**TOWN OF PERU**

Selectboard Meeting

October 6, 2021

**Present:** Jon Mowry, Chuck Black, Todd Williams, Will Goodwin, Lisa Cronin, Lynn Bianculi, Jane Worley, Cat Bryars, Callie Fishburn, Barbara Petra.

**Meeting Called to Order:** Jon called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Review/Approve Minutes:** Previous meeting minutes were reviewed; Jon made a motion to approve; Chuck seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

**Request to Change Agenda:** Chuck asked to include discussion on upcoming timber sale.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Road Foreman Report:** Todd reported about ditching on Walts Camp Rd.

**New Business**

**Bylaw Modernization Grant:** Cat Bryars and Callie Fishburn have advised us that Peru is eligible for assistance from the BCRC to modernized zoning bylaws. By updating bylaws, any adverse effects to the character of the area, making sure that what we have on the books is in compliance with the State statutes, etc can be addressed. After questions and discussion, Jon made a motion that the Town of Peru participate in cooperation with the BCRC to assist in modernizing the Towns zoning bylaws; Todd 2nd; all in favor; motion passed.

**Municipal Grants-In-Aid Program:** Todd has been in touch with Jim Henderson fromVermont DEC that there is grant money available for heavy equipment to assist with road erosion. After discussion, the Selectboard decided to not go forward with process.

**Potential Uses of ARPA Funds:** There was continued discussion on how the Town could appropriately use the ARPA funds. Possible ways might be addressing broadband infrastructure, cyber security, ventilation system, digitalization of land records, lost revenue from cancelled Peru Fair scholarships for continuing education students, recreational facilities and emergency planning. Further research is needed.

**Old Business**

**Farmers’ Market:** No discussion.

**Allocating ARPA Funds to Neighborhood Network:** No discussion

**Other Business:**

**Timber Sale:** Chuck reported that the Timber Sale bids will be accepted up until Friday, October 8, 2021. Jon made a motion for Chuck to post a warning for an opening of the bids; Todd 2nd; all in favor; motion passed.

**Motions:** Jon made a motion to transfer $750 from General Fund into Preservation & Restoration Fund; Chuck 2nd; all in favor; motion passed.

Jon made a motion to approve the renewal and rate from BCBS insurance for the highway department; Todd 2nd; all in favor; motion passed.

**Review Bills/Approve Payments:** Bills were review and approved for payments.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Petra

Assistant Clerk

Town of Peru