

## **Peru Selectboard Meeting Minutes September 16, 2015**

**Present:** Charlie Howard, Todd Williams, Gail Acosta, Wayne Blanchard, Paul Myers, Dalen Cole, Jim Daley, Margaret Cobb

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

**Request to Change Agenda/ Public Comment:** Paul Myers requested to be added to the agenda.

**Review/ Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting:** Charlie made the following changes to the minutes;

Town Garage - Charlie signed and sent back the contracts for the heaters to be installed, but bathroom contracts have not been signed.

Community House Grant - The Selectboard is working with Dalen Cole, to complete the grant application. It has not been completed or submitted.

Drug Testing - It is DER, Designated Employee Representative.

Charlie made a motion to approve the minutes with the changes; Todd seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

### **New Business**

**Paul Myers:** The Selectboard has received a memorandum from the Planning Commission requesting the appointment of a new member to replace Todd Williams on the board. Due to his role on the Selectboard, he does not have time to devote to the Planning Commission. The Selectboard recommended the Planning Commission propose a few suggestions at the October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Further steps will be taken at that time.

The Planning Commission would like to raise the subject concerning construction of an additional paved parking lot behind the Community House along South Road before route 11. Discussion ensued. One of various concerns and considerations deals with whether or not the land is a designated wet land. Paul will fact-find an answer to this question.

The Community House still has issues with moisture and leaking along the east side, so the Peru Fair items have been moved to a different area in the building. The Selectboard is aware of the problem and is working towards a solution.

**Peru Fair:** The Selectboard will close town roads Saturday during the Fair by providing barricades. They will also be responsible for set up and tear down of such.

### Old Business

#### **Town Garage Discussion:**

- a) **Bathroom:** Preliminary work is proceeding.
- b) **Heat:** Heating unit parts are arriving this week and hopefully installation work will start the week of September 20<sup>th</sup>.
- c) **Paint/Doors:** Jake Arace has signed the painting contract and is committed to completing the work by the end of September.  
Charlie will get a proposal from Mike Doane for replacing the exterior doors with fiberglass doors that has a cost break down for doors and labor.

**Community House Grant:** Dalen reviewed the Historic Preservation grant on a page by page basis with the Selectboard. She will be responsible for writing the narrative and the Selectboard will provide the facts and figures. The grant is a 50/50 matching grant awarding a maximum of \$20,000 for the repair of historic buildings. She suggested asking for less than the full amount after reviewing previous awarded grants and realizing the maximum is rarely given. The most important items that need improvement are the leaking roof and a rotting foundation. A completed grant is due by October 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Town Center Maintenance:** The Selectboard will hire someone for snow removal and maintenance of the entrance, sidewalks and exits of the Town Center. Charlie will run an ad in the Message and Gail will put it on Front Porch Forum and Manchester Market Place.

**Executive Session-Personnel Policy:** The Selectboard and Jim Daley went into executive session at 7:44pm to discuss personnel policy. They came out of executive

session at 8:25pm. Charlie made a motion to separate Jim Daley from employment with the Town of Peru based on medical conditions which preclude him from performing the duties of his position, and to continue to provide him with health insurance through December 31, 2015 in recognition of his many years of faithful and valuable service to the Town of Peru. Todd seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

Charlie made a second motion to pay Jim 44  $\frac{3}{4}$  days of vacation pay. Todd seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

**Road Foreman Report:** Bruce Orchitt will complete the road side mowing by September 21<sup>st</sup>. Thomas Fuller Jr from Fuller Sand & Gravel sent a proposal for paving South Road. Paving of South Road will not be carried out this year. Cracks on North Road will be filled. Savage Road work is finished and the ditching on Moss Brook Road is done. Wayne and Brian are working on the upper North Road and will replace the culvert by Barbara Ardell's property. They have been trimming around the guard rails and building a screen for the sand at the salt shed on rainy days. New road signs have been put up on Rock Bottom Lane, Doc Farnum Road and Priest Lane.

**Other Business:** Esther Fishman, the Recycling Coordinator, will attend the next meeting to discuss the Solid Waster Implementation Plan. Charlie would like to start looking at the budget in November. He will miss the second board meeting in October.

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

**Adjournment:** Charlie adjourned the meeting at 8:53pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Cobb  
Peru Town Clerk

