**TOWN OF PERU**

Selectboard Meeting

March 2, 2022

**Present:** Jon Mowry, Chuck Black, Esther Fishman, Lisa Cronin, Tom Cronin, Wayne Blanchard, Hope Richardson, Barbara Petra.

**Meeting Called to Order:** Jon called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

**Elect Board Chair:** Chuck nominated JonMowry to be chairperson of the Selectboard; Jon seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

**Review/Approve Minutes:** After review, Jon made a motion to accept the minutes of previous Selectboard meeting; Chuck seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

**Review/Approve Informational Meeting Minutes:** Tabled.

**Request to Change Agenda:** Esther Fishman to speak regarding use of Town Green for Dr. Roger Fox’s retirement gathering.

Hope Richardson to speak regarding the Peru Farmers Market.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Road Foreman Report:** Wayne reported that the cost of equipment and man-hours to sweep sand from the Towns’ roads in the spring was not cost effective. After discussion, Jon made a motion to hire Gurney Brothers Construction to sweep/clean Town roads; Chuck seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

Wayne reported that all Town trucks and roads are in good shape.

**New Business**

**Appoint Town Officers:** It was discussed as to the necessity to have a Deputy Health Officer. It was suggested that since Dr. Fox’s retirement that Mike Gayda be appointed as Health Officer and eliminate the deputy.Jon made a motion to reappoint all Town Officers, appoint Mike Gayda as Health Officer; Chuck seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

**Town Garage Roof:** After receiving three estimates for replacement of the roof at the garage, Jon made a motion to move forward with Vermont Roofing to install a new standing seam metal roof at an estimated cost of $27,547.00; Chuck seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

**Dr. Fox’s Retirement:** Esther Fishman reported that the plan is to hold Roger Fox’s retirement party on the Town Green Saturday, July 9th from 1-4pm. A tent will be supplied by Rain or Shine Tents, cookies, donuts, and soft drinks will be served. Insurance will be handled, and certificates provided by clinic, tent company and Town Health Council. There was discussion about parking for the event. Limited parking will be available south and north side of the Green, behind the Community house, the Town Center parking lot, along one side of South and Hapgood Pond roads. Event committee to be responsible for directing parking as needed. The committee will be providing 2 port-a-potties, hand washing stations, the sending invitations and posting notices. It was suggested that the tent be set up in the approximate location as the skating rink for easy access to power.

**Farmers Market:** Hope Richardson gave an update on her efforts to establish a farmers’ market in Peru. At this time, 15 vendors will be allowed to participate in the market each Friday evening, 5-7:30pm from May 22nd through September 9th. She is trying to get the Lions Club to assist with insurance for the market. Parking and signage were also discussed.

**Old Business**

**Peru Park Update:** Barbara Petra reported that she will contact Belson Outdoors for an updated quote on the playground equipment that was presented and discussed in previous selectboard meetings. She will also request estimates on preparatory work on the park’s property in preparation for the installation.

**ARPA Funds:**  Jon reported that with few exceptions, the ARPA funds can generally be used for a wide range of projects. The Selectboard will be looking for input from the community and encourage residents to attend the upcoming meetings in April.

**Other Business:** The Town’s attorneys, Woolmington, Campbell, Bent & Stasny, have noticed as to an increase of legal fees.

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

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Petra

Assistant Clerk/Treasurer

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