

Peru Selectboard Meeting January 17, 2018

Present: Chuck Black, Gail Acosta, Hope Richardson, Wayne Blanchard, and Jill Braddish

Meeting called to order: Gail called the meeting to order at 6:31pm.

Review and Approve Minutes: Chuck made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 3, 2018 meeting as written; Gail seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

Request to Change Agenda/Public Comment: Hope Richardson talked about her ideas and efforts to bring forth a petition to ban the use of plastic bags in the Town of Peru. Discussion ensued. Chuck encouraged Hope to present this information under Article 6: To transact other business that may properly come before the meeting. He also suggested that in the future if she would like this to be in the Town Report she should write a resolution to present to the Selectboard. Gail suggested that Hope express her interest and concern to our State Representative, Linda Joy Sullivan to ask her assistance to move forward at the state level.

New Business

Assistant Town Clerk Salary to be Determined: Chuck made a motion to approve a pay rate of \$14/hour for the position; Gail seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

Discuss Smoke Detectors and Fire Extinguishers for the Community House: Gail presented her concern that there were no fire extinguishers or smoke detectors at the community house and thought it important that we should protect this building. A discussion followed and it was agreed these safeguards were important to install. Chuck commented that as it is a public building the smoke detectors should be hard wired. Gail asked Jill to call Adam Rawson at Veteran's Electric for an estimate and Green Mountain Fire Inc. to provide the extinguishers. The Selectboard affirmed that Jill should contact Catamount Securities to have the Town Office fire alarm system inspected.

Application for Special Event Permit: Gail made a motion to approve a 1 day liquor license for Mad River Distillers on 2/21/2018 at Bromley; Chuck seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

Old Business

Town Budget: The Selectboard will finalize the budget at a special meeting once a surplus figure is determined.

Other Business

Portable toilet: Hal Wilkins asked the Selectboard if they were interested in using a portable toilet at the South Rd sandpit. The toilet was donated to the Town and no longer needed for its intended use. The Selectboard decided that there is no use for it.

Road Foreman Report: Wayne presented fuel pump estimates to the Selectboard. The Selectboard agreed to move forward with replacing the old pump as this has been budgeted for. The new Back hoe is arriving tomorrow and will be put to use immediately. All trucks are being utilized, however Truck #1 needs some repair. Salt usage is up from last year due to the cold weather.

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

Adjournment: Gail adjourned the meeting at 8:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jill Braddish
Peru Town Clerk