

Peru Selectboard Meeting December 6, 2017

Present: Chuck Black, Todd Williams, Gail Acosta, Barbara Petra, Jan Georgett, Al Cartwright, and Jill Braddish

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

Review and Approve Minutes: Todd made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 15, 2017 meeting as written; Gail seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

Request to Change Agenda/Public Comment: Jill would like to add to Other Business discussion of switching internet and phone provider. Jan and Al asked the Selectboard for permission to put up a Christmas tree in the Town green. The tree will be donated. Hope Richardson will be in charge of the decorations and lights. Jan and Al hope that this will become a yearly event entailing a community tree lighting ceremony followed by the Historical Society Holiday party. The Selectboard granted their request and suggested that the lights be on a timer. Todd will turn the power on.

New Business

None

Old Business

Resident in Need of Assistance: Hal Wilkins provided the Selectboard with an update and this issue remains stable.

Preservation of Historic Photos: Barbara Petra presented the Selectboard with an estimate from Framery in Vermont to reframe 4 historic photos that are in the Town's possession. Barbara asked if this expense could be covered by the Art Kelton Fund. Todd gave Barbara a grant request form and will forward it to Art when she completes it.

Other Business

Fire Alarm: Barbara updated the Selectboard on the status of the Town Office's fire alarm system. Discussion ensued as to if the fire alarm should be connected to an outside monitoring system. Barbara has received an estimate from Catamount Security for servicing the system, as it should be inspected every year, and hooking it up for monitoring purposes. She is waiting for an estimate from Tom at First Line Security.

Internet/Phone Provider: Jill asked the Selectboard for approval to switch internet and phone services over to Comcast. There will be upfront expenses but the monthly cost will be less and the Town Office will have faster internet service. Gail made a motion to change the phone and internet service over to Comcast and end our contract with Fairpoint Communications; Todd seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

Budget Discussion: The Selectboard reviewed the budget and started work on 2018/2019 proposals.

Road Foreman Report: None

Review Bills and Approve Payments: The Selectboard viewed and approved all bills for payment.

Adjournment: Todd adjourned the meeting at 9:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jill Braddish
Peru Town Clerk

