

Peru Selectboard Meeting Minutes June 21, 2017

Present: Todd Williams, Chuck Black, Barbara & LJ Petra, Juliette Britton, and Margaret Cobb

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

Review/Approve Minutes: Todd made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 7th, 2017 meeting, Chuck seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

Request to Change Agenda/ Public Comment: None

New Business

Additional Parking at JJ Hapgood Store: Todd attended the June 14th, 2017 Planning Commission meeting which included Juliette discussing her zoning permit application that involved expanding the parking area to include five parking spaces in front of the store. As this portion of the application pertains to Peru's roads, it was suggested she attend the next Selectboard meeting with a detailed diagram of the parking plan/project to gain the Selectboard's approval.

Juliette presented the site plan to the Selectboard upon which they determined approximately 45' of parking would be added on the other side of the handicap parking area. They discussed the right of way from the centerline, ideas for transition from pavement to green, bringing the level of the cellar hole up and the slope of the catch basin. Todd and Juliette scheduled a site visit for Sunday June 25th. The initial response being, more parking is a good idea.

Citizen in Need of Assistance: A situation requiring delicate handling has been brought to the attention of the Selectboard. A resident, not necessarily inviting help, could use assistance disposing of garbage in the appropriate manner. It is a potential health hazard to neighbors and is attracting bear. Both Dr. Fox and Pastor Margaret have been informed of the circumstance. A possible solution would be for the Town to provide a dumpster. The Selectboard will reach out and ask for assistance in communicating this resolution.

Old Business

Berman Fill Update: Todd communicated with Rob Woolmington and Bill O'Rourke to discuss the court case of Berman vs. The Town of Peru. The case was settled and a Court Order of Dismissal was issued in August of 2014. Legally Peter cannot fill in the waterways exiting the culverts. Attached is the stipulation for settlement. The Town has prescriptive rights to maintain ditches or to discharge water from culverts on private property. If Peter wants to construct a storm water berm it would be considered a structure thus requiring a State permit from the Department of Natural Resources first. Then a Town zoning permit and site plan approval from the Planning Commission and Zoning Administrator is required. Barbara and LJ questioned the permissibility of having fill delivered and whether a permit is required. Todd will follow up with Hal and Peter about State and Town permits.

Community House: Josh Wengerd from Redesign Construction has completed the scheduled work and updates. Next on the list of projects requiring attention will be painting the building.

Town Green: The Selectboard has heard from and received new estimates from David Chaves Excavating and Veteran Electric. The project remains within the voted budget so it's a go and work will move forward. Nate will start around July 5th or 6th with excavating and drainage. Adam will start the electrical work approximately July 10th. Todd and Barbara will meet at the green Sunday June 25th to discuss the details.

Other Business

Pay Scale: Vermont's minimum wage increased to \$10 an hour beginning January 2017 and will increase to \$10.50 in 2018. Beginning in 2019 it will be indexed to inflation. With this in mind, the Selectboard signed a form to approve changing the pay scale to minimum wage for committee members.

Roadside Mowing: Bruce Orchitt of Orchitt Mowing delivered a bid/ proposal along with a certificate of liability insurance, a non-employee work agreement, a W-9 form and a hold-harmless agreement to the Town on Tuesday June 20th. The 2017 bid/proposal is for the same price agreed upon in 2016. Chuck made a motion to hire Bruce of Orchitt mowing for \$7,500 for roadside mowing; Todd seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

Road Foreman Report: Unusual windstorms, thunder storms and heavy rains caused a number of downed trees to block roads. Brian cleaned up the trees on North Road and Wayne took care of clean up on South Road. Summer work continues.

Review Bills and Approve Payment: The Selectboard reviewed all bills and approved payment.

Adjournment: Todd adjourned the meeting at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Cobb
Peru Town Clerk