

Peru Selectboard Meeting July 18, 2018

Present: Chuck Black, Todd Williams, Gail Acosta, Wayne Blanchard, Fran Tobia, Carolyn Tobia, David Cooper, Juliette Britton, John Mowry, 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 July 4, 2018 meeting as written; Chuck seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

Request to Change Agenda/Public Comment: David Cooper, Esq came to the meeting on behalf of Juliette Britton. He outlined three purposes for his attendance and also commented that he will speak to the Planning Commission as well. First, he would like to understand if the Town supports Juliette and the JJ Hapgood Store and make sure that everyone is on the same page. Second, he wants to calm the waters/mend the fences after the difficult Planning Commission meeting last week. He has recommended Juliette to fulfill the wishes of the Planning Commission in planting grass and adding cornerstones. He would like more clarity regarding the parking request and the conflicts with the stop sign. Lastly, in looking forward he is hoping that the Planning Commission will allow Juliette to submit an application for a permanent structure to be built within a 3-5 year period and in the meantime allow an ice cream trailer for temporary use to test the profitability of such an expansion.

John Mowry asked the Selectboard if he could pursue replacing the dilapidated bridge on Stone Place Rd with a foot bridge mainly to be used for bike use. The Forest Service has designated this as a bike trail but it is considered a Town road. This part of the road is not utilized for anything but recreation and is part of the Catamount Trail. John will look into various outlets for funding. The Selectboard granted John permission to move ahead with his plan and he will report back.

New Business

Fran Tobia to Talk About Being Bit By A Dog: Fran reported that she was bit by Jeremy LaPan's dog on June 29, 2018. She has filed a Animal Bite Report form and expressed her disappointment with the Animal Control Officers response to this matter. Fran is hoping that this incident will spark better protocol on how dog bites are handled in the Town and wants this conversation reflected in the minutes. The Selectboard will hold a hearing within 7 days of receiving the complaint as stated in the statute.

Old Business

Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation /Municipal Roads General Permit: This is mandatory and the application fee is included in the payorder.

Village Green Update: Frost tested the water and determined it was potable. Todd will speak with Gary at Frost to determine what our options are in regards to access. Barbara is working on grants for parking and rock wall work.

Other Business

Dog Bit Hearing date: The Selectboard set a date for Monday July 23, 2018 at 6:00pm. Todd will call Jeremy. Jill will warn the meeting and send a letter of notice to Jeremy.

Appointment: Carl Holcomb Sr. advised the Selectboard that there was an opening on the Cemetery Commission due to David Farnum's leave. Todd made a motion to appoint Jeremy LaPan to the Cemetery Commission to fill David Farnum's term which expires in 2020; Chuck seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

Trees: Todd made a motion to approve Joe Blairs estimate for \$1320.00 to cut and remove the large dead maple at the Town Office and trim the maple tree in the cemetery; Gail seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

Name Change Request: Todd made a motion to approve the name change on Johnny Seesaw's liquor license from the business entity JS, LLC to Denpos, LLC; Gail seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

Road Foreman Report: Wayne reported that the mower will be delivered Monday. Two culverts on Mad Tom Notch have been replaced, knotweed has been mowed down, and more dust control has been ordered for Anderson Rd. Wayne asked for permission to fix the drainage problem in front of Pamela Roberts house on Main St. The Selectboard advised that the Town should get the owner's permission. Todd requested that Wayne cut back limbs leaning out onto South Rd, move the pedestrian crossing sign back into the middle of the road, and change the location of the speed cart.

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

Adjournment: Todd adjourned the meeting at 8:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jill Braddish
Peru Town Clerk