

Peru Selectboard Meeting Minutes
November 4th, 2020

Present: Jon Mowry, Chuck Black, Todd Williams, Vincent McGee, Will Goodwin, Ben Foltz, Josh Witkin, John Murphy, Wayne Blanchard, Mike Gayda, Lucas Hughes, LJ Petra, Jim Jordan, Peter Robertson, Stephanie Hoffmann

Meeting Called to Order: Jon called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

Review and Approve Minutes: Todd made a motion to approve minutes from the October 21st meeting. Jon seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

Road Foreman Report: Peru had its first snow of the season. Sand purchased has been used with good results. Town truck is waiting for snow tires to arrive. Road crew continues to clean up leaves at Town Green and Park. Tree trimming will continue through the fall.

New Business:

Vincent McGee, president of Forest Mountain Association, has been in contact with Comcast about getting high speed internet to the Forest Mountain area roads. Project was approved by Comcast to move forward with high speed internet. Installation is expected to start in 2021.

Vincent McGee discussed the maintenance at the corner of Forest Mountain Road and Anderson Road. Todd and Wayne will further assess the road conditions.

Planning Commission has devised a plan to send a letter to short term rental owners regarding septic regulations.

Jon made a motion to approve a third-class liquor license for Johnny Seesaws Restaurant. Chuck seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

Jon moved to approve an E-file withholding payment for \$0.10. Chuck seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

Jon made a motion to approve a transfer of \$1172.00 from the General Fund to the Document Restoration & Preservation Fund. Chuck seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

Old Business:

Salt reduction areas will continue to be implemented on areas of South Road and Hapgood Pond Road. These cold sections will use sand instead of salt.

The Bennington County Forester has advised the town to harvest mature ash trees in response to insect feeding. Forester has offered to devise a plan for sustainable forest health. Todd made a motion to move forward with the forester marking ash trees for removal and devising a complete forestry plan. Jon seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

Other Business:

There will be no town highway grants offered for the fiscal year. In lieu of town highway grants, the state has awarded the town \$13,425.65.

November 3rd was the General Election. The Town of Peru had over an 85% voter participation.

Review Bills and Approve for Payment:

Selectboard viewed and approved bills for payment.

Adjournment:

Jon adjourned the meeting at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Hoffmann
Assistant Clerk/Town of Peru