

TOWN OF PERU
Selectboard Meeting
November 17, 2021

Present: Jon Mowry, Chuck Black, Lisa & Tom Cronin, Donna Williams, Josh Witkin, Wayne Blanchard, Will Crandall, Melinda Beebe

Meeting Called to Order: Jon Mowry called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

Review/Approve Minutes: Jon Mowry motioned that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as written, Chuck Black 2nd motion; All in favor; motion passed

Request to Change Agenda: None

Public Comment: None

Road Foreman Report: Wayne Blanchard reports that the backhoe needs repair, but that this should be covered by the warranty.

Wayne informed the Selectboard of a camper that is parked in the town turnaround on Russell Road. He was advised by the selectboard to leave a notice posted at the camper from the town stating that it needs to vacate this location ASAP. If there is no response, further action may need to be taken.

Wayne also informed the Selectboard about construction materials that are blocking the town turnaround on Beechnut Drive. He has tried to locate the party responsible but has had no luck. Melinda stated that if there was a building permit Will Goodwin will be able to help identify the individuals responsible. Wayne will check in with him.

New Business: Discussion on hiring Will Perkins to maintain the town office walkway. This would include shoveling snow and applying De-icer as needed at a cost of \$52.00 per shoveling. The town is responsible for providing De-icer. Jon motioned we hire Will Perkins, Chuck 2nd; all in favor; motion passed.

Discussion on hiring Grace Thorssin to clean the town offices at a rate of \$30.00 per hour (three hour min.). Grace will be securing liability insurance. Jon motioned that we hire Grace to clean after she provides her certificate of insurance, Chuck 2nd, all in favor; motion passed.

Will Crandall raised concerns that not enough members of the cemetery commission are showing up to meetings. The commission is not able to vote on issues needing attention. Will asked that the selectboard act as the governing body to make decisions about the perpetual care funds. Discussion ensued about perpetual funds needing to be managed. Josh Witkin, as Trustee of Public Money, discussed where the funds are invested now and the need to decide if those investments are still serving the needs of the cemetery as well as how it is accessed. Josh will work with Donna to get this set up. Jon motioned we transfer \$31,500.00 from the cemeteries checking account to the perpetual care investments, Chuck 2nd, all in favor; motion passed.

Old Business: Town logging update; Forester Cory Creagan requested that the town provide stone for the two log landings needed. Jon motioned that the town provide stone, no second; motion died. Jon motioned that the town road crew maintain the roads up to the log landings this winter, Chuck 2nd; all in favor; motion passed.

Jon continues to research uses for ARPA funds, information will be forthcoming.

Wayne advised that the shed from the Peru Park will be moved to the parking lot across from the ice rink before winter.

Other Business: None

Review Bills/Approve Payments: The pay order was reviewed and all bills were approved for payment

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:22pm

Respectfully submitted,
Melinda M. Beebe
Town Clerk

Subject to Approval