

**TOWN of PERU  
Selectboard Meeting  
March 19, 2014**

**Present: Charlie Howard, Todd Williams, Grant Braddish, Fran Tobia, Bob Stelz, Larry Daley, Karen Utiger, Chuck Black, Debra Hodis, Margaret Cobb**

**Michael Cobb arrived at 6:40PM**

**Call to order: At 6:30PM by Charlie Howard.**

**Recommendation to approve minutes: Charlie Howard made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Selectboard meeting. Todd Williams seconded. Motion passed.**

**Grant Braddish said Michael Cobb is not able to finish his term as Selectboard member. Grant said he is willing to complete the one year left, of the three year term, which expires at the 2015 Town Meeting. Charlie made the motion to appoint Grant Braddish as a Selectboard member to complete Michael Cobb's term. Todd seconded and motion passed.**

**Grant is back as Selectboard member.**

**Grant is happy to do this for Michael. He appreciates Michael's effort and dedication.**

**Michael is grateful to Grant for picking up the slack.**

**Fran Tobia: Peru Fair Business**

**At next year's fair there will not be booths in front of the J.J. Hapgood Store or the Main Street Makery located in the Community House. So, Fran is hoping to utilize the Peru Town Center parking lot for music and vendors. She is also proposing two drop off locations, South Road between Main St and Rte 11 and the West entrance to Peru off Rte 11 plus an increase number of buses. Laurie Gayda will be heading up the Transportation Committee and she will be communicating with Stratton and Bromley. Handicap parking will be in front of the Martin's and Fran will discuss this with them.**

**Debra Hodis: Speed Limit Signs on South Road**

**Debbie proposed speed limit signs and share the road signs be posted on South Road. Grant said it is a Class 2 road so it could be posted with 40mph signs. Charlie made a motion to pursue this proposal by researching the logistics and cost for speed signs and share the road signs. Grant seconded and motion passed.**

**Chuck Black: Fire Warden Position**

**Chuck would like to fulfill another 5 year term starting July 1st as the First Fire Warden and needs the signatures of the three Selectboard members. Grant made a motion to appoint Chuck Black for another 5 year term as the First Fire Warden and Charlie seconded. Motion passed. Chuck will take care of the paper work.**

**Emergency Managers for the Town are Chuck Black and Jon Mowry. They are responsible for local emergency planning.**

**Bob Stelz: Auditor's Committee**

Bob complimented the Selectboard on hiring Wayne Blanchard as the new Road Foreman. He has been doing a great job clearing the roads this winter.

The Auditor's Committee sent letters to concerned citizens, John Maher, Karen Utiger and Tracy Black indicating they would like to meet with the Selectboard at the April 2nd meeting to determine what needs to be done to correct the auditor's report. The Selectboard agreed to the meeting.

**Larry Daley: Newly elected Second Town Constable**

Larry is willing to perform the work so he will need a badge, blue light and "Town of Peru Constable" magnet sign for the side of his vehicle. Larry was asked to call the Criminal Justice Training Council to determine the roles and responsibilities of a Constable. The question of what authority constables have and what training is needed to exercise their authority was also mentioned. Larry will do some research and report back to the board.

**Karen Utiger: Town Budget**

The proposed 2014-2015 Town budget needs to be corrected. Article 3A in the warning does not have a dollar amount but since an amount of \$752,425 was given for the vote we are obligated to work with that amount. This number is \$1,000.00 short. The total income section, to be raised by taxes, was calculated incorrectly. Line item 852, town tree maintenance, is the line that was not included in the total. Charlie made a motion to correct the \$1,000.00 error in the budget by reducing line 404, Selectmen expense, and returning it to town tree maintenance, line 85. Todd seconded and motion passed.

Charlie asked Karen about the treasurer's filing system. Discussion ensued and Karen said it is up to her as the treasurer to determine the type of filing system to be used.

The Collaborative sent a thank you note for giving the Collaborative permission to attend the Town meeting and distributing their community survey.

**New Business:**

**Item #1: Drug and Alcohol Testing**

The Town is required to process drug and alcohol testing for the road crew. VLCT has an organization that performs testing. They also have a model drug and alcohol policy that can be tweaked and changed to specifically fit our Town's requirements. An annual review of the road crew's driver's license report is also required. The Town also needs a designated employee representative (DER). Charlie will be the representative and Grant will be the alternate representative.

**Item #2: New Open Meeting Law**

The Vermont legislature is poised to pass a new open meeting law that requires an agenda listing specific topics to be discussed at the meeting to be posted two to three days ahead of the meeting.

**Item #3: Dates and Times of Selectboard Meeting**

Charlie made a motion to schedule the Selectboard meeting the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month starting at 6:30PM. Grant seconded and motion passed.

**Item #4: Designate Paper of Record**

Charlie made a motion to designate the Rutland Herald as the paper of record. Grant seconded and motion approved.

**Old Business:**

Minutes from the Peru Town meeting approved and signed by the Selectboard.

Town website needs continued research.

**Storage Tank at Peru Town Garage/ Fire Station:**

Todd had a conversation with Rick Oberkirch at the State who said he thinks a tank is a possibility with exact criteria. Logistics and costs need to be determined. Charlie made a motion to continue research and Grant seconded. Motion passed.

**Excess Weight Permits:**

Larry White, Camp Precast Concrete and Tatro Construction submitted permits. Grant made a motion to approve permits with restrictions and Todd seconded. Motion passed.

**Liquor Licenses:**

Charlie made a motion to approve the various liquor licenses for J.J. Hapgood General Store, Bromley Ski Resort, and Johnny Seesaws. Grant seconded and motion passed.

**Other Business:**

**Town Service Officer:**

Charlie made a motion to reappoint Pastor Margaret as the Town Service Officer. Grant seconded and motion passed.

**Emergency Relief and Assistance Funds:**

Grant is in the process of completing the five required steps needed to secure funds in emergency situation. Two steps have been completed and the other three are moving forward.

**Invoices and Bills Reviewed:**

Pay order was reviewed and approved.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40PM

