**TOWN OF PERU**

Selectboard Meeting

November 16, 2022

**Present:** Jon Mowry, Chuck Black, Barbara Petra, Wayne Blanchard, Taylor Barton, Jason Marino, Melinda Beebe

**Meeting Called to Order:** Jon called the meeting to order at 6:25 pm

**Review/Approve Minutes:** Jon motioned to accept previous minutes; Chuck seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

**Request to Change Agenda**: None

**Public Comment**: None

**Road Foreman Report**: Wayne reports that the fuel pump has arrived for Truck #1. Wayne will see that the truck goes to Newport to have this installed.

**New Business**:

**Regional Recreation Directors position:**  Jason Marino and Taylor Barton updated the selectboard on the Mountain Towns Recreation Directors position. They would like to see members of each participating town be part of a board to oversee this position. Jon voiced a concern about the development of new programs, such as for our older population. Discussion about a three-year commitment from towns at which point the benefits to individual towns could be reassessed, with possibly a 12-month advance notice if they were choosing to withdraw. Barbara inquired about how this would be presented to the voters. Discussion about putting an article together to be posted on the warning for Town Meeting.

**Green Mountain Power:** GMP requests approval by selectboard of a petition to put power lines on Hapgood Pond Road and the North Road underground.

The selectboard signed the petition approving this request.

**2023 Budget first draft:** Discussion on 2023-2024 budget.

**Old Business:** **Playground Update**: Barbara reported that work on the playground is done for this year. We were missing two posts to complete the Trapeze apparatus. These have since been delivered and will be installed in the spring.

O**ther Business:** Barbara states that she would like to organize a file of ordinances, zoning, dog license requirements etc. to be available to new residents. The selectboard agreed that this would be helpful to our newcomers.

**Review Bills/Approve Payments:** Bills were reviewed and approved for payment. A request was made by our treasurer to transfer funds from account 811 to the General Fund in the amount of $13,175.69 and from the General Fund to account 811 in the amount of $7,773.00. Jon motioned that these be approved; Chuck seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda M. Beebe

Town Clerk