

Select Board Meeting Minutes

August 5, 2015

Present: Charlie Howard, Todd Williams, Gail Acosta, Wayne Blanchard, Catie James, Barbara Petra

Meeting Called to Order: Charlie Howard called the meeting to order at 6:31pm

Requests to Change Agenda/Public Comment: None

Review/Approve Minutes: Todd made a motion to approve last meetings' minutes; Gail seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

New Business

Designated Village Center Renewal: In order for Peru to have a designated village center the Select Board must make an application for renewal. This designation allows the Town to be eligible for grant monies and incentives for new businesses in the downtown. Charlie will follow up on procedure to be in compliance. The board will ask John LaVecchia if he would be interested in completing the application.

Post Office Parking: Catie James, Peru's post mistress brought her concerns to the Select Board regarding the parking for the post office. She has placed signage which allows 10 minute parking for post office business. Catie has observed several vehicles who park in front of the building sometimes for over an hour. In addition, they may park any which way they please. Her concerns are for the post office patrons not being able to conveniently access the building, mail box and outside boxes. Charlie asked what Catie had in mind as a solution to this problem. She thought that having designated parking spaces might help. After much discussion, the Select Board will investigate the possibility and course of action in creating lined spaces.

Old Business

Town Garage Discussion:

- (a) Energy Audit: Vermont Foam Insulation submitted its proposal for insulating the Town Garage/Fire House at the cost of \$24,000. The Select Board would like to see if there is company which might be able to do any energy audit which would address the issue of windows, doors, vents, etc in

- addition to the insulation of the building. Gail will contact Efficiency Vermont for recommendations.
- (b) **Bathroom:** A permit has been issued for work to begin on the bathroom in the building. Mark Roberts will be do the work and must submit a written contract before work commences. The Felions will be doing the carpentry work and Wayne will be doing the concrete work for the piping. All parties will speak to coordinate a smooth process.
 - (c) **Heating:** The Select Board discussed the heating system. After much investigation, a motion was made by Gail to install 3 propane heaters (2 zones) and propane tank by Blue Flame for approximately \$15,000.; Todd seconded; all in favor; motion passed.
 - (d) **Paint/Doors:** A motion was made by Charlie that the Select Board accept Jake Arace's painting estimate/contract of \$4,000. contingent upon timing, to paint the wood exterior of garage; Gail seconded; all in favor; motion passed. There was discussion of replacing all doors in the garage/fire house with insulated steal doors.

Peru Fair Storage Area: The Select Board could not gain access to the storage space in the Community House. Therefore, they could not proceed with plans to correct the leak problem that Fran Tobia reported to them last month. Charlie would reach out to Fran for a key.

Cheese Factory Update: A grant application for monies to be used to upgrade the Community House is available. The application is due by October 15th. Charlie will ask Dalen Cole, a grant writer, if she is available.

Other Business

Traffic in Landgrove: A concerned citizen of Landgrove has asked to potentially borrow the Town's speed check. Peru will take the responsibility for transport and set up. No objections to request.

Road Foreman Report: Wayne made a recommendation to hold off resurfacing North Road till next year. In addition, instead of patching on South Road now to combine funds from resurfacing and new pavement accounts to do the work on South Road for next year. This will allow for the widening of the road that needs to be completed before the resurfacing and new pavement. Wayne will contact Bruce Orchitt as to his timetable to do the mowing. Priest Lane and Doc Farnum Road has been ditched and work has begun on Savage Road. The Town has signed the salt agreement with Cargill.

Review Bills and Approve Payments: The Select Board reviewed and approved the pay order.

Adjournment: Charlie adjourned the meeting at 8:31 pm.
Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Petra
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