

**TOWN OF PERU**  
Selectboard Meeting  
Date October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Present:** Jon Mowry, Todd Williams, Hope Richardson, Lisa & Tom Cronin, Wayne Blanchard, Melinda Beebe

**Meeting Called to Order:** Jon called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM

**Review/Approve Minutes:** Jon motioned to accept minutes of previous meeting, Todd seconded, motion passed

**Request to Change Agenda:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Road Foreman Report:** Wayne advises that it is time to be ordering salt for the winter road maintenance. Wayne stated he would like to get sand from both Cargill & Apalachee to cover the possibility of any shortages that may occur throughout the winter. Jon and Todd agreed to this course of action and signed the Quote from Cagill.

The salt reduction plan was discussed, and it was decided to extend salt reduction from town shed on Hapgood Road to Peru/Landgrove town line.

Wayne requested permission to stockpile gravel already purchased for roads at the old town shed as it is too late to utilize it on the roads. This situation came about because of conflicts arising in getting the gravel delivered when ordered. Permission granted.

Jon asked about disposal of the brush and trees that are at the old town shed now, Wayne advised all would be going to the “stump dump”.

Wayne inquired about any “road needs” as far as Longview coming in to log for the timber sale. Neither Jon nor Todd thought there would be any.

**New Business:** None

**Old Business:** Discussion on the use of ARPA funds. Jon stated that we cannot use them to support the Peru Fair as they are no longer a non-profit organization. Hope inquired as to the amount of funds we have received and what the Town will be spending it on. Jon advised right around \$58,000.00, and that currently what it will be spent on is still being considered. He stated that a donation to Neighborhood Connections is among the possibilities. Hope inquired if funds could be used to install a permanent bathroom on the Town Green or to bring broadband to Peru. Another possibility asked about was turning the old creamery/community house into affordable housing. Jon responded that there are no plans to construct a permanent bathroom facility on the Green and this is not enough money for it to be used for broadband installation. The Creamery is currently being utilized and the Town has no plans to undertake affordable housing.

The Farmers Market that Hope will be pursuing next year was discussed. The market will be held on Fridays from 5pm-7pm. Memorial Day through September, not to disrupt the Peru Fair, with the maximum number of vendors being 15. Hope addressed previous concerns the selectboard had about trash and parking. She assured the board that the area will be cleared of any trash after each event. Parking will be designated with signage.

**Other Business:** Jon motioned to accept changes in the grand list, Todd seconded, all in favor. Motion passed.

Jon and Todd read a letter from Kendra Farn concerning the delinquent tax fee being charged because of an address change that had been requested by the taxpayer, but not followed through on by town officials. Jon made a motion that the town return the 4% delinquent tax amount, Todd seconded. Motion passed.

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

**Adjournment:** Jon motioned to adjourn at 7:43, Todd seconded. Motion passed

Respectfully submitted,  
Melinda M. Beebe  
Town Clerk

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL