

Selectboard Meeting Minutes

July, 15, 2015

Present: Charlie Howard, Todd Williams, Gail Acosta, Wayne Blanchard, Margaret Cobb

Call to Order: Charlie called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Request to Change Agenda/ Public Comment: Charlie would like to add Post Office Parking and Setting the 2015-2016 Peru Tax Rate to new business.

Review/ Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting: Charlie made a motion to accept the minutes as adjusted from the previous meeting. Todd seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

New Business

Post Office Parking: Gail stated that Katie, Peru's post mistress, had ordered signs that would instruct patrons to pull straight in when parking in front of the post office. She would like the approval of the Selectboard to position them in front of the building. The dilemma is, people are blocking the entry way and parking for extended periods of time. Questions arose concerning area required for parking, distance from center line, etc. Gail will invite Katie to attend the next Selectboard meeting to discuss parking and ask her to bring the remodel plans when the handicap ramp was added.

Set the 2015-2016 Peru Tax Rate: Charlie made a motion to approve the Homestead rate of 1.8192 and Non-resident rate of 1.7216. Gail seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

Old business:

Town Garage Discussion: Gail has yet to receive the energy audit from Vermont Foam Insulation. She will follow up with them. She has contacted a number of painting companies including Lux Brush Painting, Jake Arace, Dibble Painters, and Eddie Charbonneau Painting. She has received quotes from two of the companies and will continue discussing the job and time frame with all of them.

Peru Fair Storage: There has been a water leakage issue in the garage area of the Community House where the Peru Fair was storing decorations, goods and equipment. Charlie and Todd will assess the situation and report back.

Community House Update: Caitlin Corkins, Grant Coordinator from the Agency of Commerce & Community Development, emailed Gail information and applications for a Historic Preservation Grant. It's a 1 to 1 matching grant with up to \$20,000 of funds available. Projects to restore and/ or repair historic building features are eligible. Will review grant at the next meeting.

Beaver Control: Peter Salo has been a vendor contracted for beaver control on an annual basis since Chuck Black hired him a number of years ago. Wayne stated he checks the roads once a month looking for beaver damage and has been very reliable.

Other Business: The Town received thank you letters from Mountain Valley Medical Center and Vermont Center for Independent Living for contributions. Vermont Local Roads sent brochures promoting available courses. The Town received a rebate check from Efficiency Vermont in the amount of \$422.80 for changing the street lights to LED bulbs.

Road Foreman Report: Charlie will have signs made that read “Vertical Parking” to be put in on the east end, Rte 11 side of Main St. to help with parking. He also congratulated Wayne and Brian on a job well done installing guard rails on Hapgood Pond Road.

Wayne said the list from two weeks ago has been completed. Haying and seeding is complete. Painting “Stop” on roads before stop signs accomplished. He will add a wide line next to the painted “stop” to draw attention to it. The backhoe belt tension and broken belt should be repaired tomorrow. The main stretches of roads have been graded with liquid added. He attempted to find the catch basin at the bottom of ditch in front of the Robert’s property without any success. To help find the catch basin, a discussion among those with knowledge pertaining to its’ location needs to take place. Todd was given approval from Mr. Roberts to trim the trees in front of his property to eliminate damage from impact with the Town plow in the winter. Wayne discussed bids from White’s, Chaves and Weston Island for delivery of winter sand.

Todd made a motion to accept David Chaves price to deliver winter sand this year. Charlie seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

Wayne is discussing pricing and options for crack sealing with Nikon. He is also communicating with and seeking bids from Pike, Fuller, Whickham, and Peckham, four paving companies, for the North Road - Hapgood Pond job.

Review Bills/ Approve Payment: July 15, 2015 pay order was reviewed and approved for payment.

Adjournment: Charlie adjourned the meeting at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Cobb
Peru Town Clerk