

Peru Selectboard Meeting Minutes

June 7, 2017

Present: Todd Williams, Gail Acosta, Chuck Black, Barbara & LJ Petra, Wayne Blanchard, Peter & Rosemary Berman, and Jill Braddish.

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 May 17th, 2017 meeting; Todd seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

Request to Change Agenda/Public Comment: None

New Business

Discussion of Peter Berman's Plan for fill: The Selectboard was made aware that Peter Berman was acquiring 2000 yards of fill from Ryan Prins to create a berm on his property that backs Mad Tom Notch Rd. and fill in a ditch on Caitlin Rd. LJ and Barbara Petra stated that they sympathize with Mr. Berman's concerns about the water issue on his property and support him in trying to correct the issue, however, they want to be assured that the planned work will be done in accordance with Federal, State and local permitting and that it will not affect the structural integrity of Mad Tom Notch Road. Hal Wilkins and the Selectboard will research permits required and the Town's right of way for water discharge from culverts along the road. LJ asked the Selectboard for a prompt determination if permits are needed and if so could engineering design and construction plans be provided along with an environmental report on the quality of the fill being used. Peter Berman confirmed that he is having fill delivered by Ryan Prins's contractor but no date has been set. His intentions are to use the fill to replace soil taken by the Town and fill in ditches on his property. He stated he had no intentions of filling in the ditch on Caitlin Rd. Todd asked Peter not to start any work before the Selectboard can conclude their research on the legalities of the planned

job. Todd also asked Peter if he would keep the Selectboard posted on his plans and findings. Both parties agreed to these terms.

Appoint Village Preservation Committee: Todd made a motion to appoint Gail Acosta, Peggy Powell, Barbara Ardell, and Sally Ogden to the Village Preservation Committee; Chuck seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

Special Selectboard Meeting: The Selectboard will meet Tuesday June 27, 2017 at 4:00pm to review year end bills and sign the payorder.

Old Business

Community House: Josh Wengerd from Redesign Construction is finishing up inside plaster and an outside board needs to be painted. The work is scheduled to be done by the end of the week. It was discussed if the concrete pad on the side of the building could and should be removed to enhance drainage. The place looks great! Gail mentioned that the building needs to be painted. As this is a big expense the Selectboard will get estimates and budget for next year. The Firehouse door and the Town Center windowsills also need to be painted.

Town Green: Todd wanted to clarify who was on the Town Green Committee. Barbara Petra, Chair, confirmed the other members were Gail Acosta, Fran Tobia, Juliette Britton, Sally Ogden, Barbara Ardell, Stewart Beattie, and Margaret Cobb. The Selectboard has received a revised estimate from David Chaves. The electrician will provide one as well but would like the plan to be staked out. Todd has contacted Stewart to see if he can do this. The contractors are still waiting for better weather before proceeding with the work. Barbara Petra was inquiring if drawings could be made for the Green plans showing drains, contour, elevation, and conduits.

Other Business

Oil/Propane: The town will continue to use Cota and Cota and Blue Flame for providers.

Road Foreman Report: Wayne advised the Selectboard that Bruce Orchitt will provide paperwork to Todd. The Town will sign a contract with him for road side mowing if he can match last year's price. Peter Salo is working on North Rd ext. to control beavers. He would like to take out the bigger damn and set up traps. The road crew is ditching on Anderson Road. Approximately \$6,700 worth of gravel will be purchased from Chaves and they will bill the Town before the last payorder of the fiscal year. Within the next month Will Crandall will drop trees on Andersen Road in exchange for the logs. The Forest Service will mark the trees and the Town will pay a stumpage fee. Other work includes guardrails, grading, and mowing.

Personnel: Todd called an executive session at 8:55pm to discuss personnel. The Selectboard came out of executive session at 8:56pm. The board granted Jill Braddish's request for a pay increase of \$1.50/hour starting July 1, 2017.

RAS Ride: The annual RAS bike ride will be held June 24, 2017 and will be starting at Wild Wings Cross Country Center.

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

Adjournment: Todd adjourned the meeting at 9:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Braddish
Assistant Town Clerk

