

## Peru Select Board Meeting December 7, 2016

**Present:** Todd Williams, Gail Acosta, Chuck Black, Wayne Blanchard, Linda Joy Sullivan, Jennifer Mintzer-Farrar, Margaret Cobb, Barbara Petra

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

**Review/Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting:** After review, the minutes were amended to read:

1. Under "Request for Adjustment" ... John's determination and "chose to follow tax collection protocol.";
2. Under "Town Center Media" ... Todd seconded; 2 yeas (Todd and Gail), 1 nay (Chuck);....

Gail made a motion to approve the amended minutes; Chuck seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

**Requests to Change Agenda/Public Comment:** New state legislator, Linda Joy Sullivan, wanted to introduce herself and provide her contact information to the Select Board. Linda Joy will be available the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month at the JJ Hapgood store from 10:30 - 11:30 am to hear any concerns or issues from residents of Peru. She comes to the legislature with experience and knowledge of legal and accounting practices and policies, an educator, a business owner and founder of a non-profit anti-trafficking organization.

### New Business

**Budget Discussion:** The Select Board broadly looked over the preliminary budget. They discussed many concerns.

### Old Business

**Town Center Media Update:** Barbara advised the Select Board that she had purchased on behalf of the Town an LG 55" Smart TV, Blue-ray/DVD player and fully articulating wall mount to be used for the meeting room.

**Community House:** Taking into account winter weather and disruption to the Makery's business, it was decided to hold off completion of the work until the spring.

**Zoning Administrator:** An ad was placed in the Rutland Herald for the position of Zoning Administrator. Chuck was put in contact with Jennifer Mintzer-Farrar who had heard of the position and asked her to come to the meeting. Margaret pointed out the responsibilities that the zoning administrator has. Weston, Winhall, Landgrove and Londonderry are also looking for a zoning administrator.

**Road Foreman Report:** Wayne said that the crew continues to do cutting/chipping. There was repairs made to the chipper and is now working well. The sand that we have is working well and the supply of salt is good. The purchase of a new chain saw has been a good purchase and is being made good use of. They may have to bump up the use of salt a bit depending on the weather conditions.

### Other Business

**Comcast/FairPoint:** After comparing the information provided by Comcast and further discussion on how the service change may or may not benefit the residents of Peru, the Select Board decided to remain with FairPoint as their service provider for telephone and internet at the Town Center. Barbara would contact the representative from Comcast and advise her of the Select Boards' decision.

**Campaign Signs:** It was brought to the Select Boards' attention that some campaign signs from the November 8<sup>th</sup> election were still up. According to town by-laws, any temporary signs must be removed immediately after the event. A letter will be sent to the homeowner.

**Electric at Town Center/Salt Shed:** Todd asked Barbara to make contact with Veteran Electric for an update on status.

**Assistant Clerk/Assistant Treasurer:** Margaret made the Select Board aware that Barbara Petra will be moving out of Peru and will be resigning her position as Assistant Treasurer/Clerk sometime after Town Meeting Day 2017.

**Review Bills/Approve Payments:** Bills were reviewed and approved for payment.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Petra  
Assistant Clerk  
Town of Peru, VT