

Select Board Meeting Minutes May 20, 2015

Present: Charlie Howard, Todd Williams, Gail Acosta, Wayne Blanchard, Barbara Petra

Meeting Called to Order: Charlie Howard called the meeting to order at 7:34pm.

Requests to Change Agenda/Public Comment: None

Review/Approve Previous Meeting Minutes: Todd made a motion to accept the minutes from the May 6, 2015 meeting; Gail seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

New Business

BCRC Appointment: Paul Myers was contacted regarding once again acting as the Town of Peru's representative on the BCRC. He agreed; Charlie made a motion to appoint Paul as the BCRC representative; Gail seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

Check from Crane Company: The Town of Peru received a check in the amount of \$600. from Pratt Carpentry as compensation for the damage caused by their crane used in a construction project off of Lovers Lane.

VT Trans Bike/Pedestrian Program: Before discussing new plans for a possible bike/pedestrian path, Todd wanted to first address the parking situation around the village. Charlie wants to ask for input from Stewart Beattie. Discussion continued regarding the underutilized use of the Town Center parking lot, the possible use of additional gravel along the Main Street spur out to VT Rte. 11, and forming a master plan for the direction of the downtown village.

PACIF Insurance Program: Charlie reached out to Larry Smith from the VLCT to get a quote for the Towns' insurance coverage. Larry will be contacting the office for specific information on Peru's insurance needs.

Homestead Declaration Filing: After clarification and discussion, Charlie made a motion to once again impose a 3% penalty on property owners who fail to file the HS-122 form with their Vermont State Tax Return declaring that they are a homestead property; Gail seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

Old Business

Roadside Mowing: Wayne reported that the roadside mowing was out to bid and they are waiting for one more which is expected by the end of the week. The idea of purchasing a mower with other neighboring towns was again brought up.

Jack Bailey Bike Ride Fundraiser: Charlie spoke with Jack and was assured that signs and vests will be used for the June 20th ride.

Other Business

Grants Folder: After going through the folder, Charlie passed it on to Todd for review.

Road Foreman Report: Wayne said that he will be contracting with Chemical Solutions for product to control dust on the dirt roads. Wayne reported that more prep work really needs to be done on South Road before paving can be done properly. Issues regarding culverts, ditching and tree cutting should be addressed first and recommends holding off on the paving till at least until spring of next year. Construction services would be hired out to accomplish these tasks.

Appointments: The Select Board was asked to sign off on the appointment of Margaret Dawedeit as Town Service Officer.

Accessibility Report: Disability Rights Vermont inspected voter access for the Town Center. Their report detailed minor recommendations for improvement.

Planning and Zoning Forum: Charlie made a motion to allow John LaVecchia to attend the forum on June 10th and to split the cost with Sandgate and Landgrove; Todd seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

Executive Session: Charlie asked the Select Board to go into executive session at 8:24pm to discuss employee issues. The Select Board adjourned from executive session at 8:35pm and resumed with the regular meeting.

Review Bills/Approve Payments: The Select Board reviewed pay order and approved bills to be paid.

Adjournment: Charlie adjourned the meeting at 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Petra
Assistant Clerk
Town of Peru
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