

## **Peru Selectboard Meeting Minutes**

### **March 15, 2017**

**Present:** Todd Williams, Gail Acosta, Chuck Black, Wayne Blanchard, Jim Henderson, Jay Ouellette, Margaret Cobb

**Meeting Called to Order:** Todd called the meeting to order at 6:33pm.

**Review/ Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting:** Todd made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 1, 2017 meeting; Gail seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

**Request to Change Agenda/ Public Comment:**

**Vermont Better Roads Grant Program:** Jim Henderson from Bennington County Regional Commission (BCRC) Regional Planner/ Environmental Program Manager is assisting Peru with completing two grant applications through Vermont Better Roads Grant Program. The first grant concentrates on updating the 2009 culvert inventory and will prioritize project sites. The second grant addresses a stone lined ditch on North Road extension that has filled in with sediment and requires cleaning and relining. Wayne will be the contact person for the projects.

Jim also mentioned the Clean Water Act, specifically focusing on reducing road erosion and runoff issues impacting towns and the statewide parcel mapping initiative.

### **New Business**

**Jay Ouellette:** Jay attended the Selectboard meeting to apologize for his remarks made at the Town Meeting. He was not thoughtful in his comments to Dr. Roger Fox and what he intended to ask and say was not conveyed properly. He has reached out to Dr. Fox to personally make an apology. He also thanked the Town residents for electing him as a member of the initial Board of Directors for the Taconic and Green Regional School District. He will be diligent and do a great job. The Selectboard thanked him for his reflections.

**Elect Selectboard Chair:** Gail made a motion to elect Todd Williams the chair of the Selectboard; Chuck seconded the motion, Todd abstained, majority favor the vote; motion passed.

### **Vote Selectboard Chair to Make Decisions for the Board in an Emergency**

**Situation:** Gail made a motion to give the chair authority in an emergency situation to make decisions for the board, Chuck seconded; all in favor; motion passed. The chair will report to the board at the next scheduled meeting.

### **Old Business**

**Personnel Policy:** Discussion was tabled until May regarding the personnel policy.

**Kelton Family Community Fund:** As the fund was discussed questions surfaced concerning the composition of the board and maintenance of the post office. Gratitude to Art and excitement of how and when to move forward also surfaced. The board will but this on hold until they have some direction from Art.

**Private Road:** Rock Bottom Lane private vs. Town road. Rock Bottom Lane is a private road and the homeowners on the road would be obliged to bring the road up to specifications before the Town would consider converting it to a Town Road. The Town has one year after a road meets specifications to decide on the classification of the road. There has been a Town Road Policy in place since 1991 that outlines the standards adopted. Chuck will send a letter to Bill Stracher.

### **Other Business:**

**Audio Media System:** Gail enquired about the possibility of purchasing a sound bar for the new system due to lack of sound clarity. The budget allotted for the purchase has \$130.00 of unused funds. Todd agreed the board should finish what they started and complete the project correctly. Gail made a motion to spend the surplus monies appropriated for the Audio Media system to purchase a sound bar; Todd seconded; Chuck “nayed”; vote of 2 to 1; motion passed.

**CAI Technologies:** The Selectboard reviewed the contract with CAI Technologies (Cartographics) provider of tax maps and Todd signed the document.

**Unclaimed Property:** Linda Joy Sullivan sent the Selectboard two copies of the list of town residents that have unclaimed property. One copy will be posted at the post office and the second will be available at the Town office for viewing.

**Excess Weight Permits:** Todd made a motion to approve two excess weight permits, one for United Natural Foods and the second one for Lawrence White Construction; Gail seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

**Community House Roof Repair:** The Selectboard thanked Hugo for apprising them of the roof flashing disconnected and blowing in the wind. Re-design Construction was called and quickly came to repair the roof.

**Road Foreman Report:** Truck #2, the International, was having transmission issues during Tuesday's storm so it was good to have old yellow, Truck #3, available. Most residents stayed off the roads during the storm allowing for easier plowing. A service member came to the garage to repair the new truck and it is up and running. Wayne has ordered a couple more loads of salt due to all the icing. At this time of year as temperatures increase the sun helps to melt the snow. Winter is hanging around and keeping the crew busy.

**Review Bills and Approve Payments:** The bills were reviewed and payment was approved.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Cobb  
Peru Town Clerk