

Town of Peru Selectboard Meeting

August 6, 2014

Present: Charlie Howard, Grant Braddish, Todd Williams, Wayne Blanchard, Dick Anderson, Bob Stelz, Paul Myers, Margaret Cobb

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Grant Braddish at 6:30pm.

Request to change Agenda: None moved.

Review/ Approve Minutes: Grant made a motion to approve the minutes of July, 16, 2014 as posted. Charlie seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

New Business:

Road Crew Ad/ Applications: Two applications for the road crew position have been received. The ad was posted in the Rutland Herald, the Town's official paper, for three days. Wayne and Charlie were told the ad was not seen by many individuals. Grant would like more applications. Charlie will put the ad in the Manchester Journal and the Message. The deadline to receive applications will be Friday August 22, 2014. Wayne stated he can work by himself for a couple of weeks.

Bromley Mt Brook Condo Association vs Hammer/ Peru: This is a complaint of foreclosure that Bromley Mountain Brook Condo Association has filed against Geoffrey Hammer with the Bennington Superior Court. The Town of Peru is also named in this complaint. Rob Wilmington, the Town of Peru's lawyer has been in communication with Miller, Faignant & Robbason attorneys for Bromley Mt Brook Condo association to have the Town removed from this complaint. Grant will touch base with Rob to clarify.

Liberty Mutual Loss Prevention: This is a notice to review safety procedures and insurance coverage.

Street Light Proposal: Efficiency Vermont is suggesting Town's update street lights to LED bulbs. Grant would like to know about the cost and payback period. Charlie will research this information. Account number is 628.

Old Business:

Salt Shed Application: The zoning permit was filed and the two week waiting period is completed. Wayne will let Joey from Gouveia Builder to start construction on the Salt Shed.

Town Garage Water System Update: Floyd Davis and Ted Bridgmen received a notice of overshadowing relating to the application to the State of Vermont for a wastewater system and potable water supply permit at the Town Garage/ Firehouse. Ted spoke with Ralph Michael, the engineer hired by the Town, to design the proposed bathroom addition who answered his questions. The permit has been filed with the State and has been received for recording in the Peru Land Records on August 5, 2014. The bathroom addition and wastewater system will be an article voted at the Town Meeting in March.

Dog Ordinance Update: Amanda Kehoe signed for and received the notification letter regarding fines for failure to license dogs. If the fine is not paid it will continue to accrue. The appropriate steps will continue to be followed.

Outside Use of Town Hall: The request was rescinded.

Paving Update: Wayne stated the paving on Hapgood Pond Rd and North Rd has been completed. The paving on Hapgood Pond Rd started at the stop sign in Town and completed 100 feet before the entrance to Hapgood Pond. The paving on North Rd is a small section from the North edge of the park to Savage Rd. Apron work will start next week.

Web Site Update: The web site is a work in progress. The thought is to start small, specifically as a municipal site with Town Government information available.

Other Business:

Bob Stelz: Next Tuesday August 6th the National Forest Service has a showing of forest land at the end of Pierce Rd. Bob is uncertain when the logging will begin but the job is required to be completed in three years.

Bob also had questions concerning the Town budget and the tax rate being set. Grant confirmed the budget is set which establishes the municipal tax rate.

Dick Anderson: Was counting cars in front of Flood Brook Union School. Questioning the student teacher ratio at the school. He was informed a more accurate answer would be obtained at a Regional Education District (RED) meeting.

Paul Myers: He obtained a number of pictures of the church steeple from the bucket of the Stratton Fire Department fire truck. There is a lot of wood rot and worn flashing requiring a newly built steeple and roof repair.

Charlie Howard: Charlie will be on vacation September 3rd through September 15th so Todd and Grant will be responsible for the two Selectboard agendas in September. Charlie suggested the Selectboard host a small get together to thank Jim Daley and Carl Holcomb for all their years of service to the Town. This will be discussed further at the next meetings.

Road Foreman Report: Paving is complete and Wayne will call the State to get on the line stripping schedule. Wayne and Carl will get started on filling in the road shoulders as soon as possible.

The salt shed project will start Monday August 11th. Joey Gouveia needs to give the Town his certificate of insurance. The materials have been ordered from R.K. Miles and will be put on his account but paid for by the Town.

Bruce will start road side mowing in mid August.

Carl is willing to help out as contract work if needed in the future.

Truck number 3, yellow international, needs repair work on the brake lines, brakes and a inspection. Wayne will take it to Ricky Warren in Manchester for service. All the other equipment is in good shape.

Berman vs. Peru Update: Grant made a motion to move into executive session at 7:25pm. Charlie seconded, all in favor, motion passed to discuss the Berman case. Out of executive session at 7:30pm. Grant made a motion to accept the settlement as proposed by Bill O'Rourke in the Berman vs. Peru case. Todd seconded, all in favor, motion moved.

Review Bills and Approve Payments: All bills were reviewed and approved for payment. The down payment to Joey for the shed and the estimated cost of materials to R.K. Miles was added to the pay order.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm August 6, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Cobb
Peru Town Clerk
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