

**TOWN OF PERU**  
Selectboard Meeting  
April 4, 2024

**Present:** Chuck Black, Alex Sheets, Ben Foltz (by phone), Kate Boobar, Jaime & Scott Higgins & Melinda Beebe.

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

**Review/Approve Minutes:** Chuck motioned that the minutes from the previous meeting be approved, Alex 2<sup>nd</sup>; all in favor; motion passed.

**Request to Change Agenda:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Road Foreman Report:** None

**New Business:**

**Lovers Lane:** Kate Boobar, Jaime & Scott Higgins presented the selectboard with a letter of concern having to do with Lovers Lane. Chuck requested that research be done by Jaime Higgins to scope out prices for the different signs that were discussed.

\*See attached document.

**CUD Representative:** Chuck motions that we appoint Jon Mowry as Peru's representative to the Southern Vermont Communications Union District and Ben Foltz as alternative representative; Alex 2<sup>nd</sup>; All in favor. Motion passed.

**Health Officer Report:** No discussion or action taken.

**Old Business:**

**Highway Garage Repairs:** Motion made by Chuck to accept the contract from Mud, Patch & Paint to complete the work at the town garage; Alex 2<sup>nd</sup>; all in favor. Motion passed.

**Short Term Rentals:** No discussion or action taken.

**Other Business:**

**Liquor Licenses:** Motion made by Chuck and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alex to approve liquor licenses for Bromley Mountain; all in favor. Motion passed.

**Overweight Permits:** One application from Beacon Sales Acquisition and one from Cota & Cota. Alex made the motion to approve these as long as the load either originates or terminates in Peru; Chuck 2<sup>nd</sup>; all in favor. Motion passed.

**Priorities for the coming year:** Discussion on top priorities that include, but are not limited to:

1. Structural repairs to the Town Office building.
2. Traffic configuration in the center of Peru.
3. Improvements to the Town Green.

Alex made the recommendation, as suggested at a recent training, that the Selectboard be furnished with email addresses specifically for the town. This would create greater transparency and negate the need to use their personal email addresses.

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

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Melinda M. Beebe  
Town Clerk

April 3, 2024  
Peru Selectboard Members,

We are writing this letter collectively as residents of Lovers Lane. We are all concerned about the amount of fast traffic down our road and what is becoming a serious safety issue.

In the warmer months particularly, the speeds are incredibly fast without regard for the fact that this is a residential road where children play, pets may run into the road and people from the road and surrounding roads are out walking, biking and simply being outside.

The amount of traffic in the winter and spring is also a concern with multiple mud seasons and vehicles, work trucks and sap collecting trucks using this road as a thruway.

We would like to suggest the following:

- 1-Replace the MPH signs from 35 to 20 or 25 MPH which would be like speed limits on all the other dirt roads in the surrounding area. (see attached photos for MPH and other possible signage)
- 2-Radar speed collection/signs- one closer to 11 and one closer to Hapgood Pond Road.
- 3-For Mud season/Winter (or year-round); Signage asking people to use the paved roads if they do not live on Lovers Lane or need to directly use Lovers Lane to access their home.

We appreciate your time and look forward to working together to create a safer road for our town and our families.

Respectfully,

Thomas Day and Margaret King Day  
275 Lovers Lane

Connan and Andy Ashforth  
Hank and Francie Ashforth  
Kate and David Wiener  
Meg Ashforth  
499 Lover's Lane

Matt Boobar and Kate Boobar  
218 Lovers Lane

Scott Higgins and Jaime Higgins  
375 Lovers Lane