

Town of Peru Selectboard Meeting

January 21, 2015

Present: Charlie Howard, Grant Braddish, Todd Williams, Gail Acosta, Chuck Black, Stewart Beattie, Chris Felion, Margaret Cobb

Meeting Called to Order: Charlie called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

Request to Change Agenda: None.

Review/ Approve Minutes: Grant made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 7, 2015 meeting, all in favor, motion passed.

New Business:

Candidates Informational Session: The officers to be elected at Town Meeting were discussed. Grant gave notice that he would not be rerunning for Selectboard.

Articles for Town Report: Charlie read the petition signed by registered voters of the Town. The petition written to the auditors was not valid and illegal for numerous reasons according to the Vermont State Statues. Discussion ensued and the Selectboard determined the proposed petition could be brought forward under “other business” at the Town meeting. Ultimately a vote would be purely advisory and not legally binding.

Agency of Transportation - Weight Limits: The Selectboard reviewed the certificate of highway mileage forms, year ending February 2015, from the Vermont Agency of Transportation and signed. Margaret will sign the form and mail. Todd will review the new on line process and report back to the board at the next meeting.

Old Business:

Appropriations: Three additional organizations, the Cemetery Commission, West River Sports, and the South Londonderry Free Library have asked for appropriations from the Town and will be included in the Town Report.

Other Business:

Second Constable: Charlie asked for some direction from Stewart Beattie regarding the Second Constable position. Stewart believes the position is valuable because it provides additional help when needed.

Snow Removal: Recommendations for Wayne and Brian.

- a) Chuck suggested the first responder's roads get clear early during a storm in preparation for a call.
- b) Stewart would like the snow on the shoulders of Main Street, by the town green, pushed back to accommodate parking.
- c) The Town Center entrance door, ramp and kitchen door exit need to be shoveled and cleared on a regular basis for safety.

Town of Rutland Solar Sitting Standards: The Town of Rutland would like the Town of Peru to show support for their resolution to increase the input of Vermont Municipalities regarding the sitting of renewable energy projects by signing the document. Grant suggests this document be given to the Planning Commission for review.

Fire Mutual Aid: Charlie mentioned the save the date notice for the annual meeting of the Fire Mutual Aid on April 22nd. On the same topic, Stewart said the Tri Mountain Emergency Association was disbanding for lack of participation and not having a dispatch facility and joining Fire Mutual Aid of Keene.

Metal Chair Order: Barbara submitted an order for 48 metal chairs to the Selectboard for approval. Upon completion of discussion, Grant designated \$425 from the office equipment budget line and Charlie will research chairs from Ace Hardware. An order will be placed presently.

Attendance: Grant will not be in attendance at the February 4th Selectboard meeting.

Road Foreman Report: Sunday January 11th, the rain turned the roads to sheets of ice. Chuck had never seen it so bad in forty years. Due to the storm Brian was not able to come in and Wayne did the best he could under the circumstances. The

supply source for winter sand and salt is running short so Todd and Wayne will research various new suppliers. The 550 had a mass air flow sensor replaced.

Executive Session: Charlie made a motion to move into executive session at 7:34pm to discuss election of officers. Regular meeting resumed at 7:45pm with no vote taken.

Bills/ Invoices: Pay order was reviewed and approved.

Meeting Adjourned:

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Cobb
Peru Town Clerk
Town of Peru
January 29, 2015