

Peru Selectboard Meeting
July 7, 2021

Present: Chuck Black, Todd Williams, Melinda Beebe, Jon Mowry, Josh Witkin, Donna Williams, Barb Petra, Jane Worley, David Christopher.

Meeting Called to Order: Jon called the meeting to order at 5:02pm.

Review/Approve Minutes: Jon motioned to approve the minutes from the June 16, 2021 meeting. Todd seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

Request to change agenda: None

Public Comment: David Christopher addressed the board about a tree on the neighboring property. Discussion on the tree ensued as to whether it could potentially do damage to David Christopher's property if the tree fell. It was asked whether there was an ordinance that would require the neighboring property to remove the tree in question. Todd stated that there is no town ordinance in Peru that would require the neighboring property to get rid of the tree.

NEW BUSINESS:

Indoor Zoning Permits: The Zoning Administrator asked for the Selectboards input as to whether a permit should be required for indoor work being done on a home. The Selectboard stated that the context was a bit confusing. The opinion was that no permit should be required.

ARBA Fund: Jon has applied for ARPA funds and was made aware that guidelines for spending are very restrictive. It is possible that the money may only be used for things such as culverts or Broadband. The money will come over the course of 2 years. Jon will check with Jim Henderson for more information. Josh Witkin suggested helping our homeless community with some of the funds.

Peru Park and Green Committee Update: The three tables that were once in the Historical shed are now put together. Barbara is compiling information for a grant. It was requested that the Selectboard provide a written agreement that they will match the grant, due to this being a matching grant. Jon stated that once there are estimates for the playground equipment and site work. They would be willing to address the letter. The committee presented information on the playground equipment. Citing that it is diverse for ages 5 to adult. There are some things that need to be done to the park and would like to know who they can get to do the work. Jon noted that the Selectboard would be more comfortable spending the money if they had more public input. Todd stated that he agrees if we have the space, it should be made to be more inviting. Chuck discussed that the entire property should be leveled properly, all at once. Instead of doing it piece by piece. Grant writing and applications will continue and there will be a future update.

OLD BUSINESS:

OTHER BUSINESS:

had asked that we find someone to come prune the hydrangea bush outside of the Town Office. The Selectboard has agreed to the go ahead of finding someone to trim it.

REVIEW BILLS AND APPROVE PAYMENTS:

The selectboard reviewed the Tax rate for 2021/2022. Resident Tax rate is 1.8184% and non resident is 1.874%. There will not be a 3% late filing fee for homestead taxes. Jon motioned to approve. Chuck seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

Jon motioned to move \$417.66 from the Peru Park fund to the General fund for Londonderry Hardware and RK Miles for work done to the park.

The selectboard viewed and approved bills for payment. Jon moved to adjourn at 6:10pm. Chuck seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Beebe
Town Clerk

