**TOWN OF PERU**

Selectboard Meeting

March 15, 2023

**Present:** Jon Mowry, Alex Sheets, Barbara Petra, Jim Potter, Melinda Beebe.

**Meeting Called to Order:** Joncalled the meeting to order at 6:37pm. Jon welcomed our new Selectboard Member, Alex Sheets, to his first meeting.

**Review/Approve Minutes**: The March 1st meeting was canceled due to

the lack of a quorum.

**Request to Change Agenda**: None

**Public Comment:** None

**Road Foreman Report**: No Road Forman report. Wayne is getting some much deserved rest after the huge snowstorm and a rough couple of days.

**New Business**:

***Appoint Town Officers as needed****:* Alex nominates Jon Mowry, Jon seconded. All in favor. Jon motioned we reappoint all previous boards to include:

**Planning Commission**  Term Expires **Zoning Board** Term Expires

Andy Dahlstrom 2026 Chuck Black 2026

Jim Jordan 2026 Peter Bradford 2024

LJ Petra 2024 Charles Howard 2025

Mike Gayda 2024 David Utiger 2025

Lucas Hughes 2025

Vacant 2025

**Zoning Administrator:** William Goodwin

**Sexton:** Carl Holcomb

**Town Service Officer:** Melissa O’Brien

**Health Officer:** Mike Gayda

**Deputy Health Officer:** Josh Witkin

**Road Commissioner:** Todd Williams

**Emergency Manager:** Chuck Black and Todd Williams

Alex seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

***Designate Posting locations for public notices:*** Jon made the motion to have all Warnings, Agendas & Minutes posted inside and outside at the Town Office. They will also be posted at the Post Office and on the Peru Town Website. Alex seconded. Motion passed.

***Set time for Selectboard Meetings:*** Jon moves that selectboard meetings take place at 6:30pm the first and third Wednesday of the month. Alex seconded. Motion passed.

***Pay Rate for Town Treasurer:*** Jon motions we continue to pay Donna Williams what she is making now for as long as she is training the new treasurer. Alex seconded. Motion passed. Alex motions that the new treasurer, Cheryl Fox, be paid $20.00 per hour. Jon seconded. Motion passed.

Discussion on Donna continuing until such time that the new treasurer,

Cheryl Fox, is ready to be on her own.

***Feasibility Study for changes to Hapgood Pond Rd and Main Street Intersection:*** Discussion on using ARPA funds to reroute where Hapgood Road meets Main Street, making it a true 90 degree turn. We would have to hire a firm to do the feasibility study and then go from there. Engineers would be needed for the actual project.Barbara Petra inquired what else could be done to slow people down. Jim Potter spoke about installing solar signs that flash at both intersections. Installing crosswalks and reverse speed bumps were also discussed. Jon stated that it would be possible to roll these ideas into the feasibility study. .Jon made a motion to earmark, not more than, $5000.00 for said feasibility study. Alex seconded. Motion passed.

***Proposal for work on Town Center:*** This is a proposal about upgrading the downstairs of the Town Center to house the Town Archives that are now located upstairs in the Old Creamery. Discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

***Sharing a Town Zoning Administrator:*** Jon Spoke of having a conversation with Will Goodwin about the possibility of sharing a Zoning Administrator much like the Mountain Towns will be sharing a Recreation Director. All surrounding towns would contract with one person to serve. Concerns were raised as to how the time would be divided fairly among the towns. Jon stated that this is a very early discussion and many details would have to be addressed.

***Town Forest Updates:*** The County Forester inquired whether the Town of Peru wants its forest boundaries painting and if we want to be enrolled in the American Tree Farm Program. Jon Motioned that the town take advantage of both offerings. Alex seconded. Motion passed.

***Next steps on Short Term Rental Ordinance:*** STRO will take affect.

60 days from the time it was passed by the selectboard, April 15, 2023. Landlords need to register with the town within 90 days after that time.

Many details need to be worked out for this ordinance to be implement-ed. The process is continuing to get these details worked out.

**Old Business:** None

O**ther Business:** Jon motions that the board approve three overweight permits: Chave’s Construction, Cardinal Logistics & rk Miles. Alex seconded. Motion passed**.**

**Review Bills/Approve Payments:** All bills were approved for payment**.**

**Adjournment:**  Jon moved we adjourn at 7:41 pm, Alex seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda M. Beebe

Town Clerk

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