**Town of Peru**

Selectboard Meeting

March 19, 2025

**PRESENT**: Lucas Hughes,Rhonda Kilburn, Alex Sheets, Ben Foltz, Andy Dahlstrom, Rudy.

**MEETING CALL TO ORDER:** 6:30 pm

**REVIEW/APPROVED MINUTES:** Minute from 03/05/24, were approved. Andy 1st, Alex 2nd.

**REQUEST TO CHANGE AGENDA:** N/A

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Rudy expressed concerns about the way the playground looks. Falling tree on the soccer goal. Rudy said he would help with playground upkeep. If anyone wants to help him Rudy’s phone # (802-827-3138). He wants to know who cleans up public spaces in Peru. Alex to talk to MTR Director Liam Elio and see what he can do.

**ROAD FORMAN REPORT:**

No Report

**OLD BUSINESS**:

* Village Traffic-

Working on getting prices for speed signs & painting on the road.

* Town Green Improvements -

Lucas wants more information on the gazebo. Price & what is going to look like. Ben spoke on the plan & said he would update Lucas. Lucas also suggested there be a commitment going forward, like an advisor working group which would be a few people to spearhead the building of the gazebo. Lucas also said that there may be people in our community that would like to work on the gazebo & that might save a little money on the project.

* Town Center Maintenance – N/A

**NEW BUISNESS:**

* *Housing Development-*

Dave Shehadi is the realtor for the ten plus acres being looked at for low-income housing in Peru. Hunter Costos is not aware of anything going on. V-Tran will not allow a driveway on Route 11. The funds for this may not be available soon. Are the houses & land going to be sold together? There are a lot of questions about this project.

* *Short-term Rental Ordinance-*

The Short-Term Rental Ordinance will be changed. One of the changes will be that all the rentals will be checked by the Division of Fire Safety. Also looking at putting lock boxes on some of the units so the fire department will be able to access the units when no one is there.

* *Road Commissioner Appointment-*

Andy Dahlstrom was nominated. Alex 1st & Ben Foltz 2nd. He was approved to be Road Commissioner.

**OTHER BUSINESS**:

1. Frank Parent the engineer of the Roberts property sends the Town of Peru a letter about the well being drilled. Frank indicates that the overlap with the town cemetery has the following meaning: the town would not be permitted to drill a well in the location due to the future neighboring septic. He also states that the Town would not be able to drill a well there anyway due to the active cemetery. Town has no recourse unless we filed suit, be the Town does not need to do anything at this time.
2. Peru Selectboard accepted the state’s Town Road and Bridge Standards.
3. Certificate of Compliance for Town Road and Bridge Standards and Network Inventory was signed by the selectboard.

**REVIEW BILLS AND APPROVE PAYMENTS:**

* Ben Foltz 1st & Alex 2nd that all bills to be approved for payment.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 7:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Kilburn

Assistant Town Clerk