

Town of Peru Selectboard Meeting November 5, 2014

Present: Charlie Howard, Grant Braddish, Todd Williams, Wayne Blanchard, Gail Acosta, Barbara Petra

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Charlie Howard promptly at 6:30 pm.

Request to Change Agenda: None, moved.

Review/Approve Minutes: Grant made a motion to accept minutes as posted. Charlie seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

New Business:

Health Insurance Premium Increase: Motion made by Charlie to maintain current plan and accept the rate increase as notified. Grant seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

Town Budget: The Selectboard will start the budget process for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. The anticipated cost for the capital improvements on the Town Garage/Fire House was discussed. The Selectboard will talk with contractors to get an idea of total cost of project. This cost will be a separate article to be voted on by the public at Town Meeting in March 2015. If article is passed, bids will be put out for the project.

Old Business:

Highway Uniforms: In addition to the rental of uniforms for the highway crew, a recommendation by Wayne was to rent rags on a weekly basis. Currently boxes of wipes are used for various jobs that the crew needs to accomplish. Wayne says it would be more economical to rent and reuse rags. Charlie made a motion to go ahead with the rental of uniforms and rags for the highway crew. Todd seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

Peru Fair Storage: The Selectboard discussed the request by the Peru Fair Committee to use the garage space below the Community House. The Committee will pay a stipend of \$500.00 for the space. The Selectboard will put down plastic

and crushed stone in the space. Charlie made a motion to accept the stipend and do the work. Grant seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

Street Lights: A final count of street lights still needs to be completed. Todd said that the light at the salt shed is on all the time. It was suggested that a timer/motion sensor be installed for cost efficiency.

Other Business:

Springfield Medical Care Systems: The Selectboard has written a letter in support of the Mountain Valley Medical Clinic to join the SMCS as part of its Community Health Centers.

Loud night noise: Charlie made the Selectboard aware of an e-mail that Margaret Cobb had received from Larry Kramer, a resident on Forest Mountain Road, regarding incidents of cannon/guns/artillery during the summer/fall seasons. He wants to know what can be done. Barbara wanted to know if a noise ordinance might help with enforcement. No action taken at this time.

Slade Property: The trailer issue has been referred to the ZBA.

Election Day: Charlie thanked Margaret and Barbara for their efforts in the coordination and implementation for a successful Election Day.

Website: The Town of Peru website is up and running. The address is: www.peruvt.org. Barbara said that is it still very basic.

In Memory: The Selectboard discussed how to acknowledge the passing of Ruth and Larry Daley. No decisions made except that something will be posted on the website very soon.

Hapgood Pond: The Selectboard received a notice from the State Parks Department regarding decommission of and rerouting trails and bridges at Hapgood Pond State Park.

Road Foreman Report:

Wayne reported that the International dump truck is inoperative at this time. Work is to be done shortly to bring it up to speed. All other trucks are ready to take on the winter season. Roads are in good shape. The road crew is finishing up on cutting,

chipping and guardrails very soon. Wayne and Todd would like the Selectboard to consider increasing the equipment replacement line item in the upcoming budget process.

Bills/Invoices: Bills and pay order were reviewed. Motion was made to accept the pay order, all in favor and motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Petra
Assistant Clerk
Town of Peru
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