

Peru Selectboard Meeting Minutes May 17, 2017

Present: Todd Williams, Gail Acosta, Wayne Blanchard, Stewart Beattie, Margaret Cobb

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

Review/ Approve Minutes: Gail made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Todd seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed.

Request to Change Agenda/ Public Comment: Stewart let it be known that he was recording the meeting.

New Business

Delinquent Animal Registration: The Selectboard was given a list of the dog owners that have not licensed their dogs this year. A short explanation of letters requesting dog owners to license their pet was communicated. Todd made a motion to allow Pat Salo, Peru's Animal Warden, to check if dogs are registered and if not, to move forward with the proper procedure to have the dog(s) licensed, Gail seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

Old Business

Community House Progress: Jake Arace, project manager from Re-Design Construction and his crew have been moving along on the project. Gail has been overseeing the work and can report; the door on the South Road side has been replaced with a window, fire rated doors are being installed and fire rated paint is being applied to the walls.

Town Green Update: A meeting with Nate from David Chaves Excavating, Adam from Veterans Electric, Todd, Gail, Stewart and Margaret was held on the Town Green to review the project. Various designs and viewpoints were discussed. The concept of bringing power in from the Hapgood Pond side has numerous advantages over power established on Main Street. Stewart provided a detailed Google Earth diagram of electric power installation points. Todd thanked Stewart for his ideas and agreed with the change of electric generation. Adam spoke with Gene Borne, from Green Mountain Power, who told him it would be fine to utilize the light pole on Hapgood Pond Road

as the source for underground power lines. Nate discussed leveling, water run off, additional fill and a French drain. He will provide the Town with an estimate for his work. Removal of dead trees and clearing to open the eastern end of the green was also discussed. Todd will meet with Wayne to discuss digging three test holes approximately three feet deep in the pig roast area to determine what type of earth material is present.

Appoint Deputy Health Officer: Todd made a motion to appoint Hal Wilkins as the Deputy Health Officer for the Town, Gail seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

Other Business

Fair Point Communications: Jeffrey Austin, from Fair Point, sent an e-mail explaining that new equipment has been approved and will be installed at the central office and upgraded DSL equipment at the remote terminal in Peru. He will send another update in four weeks.

Town Records: Stewart will deliver old Town Records that have been stored for 50 years at the farm to the office on Thursday. Margaret said John and Elizabeth Stevens would happily organize them in the lower vault.

Liquor License: Todd made a motion to approve the liquor license for The Lodge at Bromley, Gail seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

Road Foreman Report: Wayne will put the road mowing out to bid. He will get pricing for gravel from Weston Island Logging and David Chaves Excavation. There is less than \$6,000 available in this year's budget for purchasing gravel.

Truck repair has involved Wayne ordering and installing a suspension air bag that was warranted from HP Fairfield for the 2017 International Truck. The windshield on this vehicle has cracked and will require replacing. Donna will be asked to research the insurance coverage for automotive glass repair.

Projects have included extensive clean up of Anderson Road involving stumping and ditching. Wayne will contact Will Crandall to discuss removing pine trees close to the entrance of Anderson Road. Dump Road has also been cleaned up. Grating has occurred on numerous roads including Savage Rd, North Rd lower and upper, and Mad Tom Notch Rd. Continued ditching has occurred along upper North Road by the Ardell property. A few culverts require review and lawn mowing and trimming has begun. Twelve wooden guardrails are being replaced along Hapgood Pond Road. The light

at the Town Garage/ Fire Department stays on all the time for safety reasons so it should be switched to an LED bulb. Wayne had been given an estimate of \$3,000 to repair the road cracks in the Main Street area.

Todd will contact Chris Tuft, from VTrans, to inquire about the TA 60 financial plan.

Executive Session: Todd made a motion to move into executive session to discuss personal at 7:56AM, Gail seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

Todd made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:25PM, Gail seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

No action was taken in executive session.

Fund Transfer: Todd made a motion to transfer \$7,484 from account 807 highway resurfacing to the general fund, Gail seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed.

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

Adjournment: Todd adjourned the meeting at 8:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Cobb
Peru Town Clerk