

## Peru Selectboard Meeting Minutes August 16, 2017

**Present:** Todd Williams, Gail Acosta, Chuck Black, Wayne Blanchard, Donna Williams, Barbara Petra

**Meeting Called to Order:** Todd called the meeting to order at 6:48 pm.

**Review and Approve Minutes:** Todd made a motion to accept the meeting minutes; Gail seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

**Request to Change Agenda:** None.

### New Business

**Green Mountain Power:** After some discussion about the billing of new service, Todd will contact Gene Bourne of GMP and advise that the new electric service at the Village Green will be included on the billing account for Street Lights.

### Old Business

**Berman Letter:** The Selectboard reviewed and signed the letter to the Bermans' as it applies to their construction of a berm on their property. This letter will be mail on August 17, 2017.

### Other Business

**Blue Flame:** The exchange of propane tank will be done on Thursday morning, August 17<sup>th</sup>. Todd will provide access to the Community House.

**Resident in Need of Assistance:** There was much discussion on the continued problem with burning of trash and disposal of human waste. Sarah Zaino had called recently to report that the problem still exists. A port-a-john, follow up with the State on the violation filed and neighbors calling the State were suggested. Hal will be contacted to see what new information there is. Todd asked Gail to follow up with the state of Vermont regarding the report filed.

**Update Village Green:** Barbara reported that the Village Green Committee met recently and decided that nothing further will be done on the Green till the spring of

2018. They wanted to continue discussions on a plan for additional improvements and projects after the Peru Fair. Barbara had suggested that a reserve fund for the Village Green be established as a line item in the 2018-2019 Budget or as an article to be included in the warning for Town Meeting Day. This reserve would be similar to the other reserve funds that currently in use. The Selectboard will consider the concept.

**Town Center:** Tom Dibble will give an estimate on the cost of repair and painting of the Town Hall window trim after he completes the work on the Community House.

**Town Clerk:** Tracy Black will be stepping in to assist in the Town Office during Margaret Cobbs absence.

**Road Forman Report:** Wayne reported that Bruce Orchitt is due to start the roadside mowing in time for the Peru Fair. As a future possibility, Wayne is investigating the possible rental of a tractor/roadside mower for next years' work. Wayne suggests making a decision soon that the town can secure rental well in advance. Brian Bills has been summoned to jury duty. Wayne thinks that the Town should sell the brush hog that is in cold storage and is not being used. Todd will place an ad on Craig's List. Waiting for one additional estimate for sand and then a decision will be determined for this year. The back-hoe continues to have overheating problems possibly due to the hydraulic pump failing. A \$7,000. - \$10,000. is the estimate for repair. Wayne said that the back-hoe is 2 years beyond its replacement date. Further research and discussion is needed. The Forest Service has marked trees on Anderson Road and work will start in the fall. Ditching continues on Old Manchester Road East and mulch hay will be done by Friday. The Village Green has had its first mowing. Chuck has asked that the stumps that were left at the Green be leveled off providing a safer situation.

**Review/Approve Bills for Payment:** The Selectboard viewed and approved all bills for payment.

**Adjournment:** Todd adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Petra  
Assistant Clerk  
Town of Peru, VT