

Peru Selectboard Meeting Minutes

July 19, 2017

Present: Todd Williams, Gail Acosta, Chuck Black, Wayne Blanchard, LJ Petra, Barbara Petra, Margaret Cobb

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

Review/ Approve Minutes: Gail made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 5, 2017 meeting as written, Chuck seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

Request to Change Agenda/ Public Comment: Barbara Petra was thrilled with the outcome of the work done on the Green. She updated the Select Board on the last meeting of the Peru Village Green committee. The committee came up with a “wish list” of possible projects for future development of the Green. Barbara has contacted Catherine Bryars of the BCRC seeking information of possible grant monies for any of these projects. The committee will be discussing a more detailed plan for the Green as information comes to them.

New Business

Community House Painting: Gail reported the Select Board received painting estimates from Bacon Painters and Dibble Painters. After discussion, a motion was made by Todd for the Town of Peru to contract with Dibble Painters to paint as per estimate dated June 13, 2017 in the amount of \$14,000.; Gail seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

Old Business

Berman Fill Update: Todd has drafted a letter to Peter Berman in regard to the limitations he has in creating a berm on his property. It has been determined that a permit will be required before any work or materials can be delivered. This letter will be shared with the Select Board.

Other Business

Village Green: Chuck will be posting signs to keep off the newly seeded areas.

Resident in Need of Assistance: Gail reported that there still has been no resolution to the problem of a resident accumulating and burning trash on his property. Concerns of the neighbors for health and safety were again brought to the attention of the Select Board. Gail contacted the Department of Environmental Conservation. She was advised that a report can be filed and it can be handled by the State. Todd recused himself; discussion continued; Gail made a motion that the Select Board completes an Environmental Violation Report against Roland Williams/Andean on the burning and accumulation of trash on his property; Chuck seconded; two in favor, one recuse; motion passed.

Peru Town Items Worth Selling: The 42” oak door that was used in the entrance of the Main Street Makery might be worth money. Gail will work on posting and selling it.

Wayne will attempt to sell the brush hog.

Road Side Mowing: Would it be worth purchasing a Roadside Mower for the Town? Owning one would allow mowing to occur as it's needed and at least twice during the spring and summer months. The goal being to cut the weeds back, specifically the poison parsnip, before they goes to seed. Wayne will research pricing of new and used Roadside Mowers.

Road Foreman Report: Everything is good.

Wayne and Brian have been working on Anderson Road - ditching, seeding, haying, laying gravel and cleaning culverts. Once the forest service marks the trees at the end of the road Will Crandall will log and remove them.

Culverts - Removed and replaced with 18” gray culvert on Walts Camp Road and in two locations on Mad Tom Notch Road.

Ditching - Wayne spoke with the Petra's and Alan to explain the ditching work required along their road. Work started at the parking turn around area on Mad Tom and continued until the Petra's property. To complete the project, gravel, seed and hay will be laid.

Wayne will purchase more liquid to apply to the dirt roads, preventing loss of road surface and providing a dust-free traveling surface.

Sand - Wayne will call a couple companies for pricing and samples of sand.

Main Street Ditch - The search continues for the ditch around the Schuell / Roberts property. Wayne found a piece of slate.

Grants - Peru was awarded a culvert grant. Todd and Wayne will meet Friday morning to complete the paper work.

North Road Extension - Work will be starting soon along North Road.

Executive Session: The board did not move into executive session.

Discussion occurred concerning the Town Constable, specifically hours worked and a job description. The board will research state statues and draft a letter.

Special Meeting: Todd made a motion to approve the minutes from the special end of the fiscal year meeting; Chuck seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

Review Bills and Approve Payment: The Selectboard reviewed all bills and approved payment.

Adjournment: Todd adjourned the meeting at 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Cobb
Peru Town Clerk