**TOWN OF PERU**

Selectboard Meeting

December 6, 2023

**Present:** Jon Mowry, Alex Sheets, Chuck Black, Patti & Michael Hughes, Ivanna Reed, Beth Knox, Alice Dibble, Eric Hanson, Jim Jordan, Cheryl Fox, Barbara Pierce, Jane Worley, Jim Potter, Mike Gordon, Barbara Petra.

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

**Review/Approve Minutes:** After review, Jon made a motion to approve last meetings minutes; Alex seconded; all in favor; motion carried.

**Request to Change Agenda:** Address housekeeping items.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Road Foreman Report:** Chuck reported on behalf of Wayne Blanchard that everything equipment wise is in good working order. Loader is back and hydraulics seem to be in good shape. No roof work yet on garage.

**New Business**

**Discussion on Hapgood Pond/Main St. Intersection:** Jon gave a bit of background regarding the origin of this project. Over the years, there have been complaints of excessive speed, not stopping at stop signs, driving on the wrong side of road, etc. Jon has proceeded in having MSK Engineering propose options for addressing the Hapgood Pond/East Main St. intersection. In addition, the public weighed in on other ways to help the situation. Suggestions included lighted speed signs, painted crosswalks and pavement stop lines, dips, continue using speed humps, etc. After discussion, Jon will ask for a cost estimate from MSK for the “Option Simple” design, Eric Hanson will research feasibility of “dips”, Jim Jordan will research speed signs, and road crew will be contacted re: painted crosswalk/stop lines. Generally, the overall response from the audience was that whatever can physically improve traffic flow/speed/aesthetics of the village should be considered and a cohesive plan decided on and implemented as soon as possible. This matter, with additional information, will be addressed at the January 17, 2024 selectboard meeting.

**Schedule Zoning Bylaw Hearing:**  It was determined that the agenda for the December 20th meeting will begin as usual at 6:30 pm and the first order of business will be Zoning Bylaw Hearing. All other business will continue as usual. The Selectboard has given permission for Will Goodwin to hire Aronline Hanson, for approximately $100., to proofread the final draft of the Zoning Bylaws before publication and distribution.

**Old Business**

None.

**Other Business:** The Selectboard has asked that the My Community Nurse Project present a petition signed by 5% of the voting members of Peru to be considered for inclusion to the annual appropriation request list. Barbara will contact the director and advise. Alex Sheets will not be at the next SB meeting and wanted to acknowledge Barbara for all her work before she leaves her position on December 21st.

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

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Petra

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