

TOWN HALL 3 EAST MAIN ROAD PERU, MA 01235

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES: July 24, 2023 @ 6:00 P.M.

Peru Town Hall Community Center

Vern Leach, Chairman Selectman/ACO

Doug Haskins, Selectman/Fin Com

Ed Munch, Selectman

Terry Walker, Town Administrator

Jesse Pelkey, Fire Chief

Justin Russell, Highway Superintendent

Bruce Cullett, Police Chief/EMD

Public Attendees: Sam Haupt, Heather Brooks, Carlton Brooks, Casey Hopkins, Don Perreault, Logan Brooks, Harold "Mick" Finn

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

Item 2: Roll Call: Chairman Leach present, Selectman Haskins present, Selectman Munch present

Item 3: State Recording status: None.

Item 4: Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Led by Selectman Leach

Item 5: Review and Approve BOS Meeting Minutes for 07/17/2023:

Selectman Leach motion to approve 7/17/2023 minutes as is, Selectman Munch second, 3-0,

Item 6: Updates of Departments:

Highway Superintendent Russell mentioned that the milling on Route 143 will begin on August 14th. Also, the Engine in the Ford 550 is gone with only 45,000 miles on it. One option is to trade in or fix the engine and a replacement motor would cost a little over \$27,000 and an 8 month back order. Superintendent Russell mentioned that they do not have a vehicle to do patching. Selectman Leach and Selectman Munch were concerned about the warranty on repairing the engine. Selectman Haskins asked Superintendent Russell to get quotes on a new Ford 550 within the next couple of weeks. Superintendent Russell mentioned that he wants a gas motor not a diesel. Selectman Munch mentioned that the Future Equipment Account may have enough funds to purchase the new highway truck. Superintendent Russell mentioned that the county bid for salt is \$76.00 per ton. Also, an emergency culvert will be replaced on Curtin Road next week.

Fire Chief Pelkey mentioned that Captain Logan Brooks brought Tanker #2 for an inspection and the tires failed to pass inspection. Chief Pelkey also mentioned that the fire association paid for the windshield. The price of new 6 ply tires from Pete's Tire Barn are \$350.00 per tire and 10 tires are in need of replacement.

Police Chief Cullett mentioned that all officers have completed training and qualification on new sidearms.

EMD Cullett mentioned that he and Superintendent Russell attended a MEMA meeting for the federal disaster declaration assessment. The estimate for the repair to gravel roads is around \$130,000 and if a state of emergency is declared procurement laws do not have to be followed and deficit spending is allowed. Mr. Cullett also asked permission to purchase a dehumidifier for the community room for the mold issue. The dehumidifier would cost

between \$300.00-\$400.00. Selectman Leach motion to have Mr. Cullett purchase a dehumidifier, Selectman Munch second, 3-0 unanimous vote.

TA Walker mentioned that she and Fire Chief Pelkey had a meeting and Chief Pelkey mentioned he is in need of a computer. The Selectboard was in favor of giving Chief Pelkey a computer as long as Renatus removes all data. TA Walker also mentioned that the departments have until August 31, 2023, to submit any invoices as encumbrances.

Item 7: Discussion and possible vote for posting summer help for the Highway Department: Highway Superintendent Russell has located the posting and the position has not been posted. Selectman Haskins has offered to help at the Highway Department. Highway Superintendent Russell mentioned that he still uses Dale Weeks, and he does not want to terminate Dale Weeks. Selectman Haskins does not want to step on Dale Weeks toes but he as all the paperwork filled out to apply for the position. Highway Superintendent will not be posting the summer help position for this year.

Item 8: Discussion and possible vote on Town Administrator duties: Selectman Leach mentioned that he has only received one person interested in the duties as Administrative Assistant, which is Terry Walker. Selectman Leach would like to change the Town Administrator duties by adding accounting duties and meeting minutes to the Town Administrator duties. The salary for the Town Administrator Salary would be increased by \$100.00 per week to complete meeting minutes and accounts payable processing. Selectman Leach motion to pay Town Administrator, Terry Walker, \$100.00 per week for additional duties and eliminate Administrative Assistant position, the \$100.00 per week would be paid out of the Administrative Compensation Account, Selectman Haskins second, 3-0 unanimous vote.

Item 9: Discussion and possible vote to reappoint Jesse Pelkey to Parks and Recreation: Selectman Leach motion to appoint Jesse Pelkey to Parks and Recreation, Selectman Haskins second, 3-0 unanimous vote.

