**TOWN OF PERU**

Selectboard Meeting

June 1, 2022

**Present:** Jon Mowry, Todd Williams, Ben Foltz, Barbara Petra

**Meeting Called to Order:** Jon called the meeting to order at 6:37pm.

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

**Request to Change Agenda:** Jon made a motion to review overweight permit; Todd seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Road Foreman Report:** Screening of South Road garage did not alleviate the pigeon problem. They will now try wood.

**New Business**

**Excess Weight Permit:** An excess weight permit from Consolidated Communications was reviewed, approved and signed.

**Transfer of Funds:** Donna Williams requested that $7,777.80 be transferred from the General Fund, transferred to Peru Park Reserve Fund; $12,777.80 transferred from the Peru Park Reserve Fund to the General Fund. Jon made a motion to approve the request; Todd seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

**Historic Society/Community House:** Barbara would like to research the viability of using the downstairs room in the Town Center to house the contents of the Historical Society. There are moisture, ventilation and accessibility issues which need to be addressed before approaching the Historical Society with a possible plan. The Selectboard said they would be agreeable to the idea.

**Old Business**

**Cost of Living Increase:** The Selectboard will address a cost-of-living increase at the June 15th meeting.

**ARPA Funding:** There was continued discussion regarding the ARPA funds. Ben Foltz expressed his desire to continue with work on the Town Green. He believes, as the ice rink has drawn community into Town during the winter months, working on hardscape, landscaping, a pavilion, etc., would continue to be an asset to Peru. Jon made a motion to allot up to $500. for a design plan for the Green; Todd seconded; all in favor; motion passed. Ben will be contacting Glebe Mountain Nursery to come up with a plan for the Green.

Jon shared an e-mail from John Murphy where a group of residents got together to voice ideas regarding the use of funding. These ideas included structures, facilities, plantings of trees, gateway signs, infrastructure, affordable housing, etc.

**Other Business:**

**Playground Update:**  Barbara received an updated proposal from Detailed Playground Pro which includes shipping. Jon made a motion to increase the amount of cost of swings to $1,245.96; Todd seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

**Town Vault:** An electric outlet will be installed within the vault to run the dehumidifier more than when the office is open for business.

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

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:22pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Petra

Assistant Clerk Peru, VT