

Peru Selectboard Meeting  
May 16, 2018

**Present:** Chuck Black, Gail Acosta, Todd Williams, Jennie Freeman, Wayne Blanchard

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

**Review and Approve Minutes:** Todd made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 2, 2018 meeting as written: Gail seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

**Request to Change Agenda/Public Comment:** None

**New Business** Todd has been working with Stacy Stratton on trees at end of Anderson Rd. Waiting for email from Forest Service with contract to clarify details. Will Crandall will handle the job.

**Old Business**

**Update on Loss Control Report:** Northern Tool (being used to order supplies in response to Loss Control) Will receive invoices as opposed to using credit card. Estimate #91 from Veteran Electric to put in emergency lighting and wiring for compressor - \$1862.86. Todd made a motion to approve estimate and have Adam do the work; Gail seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

**Resident in need of assistance update:** Despite help that has been provided, problems persist in regards to Roland's situation. As a town we need to move forward on this, help the neighbors. Todd said we should contact Rob Woolmington. DEC has air quality standards that they should be enforcing. Gail pointed out that we are not following VT statute municipal and county government (2201) in regards to improper handling of refuse and human waste. Chuck asked who enforces this and continued to comment saying Roland has been in the same place for 40 years. Everyone who is up there came to Roland. They purchased real estate next door to an individual who is unhealthy. Regardless, Roland is not following the rules.

Discussion lead to decision to go the municipal route. Roland is in violation of disposal of personal waste. Contact Rob Woolmington. We need to utilize municipal enforcement action as other routes have failed.

Gail willing to work with Rob Woolmington and Hal Wilkins in navigating forward movement with the situation.

Todd would like to be included in information exchanges. Gail will keep Board informed as the process proceeds.

Todd asked that Gail contact Sarah Zaino once Rob Woolmington, and Hal, have been contacted so that Sarah knows we are communicating with her.

Hal has checked with State Police regarding the situation and ran the scenario by them in an effort to search out the best route for a solution.

### **Other Business**

Resident request regarding road ownership. Gardner would like to change the name of road to New Spring Farm Rd. He is inquiring for procedure for changing the name of a road. He is also asking to take over ownership of the road. Is this because he isn't meeting the zoning setbacks? The board discussed that it is what it is. It has always been that way. There is significance and history to the name. Todd doesn't see any reason to change the name of the road. Chuck pointed out that we are just about the only town in VT that takes this position. The board currently is not in favor of changing the name. Todd will notify Hal re: this decision.

**Community House:** Suzanne has approval from the Selectboard to put planters where the fence will be removed.

### **Road Foreman Report:**

Fuel tank in fire department. Chuck said yes it can be moved out. Everything is graded up nicely. Every road been picking up deadfall. No problems to report on equipment except for the 550. Fun week last week! Hunter wanted to know what we were thinking on patching on North Rd. Wants to make sure he helps the town anyway he can. What should be done to solve problem? Ditch and culvert go down side of road. Culvert goes under road. No underdrain under the road. Wayne believes it seems to be an underdrain issue that needs to be addressed. Given there isn't any drainage there we should repair properly. Wayne will check with Jim then with Hunter to get estimate. Hunter did return to clean up the site. He did what he said he would do. Tom Foller will hit all the spots we need done when he comes. Jill getting insurance information to Todd then he can sign and return to secure the funding for this paving project. Wayne will get in touch with Tom to get us scheduled in.

Todd asked about soccer goal at town park. Wayne is going to check out the general condition of the entire playground.

Next projects - lawn cleanup. Brush cutting on Anderson Rd. Do some graveling after July and new budget comes in.

Inv. from Northern Safety bills addressing Loss Control should be coded #482.

We should bill Seesaws for 2 posts, 2 brackets, 2 signs. Everything else the town will pay for and should be coded 705.

Wayne going to replace a few culverts on top of North Rd.

Speed cart - should get that out and utilized.

Yield to Pedestrians signs - Todd suggested those get put out in town, too.

Wayne looking into what it would take to straighten rails near box culvert near Jim? house. He will paint if the town straightens them. Cosmetic improvement.

Question re: covering new electrical work on town green. Barbara?

### **Other Business**

Chuck made motion to approve liquor license for Lodge at Bromley. Gail seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

Chuck informed board about upcoming Forest Service Project.

Roger Fox has been re-appointed as Town Healthy Officer.

### **Review Bills and Approve Payments:**

Question regarding whether town is exempt from this charge. Plates should be red. Check with Wayne.

The Selectboard viewed and approved all bills for payment.

**Adjournment:** Todd adjourned the meeting at 8:26

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jennie Freeman  
Peru Assistant Town Clerk