

Town of Peru Selectboard Meeting

June 4, 2014

Present: Charlie Howard, Grant Braddish, Todd Williams, Larry Daley, Chuck Black, Jack Pennypacker, Greta Crandall, Wayne Blanchard, Barbara Petra

Call to Order: Charlie Howard called meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Recommendation to approve minutes: Grant Braddish made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 21, 2014 Selectboard meeting. Todd Williams seconded; motion carried.

Old Business:

Item # 1: Jack Pennypacker reported back to the Selectboard on his findings regarding the company to be chosen for the Town's reappraisal. Jack had inquired on the accuracy and reliability of NEMRC. He cited 3 towns which have used NEMRC and were very pleased with their work. Grant asked about being kept apprised of the progress being made since we were paying installments during the work. Jack assured the Board that he and the Listers would be working very closely with NEMRC. Cost increases, such as mailings and additional hours for listers, would be coming from the reappraisal fund. Jack presented a contract for the Selectboard to sign. Grant made a motion to accept the agreement; Charlie seconded; motion carried. Jack advised that the abstract was complete and given to Margaret Cobb, Town Clerk, so that the Grand List can be created.

Item #2: Charlie's inquiries about the 2nd Constable's duties for law enforcement would require criminal justice training and basic training requirements under the sponsorship of a law enforcement agency. After discussion, it was determined that the following would be Larry Daley's duties as 2nd Constable:

1. Serve civil process;
2. Assist the health officer in the discharge of his or her duties;
3. Destroy unlicensed dogs;
4. Kill injured deer;
5. Remove disorderly people from town meeting;
6. Collect taxes if no tax collector is elected;
7. Assist in parking for special events.

Item #3: Parking issue at the Peru Church. Grant reported that Pastor Margaret had published a request that parishioners not park on the Town Green side of the road during Sunday services. Todd brought up the issue of expanding parking at the Green. Chuck Black voiced his concerns about two-sided street parking obstructing emergency vehicles passage. Further discussion on additional scenarios will be entertained.

New Business:

Item #1: Greta Crandall said that after the widening of Mad Tom Notch Road a few years ago, her second drive into her property has become unusable. Wayne Blanchard, Road Foreman, will investigate and assess the situation.

Item #2: Chuck Black presented to the Selectboard corrected financial information from the Town Report. Chuck said the numbers were not in the right place, just a clerical error. He reminded the Select Board that we are still in need of a third auditor. He also recommended the auditors be the officers to reconcile the bank statements each month. Chuck also said the auditors would like to ask that the process of collecting reports begin sooner in the year.

Item #3: Selectboard was presented with a non-binding petition from residents requesting that South Road not be paved.

Item #4: Charlie brought up that it is the 6 month review of Wayne Blanchard as Road Foreman. Charlie made motion to increase Wayne's salary by \$1.00, up to \$23.00 per hour effective immediately; Todd seconded; motion passed.

Item #5: Charlie received pre-buy quote from Cota & Cota for fuel in the amount of \$10,090.28. Motion made to accept quote; seconded; motion carried.

Item #6: Selectboard received notice from Over the Mountain Plumbing which states they no longer will be renting the garage space at the Community House. The premises will be vacant as of June 15, 2014.

Reports:

- #1: Road Foreman, Wayne Blanchard, reported the proposed paving bid for the Town.
 - a. Hapgood Pond Road from the church in the village to Moss Brook Road.
Three intersections top coat only 1 ¼" top coat; Lovers Lane, Moss Brook & Adams Lane, shim ¾", top coat 1 ¼".

- b. North Road at end, as marked. Pave over dirt 2 ½" base, 1 ¼" top coat. Intersection at Savage Road, 1 ¼" top. Town will grade, cutout dirt.
- c. Hapgood Pond Hill culvert crosses (5), shim up to grade; top coat 1" as marked.

Bidder will provide traffic control signs, sweeping, emulsion tack coat and key all joints. Mix must meet all state specifications.

Motion was made for Wayne to follow up on proposed plan; seconded; motion carried. Wayne will be sending out proposal to 3-4 bidders.

Item #2: Wayne reported that neither Lovers Lane nor South Road were ready to be paved. There is much preparation work, including culverts, needed to be done before paving work can be done. It is estimated that \$230,000. would be needed to repair South Road to the bridge.

Item #3: Guardrails on/by Hapgood Pond Road will be done shortly. There is a need for gravel. Wayne requested an updated budget report so he can determine what he can order.

Item #4: Wayne will provide a monthly updated plan to the Select Board. Todd will look into requirements for private road signs.

Item #5: Charlie reported that the Town received certification of operator's license from the DMV regarding Road Crew.

Invoices and bills reviewed: All bills were reviewed and approved for payment.

Other business: None

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm, June 4, 2014

Respectfully submitted,

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Town of Peru, VT