Item 10: Discussion on possible vote on Rescue Vehicle with Rescue Vehicle Committee: Fire Captain Logan Brooks brought two Fire Rescue quotes before the board. A 2015 Ford F550 XL Super Duty for \$175,000, and a 2023 Ford Super Duty F350Crew Cab for \$93,924.32 were discussed:

1. _Open utility body or enclosed
2. Should the vehicle have a plow package
3. Selectman Haskins mentioned in his experience with MHQ the service is not very good and Highway Superintendent Russell concurred with that statement.
4. Should vehicle have a crew cab-Heather Brooks mentioned that training the youth to be productive citizens and bringing them on calls demonstrates the need for a crew cab
5. Selectman Munch suggested Captain Brooks work with Highway Superintendent Russell since he has extensive knowledge in purchasing trucks.
6. Captain Brooks felt that a 4-door vehicle would be safer for the firefighters.
7. Marcotte Ford and McGovern will be contacted but ordering a new truck may take over a year.
8. Selectman Munch feels that everyone is going in the right direction and now everyone is on the right path.
9. Captain Brooks was asked to get more quotes and come back in two weeks.

Item 11: Discussion and possible vote on right of first refusal for portion of land on Curtin Road to be transferred from Chapter 61: Selectman Leach motion to vote on right of first refusal for a portion of land on Curtin Road, Bruce Cullett mentioned he owns the land and is taking 5.25 acres out of Chapter 61 and selling a portion to an abutter at 13 Curtin Road so the abutter has the acreage to build a garage, and combine the remainder of the acreage will 11 Curtin Road. Selectman Leach motion to refuse the land on Curtin Road, Selectman Munch second, 3-0.

Item 12: Possible vote to executive session under GL Chapter 30A Section 21A (3) to discuss strategy with the respect to litigation complaint, Davidson vs Town of Peru: Selectman Leach motion to go into executive session under Chapter 30A Section 21A (3) to discuss strategy with the respect to litigation complaint, Davidson vs Town of Peru, Selectman Haskins second, 3-0. At 7:13 p.m. Meeting will reconvene after executive session.

Called to order: Selectmen Leach called the meeting to order at 7:22 p.m.

Roll Call: Present Selectman Leach, present Selectman Haskins, present Selectman Munch

Item 13: Review and approve Accounts Payable, Treasury Warrant and payroll Warrant: V02-2024, P02-2024

Item 14: Public Input: Mr. Harold "Mick" Finn, who resides at Hickingbotham Road, is very concerned about the condition of Hickingbotham Road. Mr. Finn would appreciate the Highway Superintendent Russell directing the water out of his driveway. He feels that once the culvert fails his driveway will be washed out. Selectman Haskins mentioned that Highway Superintendent Russell met with MEMA after the rainstorm and funding will be available to fix the gravel roads. Mr. Finn felt that Highway Superintendent Russell is the issue because the drainage is on the wrong side of the road. Mr. Finn also stated he did not have an issue with the drainage for 30 years and Superintendent Russell is not draining the roadway properly. Mr. Finn also felt that Superintendent Russell should not use the town grader as a bulldozer, and he should not be spreading gravel with a grader. Mr. Finn questioned why Superintendent Russell is digging up the road and leaving it in such a mess. Mr. Finn also felt that Superintendent Russell mistreats the town machinery and is ruining stone walls. Mr. Finn wants trenches made to divert the water to the opposite side of the road. In closing, Mr. Finn is not happy with the Highway Superintendent's work and not happy with Superintendent Russell being rough with town equipment. Selectman Leach stopped the conversation because the Highway Superintendent was not present.

Treasurer Wendling mentioned that after Renatus updated the server, she could not dial in with SoftRight to receive training on the cashbook module. The treasurer mentioned that her scanning was not working, the Assessor's computer not working, and the Town Clerk computer was not scanning. Treasurer Wendling felt that Renatus should correct all these problems as soon as the update was completed.

Transfer Station Attendant Verne Leach invoked the rule of necessity and feels they should alter the Policy. The Transfer Station Scrap Metal Dumpster policy was adopted on March 30, 2020. The policy states that all items placed in the metal dumpster shall become the property of the Town of Peru. Transfer Station Attendant Ed Munch also invoked the rule of necessity. Ed Munch is opposed to the rule. Selectman Haskins feels that if someone drops off something and another person can use it, he doesn't have a problem with another person taking the items. Selectman Haskins feels the discretion should be up to the transfer station attendant-as long as the person doesn't have to go through dumpster. Also, the safety rule -a child cannot exit the car under the age of 12. Ed Munch felt that the safety rule of a child under 12 not being able to get out of the car is a good rule.

Transfer Station Attendant Leach, Transfer Station Attendant Munch and Selectman Haskins were all in agreement that the policy should be changed.

