

**PERU SELECTBOARD
MEETING MINUTES
September 7, 2016**

Present: Todd Williams, Gail Acosta, Chuck Black, Barbara Petra, Wayne Blanchard, Margaret Cobb

Meeting Called to Order: Todd called the meeting to order at 6:37pm.

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

Request to Change Agenda/ Public Comment: None.

New Business

Confirmed End Date: Various dates involving Jim Daley's last day of work, insurance plan and workers compensation were discussed. It was determined that May 31, 2016 is the accurate date.

Air Quality: A complaint concerning noxious fumes from a resident on Walts Camp Road was brought to the Selectboards' attention. Various options for correcting this problem were exchanged. The Board will approach Pastor Margaret and ask her for suggestions.

Dog Biting Incident: Through various sources Barbara was informed that a neighbor of AJ Gordon required emergency care from Springfield hospital because he was bitten by AJ's unlicensed dog. Pat Salo has conversed with AJ about registering the dog and informed him he is in violation of State law. Todd will research the biting issue and the Selectboard will send AJ a letter requesting him to license his dog with the Town.

Tiny Parcel on Moss Brook Road: The owner of a .14 acre parcel of land on Moss Brook Road informed the board she is giving up ownership and will no longer pay taxes. John Maher, delinquent tax collector, will be informed and the board will ask him to discuss proper procedure with a lawyer.

Old Business

Town Green: Barbara will obtain additional proposal along with estimates for the electrical and excavation work on the Town Green. On Thursday September 15th at 4:15pm the Selectboard, Barbara and myself will meet at the Green to discuss location of the electrical receptacles and excavation work.

Barbara will also meet with Wayne Thursday morning to identify the low points on the south side / east end of Main Street that should be filled with gravel before the Peru Fair.

Town Garage: The bathroom is functional! Todd will install two handicap accessible hand rails. Barbara will call C&J Septic and ask them to remove the port-o-let.

Community House: Insulation work will start this Saturday September 10th. The rest of the work will begin after the Fair. Wayne has cleaned out the basement.

Other Business

Roadside Mowing: Bruce Orchitt said the roadside mowing will be completed by Tuesday September 13th. Todd and Wayne will inspect his work. If it is completed to their satisfaction they will pay him for his services.

Winter Sand: The sample from Andover doesn't meet the quality of Jeff Yrsha's sand. If the Town purchases a better quality sand, less will be used and more grit will be on the road. Wayne would prefer to purchase the better quality sand, saying "You get what you pay for." Gail made a motion to purchase winter sand from Weston Island Logging at \$14.50/ yard; Todd seconded; all in favor; motion passed. Todd will contact Jeff.

Road Foreman Report: Stone Place Road has been ditched, hayed and seeded. Moss Brook road has been ditched. A big rock ledge on Moss Brook Road was discovered while ditching. It is stopping water at the surface of the road, consequently

causing damage. Blasting might be needed to correct this problem. Wayne will contact Mach Blasting out of Pawlet. The road shoulders are done on North road and Hapgood Pond Road. Work will start on South Road shoulders. Lawn clean up, fall grating, cutting and chipping will be carried out on Walts Camp East, Moss Brook, Savage and Anderson Roads. Wayne and Todd will attend the Reasonable Suspicion Testing Training class on September 29, 2016. We will not be participating in the Workstrong program.

Review Bills and Approve Payment: The Selectboard reviewed and approved the bills.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Cobb
Peru Town Clerk