

TOWN OF PERU

Selectboard Meeting

June 5, 2024

Present: Chuck Black, Alex Sheets, Ben Foltz, Lisa Cronin, Melinda Beebe.

Meeting Called to Order: Chuck called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

Review/Approve Minutes: Chuck made a motion to approve the previous minutes; Alex seconded; all in favor; Motion passed.

Request to Change Agenda: Discuss/sign prepaid fuel oil and propane gas contracts from Cota & Cota.

Public Comment: The town received a letter from the Bennington County Sheriff's Department inquiring about contracting with them for law enforcement services. Alex suggested that we invite them to make a presentation at a Selectboard meeting. He will reach out to the Sheriff's office.

Road Foreman Report: Chuck advised that we have received a grant to replace the culvert on Lovers Lane.

Old Business:

1) Village Traffic - Discussion continued about closing Main Street from Rte. 11 to the center of town. Alex has found a resource, Vermont Local Roads, that is available to assess the location and give recommendations. He will also reach out to DOT.

New Business:

1) Town Green Improvements - Ben Foltz and Jon Mowry have been working towards a plan for a 20' by 36', open covered building on the Town Green to include a small storage shed at one end. This

facility would be utilized for Town functions, The Peru Fair, Church events and any number of other purposes. Ben advised they will make a presentation to the Selectboard as soon as they have pictures and prices. Chuck states that we will need to conduct informational meetings. Also, that a project of this size would require a town wide vote to ultimately be approved.

- 2) **Town Center Repair** - Chuck led a field trip to the outside of the Town Office to view the top priorities for maintaining the building. The board inspected the pillars on the front porch, discussed possible upgrades to prevent future water damage. The need to repoint the chimney was next on the list. Chuck will contact masons to spec out this repair. The third project involves the Bilco door and adjacent cinder block wall. The wall is now buckling and will need to be replaced. Discussion about utilizing a precast stairway down to the basement. Ben notes the need for drainage along the back side of the building. The basement was also viewed from the inside to inspect for dampness and stability. There does not seem to be any damage to the back wall of the building. It was decided to create drainage from the dehumidifier to the outside so that the dehumidifier can run 24/7.
- 3) Fuel oil and propane gas contracts were reviewed. Alex motions we accept capped prices; Chuck seconded; all in favor; motion passed. All contracts were signed.

Other Business: Alex made a motion to reappoint Chuck Black as Forest Fire Warden; Ben seconded; all in favor. Motion passed.

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

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:32pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda M. Beebe

Town Clerk

Town of Peru, VT

Subject to Approval