**TOWN OF PERU**

Selectboard Meeting

December 7, 2022

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

**Meeting Called to Order:** Jon called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

**Review/Approve Minutes:** Jon made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes; Chuck 2nd; all in favor; motion passed.

**Request to Change Agenda:** Liquor licenses and transfer of funds.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Road Foreman Report:** Wayne reported on the roads being muddy. See under New Business further discussion.

**New Business**

**Updates on Londonderry Solid Waste District:** Esther Fishman presented an update on the transfer station. Disaster was avoided after a candle was lit at the Take-it-or-Leave-it bay. The administration is looking to replace its old and continuously repaired backhoe. Esther reported that there would be an additional assessment for the towns to fund this purchase. She asked for an equalized grand list of Peru to help with determining a fair share. She also shared with the selectboard a Recycling Coordinator job description. Todd inquired about using outside contractors to run the transfer station. Esther said that in some instances outside contractors are used to do some of the removal and/or recycling.

**Culvert end of North Road:**  Ruth Ann Barrick has alerted the SB that the upper end of North Road is impassable. After discussion, Wayne will add 3-4 yards of gravel to help alleviate the problem. Additional work will likely be necessary.

**Private Road Sign:** As requested by homeowner, Jay Eastman, a sign for a newly created private road has been ordered by Wayne. The cost of the sign will be absorbed by the homeowner.

**Old Business**

**2023 Budget first draft:** The Selectboard looked over the proposed budget. It will be further discussed at the next meeting.

**Other Business:**

Jon made a motion to transfer $12,800. from Highway Resurfacing Fund to the General Fund; Todd seconded; all in favor; motion passed. Liquor licenses for Peck Hospitality were reviewed. Jon made a motion to approve; Chuck seconded; all in favor; motion passed. Minutes to reflect approval.

On Thursday this week GSK will be evaluating the downstairs meeting room to help with the mold problem. Barbara asked the Selectboard to have an exterminator help with the mice problem in the Town Center and advise on how to deter the critters from entering the building.

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

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Petra

Assistant Clerk

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