

Peru Selectboard Meeting Minutes

November 4, 2015

Present: Charlie Howard, Todd Williams, Gail Acosta, Wayne Blanchard, Margaret Cobb

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

Request to Change Agenda/ Public Comment: None

Review/ Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting: Charlie made a change in the minutes from **two** heaters to **three** heaters were delivered and set up at the Town Garage. Charlie made a motion to approve the minutes with the change; Todd seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

New Business

Preliminary Town Budget Discussion: Donna provided the Selectboard with a spread sheet containing detailed information of actual from 2014-2015, authorized for 2015-2016, and year to date for fiscal year 2015-2016. At this point we are 1/3 of the way through the year and the total budget can be extrapolated by multiplying by 3. Charlie suggested the Selectboard take the information home to study and review and be prepared to make suggestions at the next Selectboard meeting. Charlie will communicate with the auditors to ask how the board can support their examination of accounts.

Old Business

Town Garage: The 3 heaters are installed and working. The heaters run on propane. Cota & Cota will drain the oil tanks and give the Town a credit. Todd will contact Mark Roberts, plumbing and heating, to start work on the bathroom. Kevin and Chris Felion will take of the carpentry work and Adam Rawson, Veteran Electric, will take care of the electric work.

Town Center Maintenance: One bid was received from L & W Williams for shoveling, sand and salt of the entrance ways and ramp on as need basis. Charlie made a motion to accept the proposal for the Town Center, Gail seconded; Todd abstained; motion passed.

Post Office Parking: The parking was tabled due to parking signage being placed on the front of the post office and ADA, Americans with Disabilities Act, accessibility work being done.

Other Business:

Health Insurance: The health insurance coverage provided by Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is up for renewal by December 5th. Charlie made a motion to maintain the premium health coverage for the highway department employees starting January 1, 2016; Gail seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

Vermont Designated Historic Village Center Program: To assist John LaVecchia with his work maintaining the Village Center as a historic area the Selectboard signed a document requesting the renewal.

Tax Maps: CAI Technologies contract for tax map work was reviewed. Todd made a motion to accept the \$1,600 proposal from CAI Technologies for updating the Towns tax maps; Charlie seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

Hazard Mitigation Plan: Charlie will communicate with Alison Langsdale, BCRC Regional Planner/ Emergency Management, about the Towns hazard mitigation plan.

Road Foreman Report: Grading is complete. Todd and Wayne continue to review truck bids from Delurey and Kentworth. Specific components, warranties, service reputations, and trade in values are factors being researched. Charlie is asking Todd and Wayne to make a proposal at the next meeting and suggests not spending money foolishly but get the right truck.

Four to five more loads of sand will be delivered and the salt shed contains two loads of salt.

Wayne spoke with Peter Berman and will remove a big rock from Catlin Road. Wayne, Brian and LJ Petra will work on installing the new LED Christmas lights on the Blue Spruce tree in the front of the Peru Town Center☺. Wayne will investigate the down wire in the North Park.

The International will have welding work done by AC Welding.

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

Adjournment: Charlie adjourned the meeting at 7:40pm.