

Peru Selectboard Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2015

Present: Charlie Howard, Todd Williams, Gail Acosta, Esther Fishman, Pastor Margaret Dawedeit, Wayne Blanchard, Margaret Cobb

Call to Order: Charlie called the meeting to order at 6:33pm.

Request to Change Agenda/ Public Comment: None

Review / Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting: Todd made the motion to approve the minutes from the September 16th meeting; Gail seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

New Business

Londonderry Solid Waste Group/ Esther Fishman: Esther was present to ask for the Town of Peru Selectboard's approval and adoption of the Londonderry SW Group's Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP). She requires approval from the five towns in the Londonderry Group for the State to recognize us. She explained Act 148, Vermont's universal recycling and composting law, obligates towns to endorse the plans. The plan is an action based outreach program with a focus on education, recycling, collecting food scraps, and preventing waste from being generated.

Charlie believes it is an honorable plan and made a motion to approve and sign the Londonderry SW Groups SWIP; Gail seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

Use of Town Green/ Pastor Margaret: Pastor Margaret inquired about having a memorial garden on the Town green. A parishioner has provided funds and Mark Wright, owner of Rugg Valley Landscaping, would perform the work. Charlie would like to see the big plan, including a garden, incorporated into a master plan for the green. A coordinator and committee are needed to take the initiative to actualize a course of action. This will be revisited in the spring.

Treasurer's Request to Issue Property Tax Credits: Donna Williams, Peru Treasurer, would like the Selectboard's approval to issue property tax credits in the form of a check prior to a board meeting when:

1. The taxes have a credit created by taxes being paid in full before the State remits property tax credits.
2. In the event a mortgage company or bank overpays the taxes.

Paper work with the amounts paid will be included in the pay order folder for approval at the following Board meeting.

Charlie made a motion to approve the treasurer's request; Gail seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

Lister Request to Make Correction: The Listers discovered an errors and omission correction relating to a parcel located at 1280 Pierce Road. The property was taxed as "residential with land" and should be adjusted in the grand list to "camp and land" thus changing the tax rate.

Charlie made a motion to authorize and approve the change in the grand list; Todd seconded, all in favor; motion passed.

John LaVecchia's Request to Attend Seminar: John is seeking the Board's approval to attend a seminar dealing with issues related to the placement of renewable energy facilities, both solar and wind. Landgrove and Sandgate would share the expense. Charlie made a motion to consent to John attending the Fall Planning and Zoning Forum; Todd seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

Old Business:

Town Garage:

1. **Heat** - John Carroll will get the new furnace hung and functioning before unhooking and removing the old furnace. He will install the unit in the fire department section first. Cota and Cota will hook up the tanks after the new furnace unit is installed.
2. **Paint/ Doors** - Charlie believes Jake Arace completed a good quality job painting the exterior trim. It looks improved and fresher and will preserve the wood.

Mike Doane, from Doane Builders Inc., submitted an estimate for replacing the three exterior door units at the Town garage in the amount of \$1,800. Charlie will meet with him to discuss the specific aspect of the job. Charlie made a motion to accept the estimate from Mike for replacing the doors at the garage; Gail seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

Community House Grant: Charlie thanked everyone for their work on the grant. His daughter Kerry was a big help in many ways. The grant application was sent registered mail and has been delivered and accepted in Montpelier. It was an exciting process and knowledge has been gained and a basic set for future grants.

Town Center Maintenance: Charlie placed an ad in the paper and Gail posted on Manchester Marketplace and the Front Porch Forum for contracting service to keep the entrance areas clear of snow. No calls of interest have been received.

Adam ran a new electrical line to the Christmas tree that just needs to be plugged in. ☺

Peru Fair Results: Compliments to the road crew for trimming and mowing Hapgood Pond Road for the Fair. It was a beautiful day and the Peru Fair Committee and the Town hit it great. Attendance is estimated to have been 4,500 people. Wayne returned the Fair wagon to Barbara Ardell's barn.

Other Business:

Charlie completed the PACIF renewal insurance application.

A new complete first class liquor license application has been submitted to the Town for a restaurant called Sienna Marie's owned by Susan and Troy Marshall. It will be located within "The Lodge at Bromley".

Gail made a motion to approve the liquor license application; Charlie seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

Road Foreman Report: Trimming, brush cutting and road mowing is complete. Guard rails and bridge work is done. Five hundred yards of sand is all that is left to be hauled in. The trucks have been oiled and cleaned.

When the leaves have fallen and the trees are bare Wayne and Brian will start cutting back and chipping.

Wayne is working on obtaining quotes from Delurey, Green Mountain Kenworth and Patriots for a new dump truck. He is also getting a quote from HP Fairfield for the add ons. The time frame for ordering would be around February and it would take approximately three months to build.

The Selectboard praised Wayne for his hard work and relayed the many admirable comments for the roads looking so good.

Review Bills and Approve Payments: The Selectboard reviewed and approved the bills for payment.

Adjournment: Charlie adjourned the meeting at 8:08pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Cobb
Peru Town Clerk