

## Peru Selectboard Meeting

January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### **Present:**

Chuck Black, Jon Mowry, Todd Williams, Wayne Blanchard, Jim Salsgiver, Jennie Freeman, Stephanie Hoffmann

### **Meeting Called to Order:**

Todd called the meeting to order at 5:02pm.

### **Review and Approve Minutes:**

Chuck made a motion to approve minutes from the January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 Selectboard meeting. Jon seconded; Motion passed.

### **Request to Change Agenda/Public Comment:**

Jim Salsgiver, a representative of the Dorset VT Selectboard, requested to be added to the agenda. Jim discussed a regional broadband opportunity for the Town of Peru. Jon made a motion for Peru to move forward with Southern Vermont Communications Broadband. Todd seconded; All in favor; Motion passed.

### **New Business:**

Jim Salsgiver, Board Chair of the Taconic and Green Regional School District, reported increasing the funding for pre-K next year. Merging school towns has yielded a savings.

Todd motioned for the General Fund to provide \$200,000.00 from the fire truck fund to go towards the purchase of a new fire truck. Jon seconded; All in favor; Motion passed.

Motion sensor light is needed on the front of the fire station building. Jon will be in contact with Veteran Electric to perform the install.

Jennie Freeman, Peru town clerk, is now the official 911 contact person.

### **Old Business:**

Selectboard will have a special meeting on Tuesday January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 at 5:30pm to finalize the 2020-2021 town budget. Donna Williams has changed the budget per Selectboard approval.

### **Other Business:**

NONE

### **Road Foreman Report:**

Wayne reported that roads are "ruddy, muddy and full of holes" due to the recent rain/freezing rain storms. Salt reduction will be in effect on South Road from the Cook Brook Bridge to the Winhall Town line. New truck has arrived.

**Planning Commission:**

Town seeking an individual to represent Peru at the BCRC (Bennington County Regional Commission). Any interested candidates will contact the Town Office.

**Review Bills & Approve for Payment:**

Selectboard viewed and approved bills for payment.

**Adjournment:**

Chuck adjourned the meeting at 6:38pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Hoffmann (Assistant Town Clerk)