

Peru Select Board Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2016

Present: Todd Williams, Gail Acosta, Chuck Black, Alex, Thomas & Gus Sheets, Wayne Blanchard, Barbara Petra

Meeting Called to Order: Todd called the meeting to order at 6:31pm.

Review/Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting: Chuck made a motion to accept minutes from April 20, 2016 meeting; Gail seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

Requests to Change Agenda/Public Comment: None.

New Business

FairPoint Letter: In regard to the response letter from FairPoint, Alex Sheets suggested that the Select Board take them up on their offer to have an informational meeting to explain what internet service capabilities are available to Peru. Alex said he would compose a letter inviting FairPoint to speak.

Town Plan Hearing: Due to not having an updated Town Plan, Peru lost its Town Designation. John LaVecchia has advised the Select Board that he will hold a hearing to adopt the updated Peru Town Plan on June 15th, 2016 at 6:15 pm.

Old Business

Town Garage: The Select Board reviewed and accepted an estimate from Doane Builders to modify the Town Garage bathroom to become compliant with State handicapped accessibility requirements as per previous approved plans. Todd made a motion to accept the estimate with the stipulation that it include specific reference be made to the tapering of the cement floor; Gail seconded; all in favor; motion passed. Estimate on file at Town Center Office.

Community House: Chuck had no update on lift chair.

Road Foreman Report: Wayne reported that the graveling was done on South Road. **Bids for culvert work on Hapgood Pond Road, has been submitted by:

Merrill Excavating, Inc.	\$1,935.00
Hunter Excavating, Inc.	\$1,400.00
L&W Williams Construction	\$1,105.00
David Chaves Excavating, Inc.	\$1,500.00

**Bids on file at the Town Center Office.

Culverts will be supplied by the Town of Peru and traffic control will be provided by the road crew. Todd recused himself from discussion and negotiation on this project due to a conflict of interest. Chuck made a motion to accept and award the bid for culvert work on Hapgood Pond Road to L&W Williams Construction; Gail seconded; Todd recused himself from vote; all in favor; motion passed.

Wayne said that there is a tree that needs to be removed on South Road before the paving work can begin. Contact will be made with the homeowner before proceeding with removal. Because of the trees location and accessibility, Wayne recommends that this job be hired out. Chuck suggested that because it is such a small job that the Select Board hire L&W Williams Construction to assist in the removal. Due to a conflict of interest, Todd recused himself from discussion and voting on this issue. After discussion, Chuck made a motion to hire L&W Williams Construction; Gail seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

The backhoe Twist O' Wrist connection needs replacement. Wayne contacted Nortrax and received a proposal in the amount of \$3,557. for the complete attachment. Wayne will order as soon as possible.

In regard to road side mowing, bid sheets will be mailed out to Dave Hosley and Bruce Orchitt for this year's work. The Select Board has asked that all responses be returned as sealed bids as soon as possible.

New road signs are expected shortly.

The Select Board discussed the new paving estimates. In addition, the resurfacing on South Road and Hapgood Pond Road, the status of the resurfacing and new pavement grants and culvert replacement on Lovers Lane were discussed. Chuck made a motion to accept the bid from Fuller Sand & Gravel for the pavement/resurfacing project; Todd seconded; all in favor; motion passed. Decision on grants are still pending.

The road crew is busy with spring clean-up and the prep work for the culvert on Lovers Lane has been completed. The Town dump truck will be available for Green-Up Day May 7th - 8th for collection of bags.

Other Business

Homeowner, Susan Posthauer, contacted Margaret Cobb via e-mail about donating her property located on Glen Road.

Donna Williams asked the Select Board about the property tax refund from the State of Vermont after Burr & Burton took the Mountain Campus out of current use. It will be looked into as to who keeps the refund.

The Select Board was made aware that the State of Vermont no longer requires towns to appoint a Service Officer.

Chuck reported that ISO fire rating for the Town will go directly to Todd.

Gail said that the Peru Fair Committee would like to use the Town Center meeting room for its Tuesday meetings. Barbara asked that Fran contact her with specific dates to avoid any conflicts on the calendar.

Review Bills and Approve Payments: The Select Board reviewed all bills and approved payment.

Adjournment: Todd adjourned the meeting at 8:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Petra
Assistant Town Clerk
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