**TOWN OF PERU**

Selectboard Meeting

APRIL 2, 2025

**Present:** Sally Ogden, Iwanna Reed, Mike Gayda, Wayne Blanchard, Alex Sheets, Andy Dahlstrom, Ben Foltz, Melinda Beebe.

**Meeting Called to Order:** 6:35 pm

**Review/Approve Minutes:** Andy moves to accept minutes, Alex seconds, so voted.

**Request to Change Agenda**: Sally let the selectboard know that should the first floor of the “Cheese House” becomes available she would like first dibs on it to relocate the Historical Society. Her request was noted by the Selectboard.

**Public Comment:** Iwanna has numerous concerns about the supposed housing development to be built at the East end of the village. Alex explained the meeting with the person seeking to purchase land for “affordable housing”, stating that this project may never get off the ground.

**Road Foreman Report**: Wayne reports lots of clean up of downed trees. Discussion on where this year’s paving will be. Discussion on drains etc. that need to be replaced. Wayne will get estimates for the paving to include the Town Office parking lot.

**Old Business**: 1) Village Traffic: Andy is meeting with VTrans to go over the process of applying for Grants that are available.

2) Town Green Improvements: A committee of Ben Foltz, Jon Mowry, & Lucas Hughes was formed to refine plans for the location and building of the pavilion on the green.

3) Town Center Maintenance: No discussion.

**New Business:** Mike Gayda reported on the need for a propane generator for the Firehouse to have the Fire Equipment available in weather such as we just experienced (ice storm). Mike will do some research on what is needed and the cost.

Mike also reported on a resident on East Manchester Road being noncompliant with health-related practices. He advises that a plan is in place that moving forward will more definitively deal with these issues. Alex will work with Neighborhood Connections to address this situation.

O**ther Business:** Selectboard went into Executive Session for discussions.

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

**Adjournment: 7**:45pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda M. Beebe

Town Clerk