

Peru Selectboard Meeting June 2, 2021

Present: Jon Mowry, Chuck Black, Heather LaPan, Donna Williams, Todd Williams, Tracy Black, Barbara Petra, Sally Ogdon, Jay Worley.

Meeting Called to Order: Jon called the meeting to order at 5:03pm

Review/Approve Minutes: Jon motioned to approve the minutes from the May 19, 2021 meeting. Chuck seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

Request to change agenda: Authorize ACH payments from the general fund for Blue Cross Blue Shield HRA

Public Comment: None Road Foreman Report: None NEW BUSINESS: BCRC Update: Jay Worley offered an update on the Bennington County Regional Commission. The annual meeting by law changes have been accepted. There is an extensive website with a lot of resources and the commission has been doing a lot of work around the Bennington area.

Peru Park and Green Committee: Several towns people attended, with interest in creating a new Peru Park and Green Committee. Discussion ensued on how to go about acquiring more interest from more people and eventually hosting a meeting where the public may attend to brainstorm way that they can make the Town Park and Town Green more inviting.

Professional Auditor: The Selectboard reviewed prices from several professional auditors. After further discussion, it was decided to put the subject on hold until we hear back from people interested in becoming auditors for the town.

Zoom for Selectboard Meetings: It was decided to discontinue meetings through zoom for future Selectboard meetings.

2022 Pay Change: With the end of the fiscal year coming up. The Selectboard reviewed current pay for town employees, citing there had been no change in pay since 2019. Todd motioned to pay Wayne \$1 more per hour and Brian \$2 more per hour. Jon seconded. All in favor; motion passed

Jon motioned to raise the Town Clerks pay to \$18 per hour. Todd seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

Jon motioned to raise Town Treasurers pay to \$23.06 per hour. Todd seconded. All in favor; motion passed

Tree Warden: The Selectboard has to certify appointment of Tree Warden. Chuck was nominated as Tree Warden. Jon motioned to approve Chuck as Tree Warden. Todd Seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Facebook Page: Heather gave an update on how the Facebook page was faring. It was noted that there was a slow but steady incline in likes. Discussion ensued on how to get the word out to reach more followers. Will update as necessary.

OTHER BUSINESS: Jon motioned to move \$792.00 from the General Fund to the Document Restoration and Preservation Savings. Todd seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

Blue Cross Blue Shield HRA: Donna had set up the HRA so it will no longer automatically come out of the account, without being part of the pay order first.

Taconic and Green Regional SD: The town received a refund from state of Vermont from education taxes.

REVIEW BILLS AND APPROVE PAYMENTS: Selectboard viewed and approved bills for payment. Jon moved to adjourn at 6:15pm. Chuck seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather LaPan
Peru Assistant Clerk