments to the 2015-2016 Proposed Budget. Consolidation, renaming/re-coding of accounts and increase/decrease of amounts were discussed. A motion was made by Charlie to adjust the amount raised by taxes from \$691,950 to \$636,650. Grant seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

Town Meeting: The Selectboard went over procedures for reports due and warnings for Town Meeting.

Uniforms: After receiving the contract from Foley Services for the highway crew uniforms, Charlie negotiated the length of time of contract from 5 years, automatic renewal of 3 years to 3 year contract, renewal of 1 year. Contract was signed and will be returned to Foley.

Johnny SeeSaws: Rob Woolmington has conveyed to the Selectboard that The Inn Thing (Johnny SeeSaws) will not be opposing bankruptcy of the property. In accordance with bankruptcy law, upon sale of the property the Town of Peru will be receiving any taxes due.

Other Business:

Appropriations: The Selectboard received two additional requests for appropriations for the upcoming fiscal year; Neighborhood Connections and Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force.

Veterans Tax Exemptions: Charlie constructed a response letter in answer to the letter sent to the Selectboard from a disabled veteran last Selectboard meeting.

Candidate Interest/Meet Night: The Selectboard discussed and scheduled the informational meeting for potential Town officer candidates to be on January 21, 2015 at 6pm and the Meet the Candidates night on February 4, 2015 at 6pm.

Insurance: The Selectboard agreed to renew our liability insurance through Finn & Stone.

Road Foreman Report: Wayne reported that more salt was used than last year. After repairs, all the highway equipment is in good shape and ready to go. The crew is getting into a good routine for maintenance on winter roads.

Bills/Invoices: Pay order was reviewed and approved.

Meeting Adjourned: Charlie adjourned meeting at 7:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Petra
Assistant Clerk
Town of Peru
December 18, 2014