Item 15: Adjourn: Selectman Leach motion to adjourn the 7/24/2023 BOS Meeting, Selectman Haskins second, vote 3-0. The 7/24/2023 BOS Meeting adjourned at 7:59 P.M.

Articles used:

Minutes- 7/17/2023

Warrants: V02-2024, P02-2024

Rescue Truck quotes

Mema disaster recovery damages

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry Walker
Town Administrator

Verne Leach, Chairman



Doug Haskins, Selectman



Ed Munch, Selectman



Date Approved: 8-7-23

Received August 7, 2023, Kim Leach, Town Clerk



Firetrucks For Sale



Signal 5 Fire Apparatus · 7h ·

For Sale- 2015 Ford F-550 XL Super Duty/
Spartan Mini Rescue (Inv 23131)

Includes Hurst Tool

Asking \$175,000

Available October 2023

5,161 miles

Ford 4 - Door 5 person Cab

6.8l V-10 Gas Engine

Automatic Transmission

Aluminum body

Air conditioning

Power Windows

Back up camera

Harrison 6kw hydraulic generator

(6) body scene lights (2 on each side and
2 in the rear)

(2) Telescoping LED Flood lights on front
of body of truck

1 electrical reel with 200' of cord

(2) hydraulic reels with 200' of hose

Hurst tool cutter and spreader included

Flashlights included

Kussmaul charging system

Whelen LED emergency lighting

Whelen electronic siren

Whelen traffic advisor



Peru, MA

Contact Name: Jesse Pelkey, Chief of Department
Company/Dept: FIRE
Street Address: 11 E Main Rd
City, State, Zip: Peru, MA 01235
Phone: (413) 441-7023(c.)
E-Mail: perufirechief@gmail.com

Date: 6.28.2023
Valid Through : 60 days *
Customer #:
Contract: PCC 23-26
Sales Rep: Steven Anderson

CONTRACT LINE REFERENCE		LINE DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	QTY.	EXTENDED PRICE
W3H/640A		[Fleet] 2023 Ford Super Duty F-350 DRW (W3H) XL 4WD Crew Cab 179" WB 60" CA	\$ 49,190.00	1	\$ 49,190.00
99N		Engine: 7.3L 2V DEVCT NA PFI V8 Gas (Standard)	\$ -	1	\$ -
44G		Transmission: TorqShift 10-Speed Automatic	\$ -	1	\$ -
X4L		Limited Slip w/4.30 Axle Ratio	\$ 377.30	1	\$ 377.30
64U		Wheels: 17" Forged Polished Aluminum	\$ 588.00	1	\$ 588.00
TBM		Tires: LT245/75R17E BSW A/T	\$ 161.70	1	\$ 161.70
18B		Platform Running Boards	\$ 436.10	1	\$ 436.10
41P		Transfer Case Skid Plates	\$ 98.00	1	\$ 98.00
43C		120V/400W Outlet	\$ 171.50	1	\$ 171.50
473		Snow Plow Prep Package	\$ 245.00	1	\$ 245.00
512		Spare Tire, Wheel & Jack	\$ 343.00	1	\$ 343.00
61U		4-Ton Hydraulic Jack	\$ -	1	\$ -
59H		Center High-Mounted Stop Lamp (CHMSL)	\$ -	1	\$ -
61L		Front Wheel Well Liners (Pre-Installed)	\$ 176.40	1	\$ 176.40
67B		410 Amp Dual Alternators	\$ 112.70	1	\$ 112.70
76C		Exterior Backup Alarm (Pre-Installed)	\$ 171.50	1	\$ 171.50
86M		Dual 68 AH/65 AGM Battery	\$ -	1	\$ -
872		Rear View Camera & Prep Kit	\$ 406.70	1	\$ 406.70
96V		XL Chrome Package	\$ 220.50	1	\$ 220.50
PQ		Exterior 1: Race Red	\$ -	1	\$ -
A5		Interior: Medium Dark Slate, HD Vinyl 40/20/40 Split Bench Seat	\$ -	1	\$ -
52T		Potential 2024MY Increase	\$ 4,912.00	1	\$ 4,912.00
		Remainder of Factory Equipment for this Trimline		1	\$ -

