**TOWN OF PERU**

Selectboard Meeting

Date December 15, 2021

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

**Meeting Called to Order:** Jon called meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

**Review/Approve Minutes:** Jon motioned the previous meeting minutes be accepted as written, Todd 2nd; all in favor; motion passed.

**Request to Change Agenda**: Jon added two requests for permission to use the town green. The Peru Congregational Church to use the town green on December 24th for a carol sing and bonfire. A request from Michael Morfit (MVMC) to use the town green as the venue for Roger Fox’ retirement event on Saturday, July 9th.

Jon also added a request from Melinda to investigate having the dead trees removed from between Main Street and the Town Hall parking lot.

**Public Comment:** None

**Road Foreman Report**: Wayne let the selectboard know that truck 2 is temporarily out of service. This is not a major mechanical issue and Wayne hopes the truck will be back in service by Friday.

Jon made a request that Wayne look into spring sweeping contractors and get some prices.

Discussion on the benefits of NOT using salt on our paved roads, the first being environmental and second is much less wear and tear on the pavement itself.

**New Business**: Discussion on the replacement on the roof of the town garage. Consensus is that a standing seam roof will be the best long-term investment for the taxpayers. Jon states we have a quote from Vermont Roofing and that he will be getting prices from several other companies.

Discussion on insulation replacement for town garage. Jon motioned that the insulation be done by Vermont Foam at a cost of 15,496.73, Chuck 2nd; all in favor; motion passed.

**Old Business:** Discussion on budget items & ARPA funds uses.

Jon states that he will draft a letter to non-profit organizations in the immediate area advising them of the requirements to apply for a portion of the ARPA funds.

Jon motioned we transfer $348.00 from the general fund to account #818(document restoration & preservation & digitalization); Todd 2nd, all in favor; motion passed

Todd motioned that the church be given permission to hold their event with a bonfire on the town green, Chuck 2nd; all in favor; motion passed.

Chuck motioned that permission be given for the retirement event for Roger Fox, Todd 2nd; all in favor; motion passed.

Jon motion we hire someone to cut dead trees between road and parking lot, Todd 2nd; all in favor; motion passed. Chuck will contact Joe Blair about removal of dead trees.

O**ther Business:** None

**Review Bills/Approve Payments:** The pay order was reviewed; all bills were approved for payment

**Adjournment:** Jon motioned to adjourn at7:45pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda M. Beebe

Town Clerk