

Peru Selectboard Meeting Minutes

December 16, 2015

Present: Charlie Howard, Todd Williams, Stewart Beattie, Michael Batcher, Margaret Cobb

Call to Order: Charlie called the meeting to order at 6:37pm.

Request to Change Agenda/ Public Comment: None

Review/Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting: Minutes Charlie made a motion to approve minutes; Todd seconded; all in favor; motion passed

New Business: None

Old Business:

Hazard Mitigation Plan: Michael Batcher, Regional Planner/ Emergency Management Program Coordinator from the Bennington County Regional Commission, was at the meeting to inform and explain the Hazard Mitigation Plan. He handed out three flyers and said if the Town has a plan in place as a mitigation measure FEMA would provide additional emergency relief and assistance funds after federally-declared disasters. The plan would be good for five years. Discussion ensued. Charlie thanked Michael for his presentation, said there would be continued discussion at the next Selectboard meeting and continued communication.

Town Garage- Bathroom: Mark Roberts has completed the plumbing work and the plumbing inspection will be Wednesday December 23rd. Adam Rawson will start the electrical work on December 17th and Kevin Felion is eager to start the framing and sheet rocking.

Town Budget: The Town budget was discussed and a few line items were adjusted. The Selectboard is waited to hear if the Town will be awarded moneys from the Historic Preservation Grant for repair work on the Community House. The budget will be voted on at the January 6th board meeting.

Other Business:

Street Light: Stewart suggested a LED down lighting street light be put on the utility pole between the church and the Dibble property for security and safety reasons. A Street light was on the pole years ago. There was discussion as to whether a street light would or would not enhance the Town Center. Charlie is attempting to contact Green Mountain Power to replace the blown light by Peggy Powell property and will inquire about the procedure for adding another street light. This proposal will continue to be discussed at the next Selectboard meeting.

Clean Up of Community House Basement: Gail has contacted Fran Tobia in regard to the storage space for the Peru Fair and nothing has been buttoned up. This will be discussed at the next meeting when Gail is present.

Road Foreman Report: Todd said the road sides are being cut back and work was being done on Moffitt Road.

Future Meetings: Charlie is proposing a candidate's information meeting January 20th and a candidate's night February 3rd.

Review Bills and Approve Payments: The Selectboard reviewed and approved bills for payment.

Adjournment: Charlie adjourned the meeting at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Cobb
Peru Town Clerk