

TOWN OF PERU SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 16, 2014

In Attendance: Charlie Howard, Grant Braddish, John Maher, John Ogden, Jack Pennypacker, Allison Langsdale, and Margaret Cobb

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Charlie Howard at 6:30PM

Recommendation to a Approve Minutes: Grant Braddish made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 2, 2014 Selectboard meeting. Charlie seconded. Motion passed.

New Business:

Item #1: Hazard Mitigation Grant - Allison Langsdale

Allison Langsdale, a representative from Bennington County Regional Commission (BCRC), was present at the meeting to suggest Peru and Landgrove complete the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program application due May 1st, 2014 to develop a Hazardous Mitigation Plan (HazMit Plan). Having a HazMit Plan in place would allow the Town to apply for FEMA grant monies in the future if necessary. There is a 25% match as part of the grant so contracting with the BCRC for support developing a HazMit Plan would probably cover about half of this. The plan would take about two years to complete and should identify every possible hazard in the community. Residents should be involved to discuss past hazards that occurred in Town. Attached are applications and descriptions for Hazard Mitigation Planning.

Paul Myers is the Town of Peru's representative at the BCRC.

Charlie Howard made a motion to appoint Grant Braddish as the liaison for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and Local Emergency Operation Plan to complete the applications. Motion seconded by Grant. All in favor and motion is moved.

Item #2: Town Wide Reappraisal - Jack Pennypacker

Jack Pennypacker, Chair of the Listers, suggested the Town move forward with completing a town wide reappraisal. The Listers would interview and accept bids from companies that utilize the same software the Town employs. A detailed data base for the Bromley Condos would also be reestablished. The desired timeline would be to start in the Fall of 2014 and be completed by April of 2015. Money has been set aside in the general fund portion of the Town budget for reappraisal.

Charlie made a motion to give authorization for the Lister's to obtain bids for a reappraisal. Grant seconded. All in favor and motion is moved.

Item #3: Treasurer Appointed

Karen Utiger's revised resignation letter changing her resignation date to April 16th, 2014 was accepted.

Grant made a motion to appoint John Maher as the new treasurer starting April 16th, 2014 at 7:06P.M. Charlie seconded the motion, all in favor and motion carries.

John Maher graciously accepts the appointment. He will attend a VMCTA meeting next Wednesday April 23rd in Killington.

Item #4: Unclaimed Property Tax Credit

Karen Utiger submitted a letter listing about twenty property owners that should be refunded property tax credits from the Town or given to the State. Grant made a motion to send a check for any amount above \$5.00 to the home owners and the remainder to the State for amounts less than \$5.00. Charlie seconded the motion. All in favor and motion was moved.

Item #5: Auditors Appointment

Charlie made a motion to appoint Chuck Black and Alex Sheets as new auditors until the 2015 March Town Meeting. Grant seconded, all in favor and motion passed.

Reports:

Item #1: Bridge Inspection

The State sent a letter reporting the Bromley Maintenance access bridge #0016C, which is privately owned, was inspected and is in good condition.

Old Business:

Item #1: Drug and Alcohol Policy

Wayne and Carl need to review the newly written drug and alcohol policy for commercial motor vehicles and sign to indicate agreement.

Grant made a motion to accept the drug and alcohol policy as posted. Charlie seconded, all in favor and motion was moved.

Item #2: Over Weight Permit

Grant made a motion to accept the overweight permit for Carleton Trucking Inc. with the restriction of loads originating and/ or terminating in Peru. Seconded by Charlie. All in favor, motion moved.

Item #3: AT&T Cell Tower

AT&T hand delivered a informational notebook detailing the Section 248a application to install a new telecommunications facility at 503 Halstead Lane in Peru. This property belongs to Welthy and Paul Meyers.

Invoices and Bills Reviewed:

Bills reviewed, accepted and moved.

Meeting Adjourned:

No further business and meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Date

Margaret Cobb
Peru Town Clerk