

TOWN HALL 3 EAST MAIN ROAD PERU, MA 01235

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES: October 19, 2020: 6:00 P.M.

COMMUNITY CENTER

Ed Munch, BOS Chairman/Historical Commission
Bruce Cullett, Selectman/Chief of Police
Verne Leach, Selectman/ACO
Justin Russell, Highway Superintendent
Nanette Mone, Board of Health Chair
Luanne Forgea, Candidate for Council on Aging Director
Tonya Santaniello, Administrative Assistant

Item 1: **Call to order:** 6:00 P.M.

Item 2: **Roll Call:** Chairman Munch Present, Selectman Cullett Present, Selectman Leach Present

Item 3: **State Recording status:** Tonya Santaniello recording; Live stream on Town Clerk Facebook page; Live stream on Zoom Meeting

Item 4: **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:** Lead by Selectman Munch

Item 5: **Review and Approve Meeting Minutes for 10/14/2020:** Munch made motion to approve BOS meeting minutes for 10/14/2020 pending changes, Cullett seconds, all agree. **Vote 2-0.** Leach recused.

Item 6: **Update to Departments:**

Highway Dept: Russell discussed driving around to inspect private roads since certified letter was mailed. As of now nobody has tried to do anything on Spruce Rd and Lee Rd to remove the junk vehicles so the DPW will not plow these roads. Russell stated that one resident on Greylock Circle reached out to him and said even if his neighbors didn't want to trim any brush he would take care of it all and buy gravel himself but nothing has been fixed yet. Discussed Garnet Mountain Lane off South Rd Ext. is in terrible condition and full of large potholes which are full of water right now. Munch asked if residents received the letters, Cullett stated all the letters were mailed certified and only a hand full came back undeliverable. Cullett said TA Mitchell was going to follow up with those residents. Russell discussed the 2008 International had work done at Delurey's and is now at Zwack's getting the body replaced. Discussed salt is on order and they have been doing a lot of blacktop patching. Discussed one plow is being rebuilt right now.

Board of Health: Nanette discussed speaking with Sandra Martin from Alliance who is tasked with COVID-19 issues. Nanette said that according to Sandra being the entity we are, the Town is not required to keep a Log for anyone visiting the Town office but if we decide to each department would do their own.

Police Dept: Chief Cullett stated there had been vehicle break-ins again in town. Cullett said there is a video online and is looking for Public Input.

Item 7: **Discussion and Possible vote to appoint Luanne Forgea as Town of Peru Council on Aging Director:** Munch asked Luanne to tell the BOS a little about herself. Luanne discussed her experience as an EMT but no longer rides on the truck. She discussed her volunteer work in Dalton and Lee along with her interest in volunteering for the Town of Peru Council on aging. Munch made a motion to appoint Luanne Forgea as the Town of Peru Council on Aging Director. Leach seconds. All agree. **Vote 3-0**

Item 8: **Discussion with Doug Haskins, Parks & Recreation member about installation of infield for ball field and small shed for equipment:** Doug Haskins not present. Highway Super Russell asked if the Recreation department can spend money on anything they want. Munch said yes except for substantial amounts. Continued until next meeting.

Item 9: **Discussion of cost estimates for Business and Internet services for Town of Peru Phone System:** Discussed the Internet is up and starting today. Discussed a miscommunication regarding the fiber. Continued to next meeting.

Item 10: **COVID-19 Updates:** Nanette discussed keeping a simple bound log for signing visitors in and out. Cullett discussed approval for intercom system and he is waiting on installation date. Cullett discussed speaking with the town's IT Provider regarding the 6 Laptops. The model quoted is back ordered and out of stock, but the IT Provider found an equivalent model that is slightly different but cost less.

Item 11: **Discussion of Marijuana Cultivation By-Law for Town of Peru:** Munch stated the BOS is not going to act except to forwarding to the Planning Board. Leach stated he thought something was needed in the By-Laws for Commercial growing. Cullett made motion to refer discussion of a Marijuana Cultivation By-Law for the Town of Peru to the Planning Board, Leach seconds. All agree. **Vote 3-0**

Item 12: **Public Input:** No public logged in to Zoom meeting. No public input.

Item 13: **Review and Approve Accounts payable, Treasury Warrants, and Payroll Warrants:**

Accounts payable, Treasury Warrants, and Payroll Warrants reviewed and approved.

RULE OF NECESSITY – Munch said he wants to invoke the Rule of Necessity to sign the Bills from the Fire Dept. since both he and Selectman Leach are on the Fire Dept.

Item 14: **Adjourn:**

Munch made motion to adjourn the 10/19/2020 BOS Meeting. Leach seconds. All agree **Vote 3-0. The 10/19/2020 BOS Meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.**

Articles used:

10/19/2020 BOS Meeting Agenda

10/14/2020 BOS Meeting Minutes

Accounts payable, Treasury Warrants, and Payroll Warrants

Respectfully Submitted

Tonya Santaniello, Administrative Assistant

Ed Munch, Chairman

Verne Leach, Selectman

Bruce Cullett, Selectman

Date Approved: 10/19/2020

