

Selectboard Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2015

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

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

Request to Change Agenda/Public Comment: No changes.

Review/Approve Minutes: Charlie made a motion that minutes from the April 1, 2015 meeting would be changed to reflect that the pressure washer could be borrowed from Londonderry not Winhall. Gail seconded, all in favor, motion moved.

New Business

Rummage Sale: Barbara Petra asked the Select Board to consider a rummage sale to take place in the Town Center parking lot on Green-Up Day May 2nd. Discussion regarding extra cars, traffic control, etc ensued. Wayne was asked to have the Town dump truck in parking lot for Saturday and Sunday to collect bags. Charlie made a motion to allow the rummage sale; Todd seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

Charlie Howard: Charlie made the Select Board aware that he was changing his residence to one in Landgrove, VT. Charlie will still be registered to vote in and will maintain a property in Peru. He would like to finish out his term as a Select Board member but will not run for re-election next year. Charlie will be available to discuss this with any persons only at a scheduled Select Board meeting.

Reappointment: It was noted, that two people are allowed to be representatives if anyone was interested. Since Paul Myers has not returned to Peru yet, the Select Board would like to table his reappointment as representative to the Bennington County Regional Commission. Charlie made a motion to table Paul's reappointment; Gail seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

Worker's Comp: Charlie reported that the Town has incurred an increase in claims exposure and a rate increase. This is due to an increase in worker compensation claims in recent years.

Peru Village: Gail shared with the Select Board correspondence from Richard Amore of the Village Center Designation Program. Mr. Amore will be doing a walking tour of Peru on May 20th at 5:30 pm. He is requesting that residents, especially those who live in the village, to join in the walk. The Planning Commission will also be invited. He will then make a presentation at the Town Center at 6:00pm prior to the Select Board meeting at 6:30pm. Information will be posted on the Town website.

Old Business

None:

Other Business

Excess Weight Permits: Permits were reviewed, approved and signed.

Liquor License: Renewal was reviewed, approved and signed for Bromley Mountain.

Bromley vs Hammer: The Select Board received a letter saying that the suit was settled. Charlie has been trying to reach the Towns attorney for an explanation why the suit was settled and Peru has not received taxes that are due. Charlie will update.

LEOP Contact: Todd questioned Allison at the Local Emergency Operational Program if we need to reapprove each year. He is waiting for an answer.

Roads Report: Wayne says Peru roads are in pretty good shape likely due to the slow thaw. The grader is in need of repair, loss of power to the motor needs to be addressed. Nortrax is scheduled to do the service. Wayne continues to have problems with the dump truck. It was discussed about pricing out a new truck for purchase in 2016. Road crew has started Town center clean-up, culvert cleaning, removal of downed trees, etc. A couple of loads of gravel are needed to maintain the parking area along the Town Green. Paving will start soon on South Road. Select Board was asked to review, approve and sign Wayne's Financial Plan, Form TA60. Gail asked about the guardrails on Hapgood Pond Road. Wayne said he was working on getting the necessary material to repair the guardrails. Fixing of the bumps on Hapgood Pond Road was discussed.

Review/Approve Bills: After review, the Liberty Mutual bill was removed from the pay order. Not due till June, Charlie asked we look to see if we could find better rates for comparable coverage. All other bills were approved and will be paid.

Adjournment: Charlie Howard adjourned the meeting at 7:45pm; Gail seconded; all in favor; meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Petra
Assistant Clerk
Town of Peru
April 28, 2015