**TOWN OF PERU**

Selectboard Meeting

September 7, 2022

**Present:**  Jon Mowry, Chuck Black, Todd Williams, Tom Brewer, Lisa Cronin, Bill Gaiotti, Barbara Petra.

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

**Review/Approve Minutes:** After review Todd made a motion to accept the minutes; Chuck seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

**Request to Change Agenda:** None.

**Public Comment:** Tom Brewer shared with the Board of his concerns regarding short term rentals in Peru. He passed along a copy of ordinances which were adopted in St. Augustine, FL where he also has a home. Jon advised Tom that the Planning Commission is in the process of developing an ordinance and to speak to them with his concerns. The SB acknowledges the concerns many residents have on short term rentals.

**Bill Gaiotti:**  Bill is running for State Representative this November. He attended the meeting to introduce himself.

**Wilderness Lands:**  Lisa inquired about a stand of hemlocks on her property and if there was any restrictions on harvesting trees.

**Road Foreman Report:** Wayne was unable to attend but Todd reported there are still pigeons at the Town shed. Todd also reported that the trail rides that take place on South Road have caused the road shoulders to collapse and wash out. Wayne will be re-slope the culverts as a deterrent. Crack sealing of pavement will start on Friday.

**New Business**

**Liquor License Approval Process:** The DLC will now only accept applications for liquor licenses electronically through their website.

**Letter Folding Machine:** The Town Office will look to purchase a letter/paper folding machine.

**Vault Maintenance:** Barbara advised the Selectboard about concern of excess moisture in the vault. Would like to have an assessment done to evaluate the situation.

**Old Business**

**Playground Update/Sitework:** Barbara reported that updated estimates have been received. After discussion, Chuck made a motion to authorize the proposed work and materials for the playground, up to $15,000.; Todd seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

**Other Business:** Jon reported that $3,000. rebate was received from Efficiency Vermont for the improvement to the Fire Department.

Jon also reported that the Southern VT Communications Union District received a grant to continue it’s phase 2 work next year which will include paying Consolidated Communications to build out its fiber network in Peru to all underserved households.

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

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Petra

Assistant Clerk

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