

Peru Selectboard Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2016

Present: Todd Williams, Chuck Black, Gail Acosta, Alex Sheets, Ben Freeman, Josh Witkin, Andrea Diamond, Jon Mowry, Karen Utiger, Laurie Gayda, Robert Stelz, Kate McNay Koch, Sarah Snell, Jim Mooney, Wayne Blanchard, Beth Fastiggi - Vermont State President at FairPoint, Margaret Cobb.

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

Review/Approve Minutes: Chuck moved to accept the minutes from the previous meeting: Todd seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

Request to Change Agenda/Public Comment: Under new Business, Beth from FairPoint will present and provide information on local broadband.

New Business

FairPoint Presentation: Beth Fastiggi delivered a power point presentation along with information pertaining to the broadband service that Peru and Landgrove receive and purchase from Fair Point. Peru and Landgrove are served by five remote terminal (RT) boxes. Three of the five boxes are equipped with the next generation high tech machinery for higher speeds. The RT box providing service to 65% of Peru's residence is outdated and supplies speeds of up to 3.0 megabytes. Fair Point has a project in place to update the box at Bromley but there is nothing planned for the box serving Peru. The cost of increasing broadband service would be between \$25,000 and \$50,000. Beth encouraged residents to call her with concerns about their service at Fair Point.

Roadside Mowing Bids: The Selectboard received one bid from Bruce Orchid for roadside mowing. If hired, this would be his third year of service. Todd made a motion to approve Bruce Orchids bid of \$7,500 for roadside mowing pending completion of the checklist of Independent Contractor Documentation. Gail seconded the motion; all in favor; motion passed.

Old Business

Town Garage: Mark Roberts cut the concrete and moved the pipes to the proper location. Mike Doane completed the framing. Next, Mark will rough in the plumbing and Adam will complete the electrical.

Community House: Josh Wengerd, from Re-Design Construction, and Gail met with Matthew Jakubowski, Assistant State Fire Marshal, and received the go ahead to move forward with renovations. Two fire doors with latched handles will be installed and fire proof paint will be applied to walls in the stairwell. Josh will research doors at RK Miles. Chuck will replace the two broken window panes on the back right side of the garage area.

Town Meeting Time Discussion: Gail feels changing the time to a later hour will make it possible for more of the Town's working population to attend along with other voters. Chuck thinks the same number of people will attend but it will be different demographics. Bob Stelz is in favor of changing the time to the evening to give a broader group of people more of an opportunity to vote. Gail made a motion to change the time of the Town Meeting to 6:00pm; Chuck seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

Other Business

Cargill quoted a price for salt with a guaranteed delivery to the Town. Todd made a motion to accept Cargill's bid of \$81.42/ton for road salt; Gail seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

Oil/Propane: The Town will stay with Cota & Cota for oil and Blue Flame for propane.

Tax Maps: The Selectboard agreed to accept the \$1,700 contract for services from Cartographics.

Special Selectboard Meeting: The Selectboard will meet on Wednesday June 29th at 4:00pm to review the bills and sign the year end pay order.

Authority to Transfer Funds: The board gives the treasurer authority to transfer \$144,725. in funds from the equipment fund to the general fund for the purchase of the new truck.

Road Foreman Report: The Town will purchase 11,600 yards of gravel from Chaves that will start being hauled and delivered by June 22nd. Chaves will bill the Town before the last pay order. Paving has been completed other than the road shoulders on the new pavement of South Road. Wayne and Brian will finish the remaining road shoulders. New tires have been put on the 550, the backhoe now has a twist-a-wrist and the outrigger has new pads. The rest of the equipment is in good condition. Wayne ordered liquid for grating.

Review and Approve Bills for Payment: The Selectboard reviewed all bills and approved payments.

Adjournment: Todd adjourned the meeting at 9:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Cobb
Peru Town Clerk