**TOWN OF PERU**

Selectboard Meeting

May 4, 2022

**Present:** Jon Mowry, Chuck Black, Wayne Blanchard, Ivanna Reed, Alex Sheets, John Murphy, Melinda Beebe.

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

**Review/Approve Minutes:** Jon motionedthe previous meeting minutes be accepted as written; all in favor; motion passed.

**Request to Change Agenda**: None

**Public Comment:** None

**Road Foreman Report**: Wayne reports that, despite their best efforts, pigeons are still a problem in the barn on South Road. He suggests closing off the peaks with screening to thwart entry. Chuck and Jon agree. Wayne and Brian will take care of this project.

**New Business**:

**ARPA Funding**: Discussion on ways that people would like to see our ARPA funds be utilized. Some ideas included updating the landscaping

of the Town Green with the assistance of a professional, one-time reduction of taxes, replacing the roof on the Town Garage. Jon suggested that we create a town fund that would be then be available as “mini grants” for future projects. People would present a proposal for funds to be used on projects that benefit the community.

Some of the funds will also be used to assist in the set up of the Peru Park

Playground.

**Trees on Town Green**: Discussion tabled on this until we have determined whether the ARPA funds will be used to upgrade landscaping.

**Fire House Roof Insulation Contract**: Jon advised that because this project had been pushed back the cost of supplies has risen exponentially, the cost will increase. Jon Motions we accept the new contract price and complete the project; Chuck seconded; motion passed.

**Town Garage Roof Update:** Jon reports that to install a raised seam metal roof the roof first needs plywood sheeting. This needs to be investigated as he is not sure that it presently exists on the Town Garage roof. He will get some assistance to check this out.

**Financial Update:** Review of “Budget” versus “Actual” finances. Everything is on track for the year.

Jon motioned that a transfer of $1255.00 be made from the general fund to account #818 (document restoration and preservation); Chuck seconded; motion passed.

**Old Business:** None

**Other Business:** None

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

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda M. Beebe

Town Clerk

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