PCC Ford Contract Total :				\$ 57,610.40
SERVICES	VentVisor 4 piece VentShades			
SERVICES	Tint Front Door Glass - 40%	\$ 160.00	1	\$ 160.00
SERVICES	Aftermarket Remote Starter (2 FOBs) also provides Keyless Entry START2	\$ 195.00	1	\$ 195.00
SERVICES	MHQ Graphics Package "A" - Chevron	\$ 395.00	1	\$ 395.00
SERVICES	MHQ Graphics Package "C" (does not include full/high int. chevron)	\$ 395.00	1	\$ 395.00
236	Federal Signal Micro Pulse Ultra MPS620U-DUAL color - Pair/Grille	\$ 695.00	1	\$ 695.00
27	Federal Signal 53" ALLEGIANTE ALGT53, Lightbar DUAL color	\$ 322.00	2	\$ 644.00
103	Federal Signal Pathfinder PF200R	\$ 1,832.00	1	\$ 1,832.00
112	Federal Signal OBDCABLE25-2 Ford PIU 2020+ vehicle interface cable	\$ 1,195.00	1	\$ 1,195.00
110	Federal Signal EXPMOD-24 output expansion module	\$ 246.00	1	\$ 246.00
TAB3	Whelen wig wag	\$ 361.00	1	\$ 361.00
249	Federal Signal Corner LED system 416900XZ-XX - DUAL color, 12-LED, Pair	\$ 155.00	1	\$ 155.00
243	Federal Signal Micro Pulse Wide Angle MPSW9-XX - DUAL color/Pair - Front Fenders/rear wheels/rear body	\$ 235.00	1	\$ 235.00
120	Federal Signal ES100C siren speaker	\$ 415.00	8	\$ 3,320.00
TAB3	Magnetic Mic Clip(s) #MMSU1	\$ 370.00	1	\$ 370.00
402	Central Wiring Harness/Power Distribution System CH27120	\$ 45.00	2	\$ 90.00
TAB3	Whelen DUO LED Dome Lights (ea.) - front seats 3SRCCDCR / PLSW30	\$ 750.00	1	\$ 750.00
443	Havis #C-2410 & C-TMW-24, 24" console with 24" track mount F150-550/Exped	\$ 97.92	1	\$ 97.92
TAB3	Dual 12v outlets w/dual USB CLP2P51USB 1 console, 1 ea center body compartment	\$ 540.00	1	\$ 540.00
463	Havis Side Mount Arm Rest CARM102	\$ 150.00	3	\$ 450.00
TAB3	Havis 3" accessory pocket, 2.5" deep C-AP-0325	\$ 80.00	2	\$ 160.00
TAB3	Havis Adjustable Dual Internal Cup Holder CUP21001	\$ 64.00	1	\$ 64.00
TAB3	9' long steel service body - DRW chassis	\$ 75.00	1	\$ 75.00
TAB3	Cross body forward through compartment for steel utility body	\$ 15,249.00	1	\$ 15,249.00
SERVICES	Base/Clearcoat paint to match cab	\$ 1,355.00	1	\$ 1,355.00
TAB3	Inside compartment rope lighting (LED)	\$ 4,325.00	1	\$ 4,325.00
SERVICES	Rhino Coat Utility body w/Tops and Rear Step	\$ 655.00	1	\$ 655.00
TAB3	Fire Vulcan LED Vehicle Mount System - 12V DC - quick release shoulder strap & direct wire rack - Orange 44451 rear cabinet	\$ 1,000.00	1	\$ 1,000.00
TAB3	Knucklehead Div 2 Spot - 12V DC Fast Charge - Orange 90770 Cabin	\$ 250.00	2	\$ 500.00
2005	Install / Transfer Cust. Supplied 2-way Radio(s) EACH	\$ 265.00	2	\$ 530.00
	PCC AfterMarket Equipment Contract Total :	\$ 275.00	1	\$ 275.00
		Cost per Unit :		\$ 36,313.92
				\$ 93,924.32

INITIAL DAMAGE ASSESSMENT (IDA) REPORT
PUBLIC DAMAGE (PART A)

Please e-mail completed IDA report to Disaster.Recovery@mass.gov or fax to MEMA Disaster Recovery Department at 508-820-1401

INCIDENT INFORMATION

(1) TYPE OF DAMAGE (check appropriate box(s): Rain / Flooding	PUBLIC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BUSINESS/RESIDENTIAL
(2) INCIDENT TYPE: (indicate type of storm or incident): July 10, 2023 Rain Storm		
(3) INCIDENT DATE(S): 7/10/ 2023		
(4) REPORTING (check appropriate box):	INITIAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FOLLOW-UP
(5) REPORT DATE: 7/21/2023		
CONTACT INFORMATION		
(6) NAME OF CITY/TOWN/STATE AGENCY/Department: Town of Peru, Bruce Cullett, Emergency Management Director		(7) COUNTY: Berkshire

