

Board of Selectmen-Finance Committee Joint Meeting

Town Hall Meeting Room, 3 East Main Rd. Peru, MA

Wednesday, March 15, 2023 @ 6:00 P.M.

1. **Call to order:** Chairman Leach called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Roll Call Select Board:** Selectboard Chairman Leach, Selectman Cullett,
The Finance Committee could not conduct the meeting without a quorum. Selectman Leach motion to move the joint meeting to the Community Center at 6:01 p.m., Selectman Cullett second, 2—0. Selectman Leach motion to re-open the joint meeting in the Community Center at 6:03 p.m., Selectman Cullett second, 2-0
Roll Call: Selectman Leach present, Selectman Cullett present.
3. **Roll Call Finance Committee:** Finance Committee Chairman, Paul Hickling present, Finance Committee Member Darryl Darby present.

Public: None

4. **State recording status:** Selectman Leach recording under Exemption E for personal reasons.
5. **Pledge Allegiance to the Flag:** Led by Selectman Leach
6. **Review and Approve Finance Committee Minutes from 3/1/2023:** Since only two Finance Committee members were present, Fin Com Chairman Hickling decided to wait until the next meeting to approve the 3/1/2023 minutes.
7. **Revisit estimates on police garage roof.** Police Chief Cullett does not have any more estimates. Placed on hold.
8. **Revisit Fire Chief Salary:** Selectman Leach mentioned that the Fire Chief never presented his budget to the Board of Selectmen. Selectman Cullett is requesting Fire Chief Pelkey attend the next meeting to present a brief rundown of his proposed budget. Fin Com Chairman Hickling would like for the Board of Selectman and Finance Committee to reach a compromise and make a fresh proposal. Selectman Leach mentioned that the Fire Chief needs an overview of his budget with more detail. Fin Com Member Darby wanted to know how the Fire Chief's Salary could be increased. Placed on hold.
9. **Outstanding issues with Fire Engine and Rescue vehicle:** Selectman Leach no update-placed on hold.
10. **Discussion of FY24 Budget:** No updates from BOS and Finance Committee – placed on hold
11. **Public Input:** None

Next meeting's agenda will be a repeat of tonight's agenda and will be held at the Community Center at 6:00 p.m. possibly on March 29th.

12. Adjourn: Selectman Leach motion to adjourn joint meeting at 6:17 p.m. Selectman Cullett second, unanimous vote to adjourn. 2-0

Items used:

Finance Committee Draft minutes from March 1, 2023

Sign in sheet

Respectively submitted,

Terry L Walker

Administrative Assistant

Verne Leach, Chairman Board of Selectman _____

Bruce Cullett, Selectman _____

Douglas Haskins, Fin Com Member _____

Samuel Haupt, Fin Com Member _____

Paul Hickling, Fin Com Chairman _____

Jesse Pelkey, Fin Com Member _____

Darryl Darby, Fin Com Member _____

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