**TOWN OF PERU**

Selectboard Meeting

June 15, 2022

**Present:** Jon Mowry, Chuck Black, Todd Williams, Lisa Cronin, Tom Cronin, Wayne Blanchard, Barbara Petra.

**Meeting Called to Order:** Minutes called to order at 6:35pm.

**Review/Approve Minutes:** Jon made a motion to approve the previous minutes; Todd seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

**Request to Change Agenda:** Review information on transfer of funds.

**Amendment to Town Plan:** Will Goodwin provided a quick overview of the changes to the Town Plan. There was no discussion. Jon made a motion to accept the revision to the Town Plan; Chuck seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

**Public Comment:** Tom Cronin asked if the ruts caused by logging on Rock Bottom Road will be graded. Wayne will take care of that. There is a camper that has been parked on the east end of Main Street across from the Town Green for the past two days. Wayne will follow up on this situation.

**Road Foreman Report:** Wayne reported that Fresh Coat gave an estimate of a two-day job at $4600. per day to maintain and fill the cracks in Peru’s roads. This was the only estimate/response that Wayne received regarding this project. Jon made a motion to approve the estimate from Fresh Coat of $4,600. per day to make repair to roads; Chuck seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

Truck #1 was serviced, truck #2 was recently towed with an emissions issue. Due to parts availability, this issue may not be resolved soon. Wayne will be delayed doing culvert and road shoulder work along North Road. Roadside mowing to start next week. Signs ordered have been delivered, waiting on posts. Wayne and Brian were thanked for their work taking down the old North Road playground.

**New Business**

**Pay review for employees:** After discussion; Jon made a motion to increase pay for the following employees to:

 Wayne Blanchard $ 29.46 per hour

 Brian Bills 23.32 per hour

 Donna Williams 25.00 per hour

 Melinda Beebe 21.00 per hour

 Barbara Petra 21.00 per hour

 Will Goodwin 21.00 per hour

effective as of July 1, 2022; Chuck seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

**Fiscal Plan wrap-up:** Jon made a motion to accept and approve the reports which Donna Williams submitted; Todd seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

**Bromley Fire Tower:** The Town of Peru has sent a letter to Vermont Agency of Natural Resources which support the reconstruction of the fire tower and the State’s view that rebuilding the tower and operating it as an observation is essential for the “intended use of the land”. Full letter is attached; website <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1roqBxYKT9ienXdP_lRreNxh16UpbyNr1BMHrP_Q5jnY/edit?usp=sharing>

**Old Business**

**Garage Roof Bids:**  The Town received an updated bid from Iron Horse Roofing which was considerably lower than the accepted earlier bid from Vermont Roofing. After discussion and assurances from VT Roofing of return of deposit, Jon made a motion to accept the bid from Iron Horse; Chuck seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

**Town Forest Update:** The county forester has asked if the Town would give permission for the State to build a deer “exclusion” area where logging has been completed recently. Jon made a motion to give permission; Chuck seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

**Other Business:** Chuck reported that the dry hydrant and piping in the Town Center parking lot is corroding away. Discussion on how to proceed will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

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

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:53pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Petra

Assistant Clerk

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