(9) BUSINESS NUMBER: 413-655-8377

(10) FAX NUMBER: 413-655-2144

(11) EMAIL ADDRESS: bcullett@townofperuma.com

PART A: PUBLIC DAMAGES

(12) LOCATION/SITE	(13) ESTIMATE OF COSTS							(14) INSURANCE	
	A Debris Removal	B Emergency Protective Measures	C Roads/ Bridges	D Water Control Facilities	E Buildings & Equipment	F Public Utilities	G Public Parks/Cemetaries/ Recreation	Yes/No	Deductible amount
South Road Extension, near intersection of Causeway Road			\$18,525.00					No	
Hickingsboltham Road			\$31,800.00					No	
Pierce Road			\$35,490.00					No	
Curtin Road, culvert @ Peru State Forest		\$250.00	\$17,525.00					No	
August Smith Road, west side			\$4,300.00					No	
Orpin Road			\$1,945.00					No	
Strong Road			\$13,878.00					No	
Haskell Road			\$3,658.00					No	
SUBTOTAL CATEGORIES OF WORK:	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$127,121.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
GRAND TOTAL ALL CATEGORIES OF WORK:	\$127,371.00								

(15) COMMENTS:

PLEASE REPORT RESIDENTIAL/BUSINESS DAMAGE BY SELECTING "Residential/Business Damage" TAB ON BOTTOM OF THIS WORKBOOK

Approval Under Subdivision Control
Law Not Required

Peru Planning Board

Date:



Approximate Magnetic 2023



Locus Map
1" = 1000'

Legend:

- - Iron Pipe Found
- - Iron Pipe With Cap Set
- ▲ - Computed Point
- ⊕ - Utility Pole
- - Stone Wall
- x - x - x - - Wire Fence Remains
- OHL — Over Head Line

Remaining Lands of
Bruce W. & Greta E. Cullett
Bk. 1664 Pg. 1142

N/F
Gregory F. Hauser &
Meghan A. Makoid
Bk. 3970 Pg. 169

①
Area: 3.311 Acres ±
Frontage: 334.63'
See Note 4

N/F
Richard C. Nelson & Donna M. Yelle
Bk. 5561 Pg. 124

N/F
Bruce W. Cullett
Bk. 7072 Pg. 100

Shed

Spring House

Well

N/F
James F. Keifer
Bk. 6201 Pg. 339

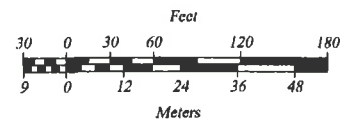
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Area: 2.051 Acres ±
Frontage: 164.72'
See Note 4

N/F
Nanette M. Mone
Bk. 1696 Pg. 625

N/F
Joshua W. Oldread &
Danielle C. Imprescia
Bk. 4957 Pg. 232

N/F
Valerie Rust
Bk. 5649 Pg. 313

Remaining Lands
of Bruce W. &
Greta E. Cullett
Bk. 1664 Pg. 1142



I certify that this plan has been prepared in
conformity with the rules and regulations of
the registers of deeds of the Commonwealth
of Massachusetts

Brian C. Kozgala 6/20/2023
Professional Land Surveyor Date

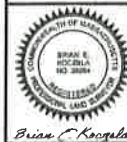
Notes:

1. The parcels surveyed and shown hereon are a portion of the premises described in a deed to Bruce W. & Greta E. Cullett recorded in B.M.D.R.D. in Bk. 1664 Pg. 1142, Dated May 25, 1999.
2. The premises surveyed and shown hereon may be subject to rights and easements as contained in the various deeds of record describing said premises. The locations and extent of said rights and easements are not the subject of this survey.
3. The right of way area of Curtin Road shown hereon is based upon evidence found marking the sidelines thereof in accordance with M.G.L. c86,s2.
4. Parcel 1 to be conveyed and combined with land of Bruce W. Cullett. Parcel 2 to be conveyed and combined with land of Joshua W. Oldread & Danielle C. Imprescia.
5. The remaining land of Cullett meets or exceeds the requirements as a building lot per the current Town of Peru Zoning By-Laws as to frontage and area. Per assessor, remaining lot contains 51 Acres +/- and 596' Frontage +/- (scaled), not surveyed.

**APPROVAL NOT REQUIRED PLAN OF LAND IN
PERU, MASSACHUSETTS**

PREPARED FOR

BRUCE W. & GRETA E. CULLETT



BEK LAND SURVEYORS & FORESTERS
ASSOCIATES

9 CURTIS AVENUE
DALTON, MA 01226

DATE	06/20/2023	JOB #	23.130	SCALE	1" = 60'
DRAWN BY	N.L.S.	REVIEWED BY	B.E.K.		