**Town of Peru Selectboard Meeting**

**April 1, 2015**

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

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

**Request to Change Agenda:** None made.

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

**New Business:**

**April 15, 2015 Selectboard Meeting:** Since both Todd and Charlie will not be available for the April 15th Selectboard meeting Charlie suggested the meeting could be cancelled or postponed till one week later on April 22nd given this month has five Wednesdays. Gail made a motion to assemble the Selectboard meeting one week later on April 22nd at 6:30pm. Todd seconded, all in favor, motion passed. Charlie will post the warning and agenda with the new date.

**Old Business:**

**Appoint Emergency Manager:** Charlie researched and determined there is not a conflict of interest between the roles of Emergency Manager and Selectboard member. So, Charlie made a motion to appoint Todd as the second Emergency Manager for the Town. Gail seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

**Town Garage Construction:** Gail researched and contacted both the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Both agencies would be willing to send a representative to visit the Town and provide suggestions and feedback concerning renovations to the Town garage and village center. Discussion ensued pertaining to the Town garage/ fire house renovations. Gail questions the practicality of spending money renovating a building that is substandard, suggesting it might be more resourceful to rebuild. Todd believes the building is structurally sound and can be repaired, refurbished and cleaned up one job at a time. The project approved at town meeting includes adding a bathroom and updating the heating units. After further discussion, Gail will contact Richard Amore from the Agency of Commerce and Community Development and ask him to come to Peru and tour the Town and explain what the agency could offer. The Selectboard will also converse with John LaVecchia concerning maintaining the village center designation and the application process that needs to be renewed this year.

**Other Business:**

**Agency of Transportation:** Wayne put together the TA60 financial plan required by the State and Todd’s calculations agreed with the total summary. Wayne will go to Bennington to submit the plan and meet with Chris before April 15th.

The Town road and bridge standards need to be readopted. Todd made a motion to readopt the annual town road and bridge standards suggested by the State. Gail seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

**Gravel Issue:** There was a lengthy discussion concerning the supply of gravel the Town has on hand. Wayne was advised to purchase gravel as needed.

**Excess Weight Permits:** The Selectboard reviewed and Charlie signed excess weight permits for Frost Wells and Pumps, G. W. Tatro Construction, L & W Construction, and Lawrence White Construction. Charlie read a letter he sent to Preferred Building Systems of Claremont NH discussing the damage Lovers Lane sustained due to their company hauling heavy equipment on the road instead of using paved Hapgood Pond Road.

**Liquor Licenses:** The Selectboard reviewed and signed liquor licenses for J.J. Hapgood General Store and Bromley Ski Resort.

**Road Foreman Report:** Wayne will take the 550 to Alman Crandall for welding and the International is back from repairs running well with no leaks. He will contact companies to request paving prices. The frozen culvert between Beechwood and Beechnut is running. The Little Michigan Road culvert is damaged and needs to be replaced. We can borrow the specially designed culvert thawing pressure washer from Londonderry as long as they can borrow our chipper. He has contacted Fastenal to purchase nuts and bolts. The Town might need to complete paper work to reestablish a contract. Wayne gave Brian Bills a good report, he has a good work ethic and is comfortable will the plow.

**Executive Session- Employee Review:** Charlie made a motion to go into executive session at 7:40pm, Todd seconded, all in favor, motion carried. The board came out of executive session at 7:55pm. Charlie made a motion to increase Brian Bills $17.00/ hour pay rate by .75¢/ hour. Gail seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

**Review/ Approve Bills:** All bills were reviewed and approved for payment.

**Adjournment:** Charlie adjourned the meeting at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Cobb

Peru Town Clerk

April 2, 2015