

TOWN HALL 3 EAST MAIN ROAD PERU, MA 01235

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES: April 5, 2021: 6:00 P.M.

Town Hall Meeting Center

Ed Munch, BOS Chairman/Historical Commission

Bruce Cullett, Selectman/Chief of Police

Verne Leach, Selectman/ACO

Caleb Mitchell, Town Administrator

Nanette Mone, Board of Health Chair

Lawrence Parnass, Berkshire Eagle

Justin Russell, Highway Superintendent

Brian Dewkett, Fire Chief

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 Zoom Meeting.

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

Item 5: **Review and Approve Meeting Minutes for 3/29/2021:** Munch made motion to approve minutes for 3/29/2021 pending changes, Leach seconds. All agree. **Vote 3-0.**

Item 6: **Update to Departments:**

Highway Dept.:

Transfer Station: Leach as Transfer Attendant stated there was nothing new to report.

Police Dept.: Chief Cullett stated there was nothing new to report.

Town Administrator: Discussed concerns from some staff members about the doorbell not working. Cullett discussed having repair man come out to fix. Mitchell discussed receiving the Green Energy Contract proposal that will need to be signed by Chairman Munch and notarized. Mitchell discussed having the paperwork ready for the Dunn & Bradstreet number which will also need to be signed by Chairman Munch and notarized. Both sets of paperwork will be signed and notarized after the meeting since the BOS already discussed and approved in a prior meeting. Mitchell discussed sending out Letter to resident on Ridge Road regarding the road conditions. Mitchell stated he contacted MA DCR regarding signs. Discussed posting vaccination clinic for Veterans to be held at Patterson Field House located at Berkshire College this Saturday, April 10th. Discussed the possibility of having a Zoom proposal from Modern Wood Heat Representative and that this qualifies under the Green Community Grant. Discussed submission for an extension regarding the Mitigation Plan.

Item 7: **Discussion and Vote to appoint Linda Nelson to the Cultural Commission:** Munch made motion to appoint Linda Nelson to the Peru/Hinsdale Cultural Commission. Leach seconds. All agree. **Vote 3-0.**

Item 8: **Discussion and Possible Vote to relocate the Fire House Generator:** Fire Chief Dewkett discussed the need to relocate the fire house generator. Chief Dewkett said it is in a bad location due to the snow and ice buildup. Discussed moving it along the fence in-between the two buildings on the north side of the propane tanks. Discussed installing a concrete pad and anticipated that the cost should not be that high. Chief Dewkett stated there may be enough funds left in his budget to pay for it. Chief Dewkett said he thinks there is enough money left in his budget to cover the expense. Cullett discussed having to do three informal quotes for smaller projects which can be done verbally, faxed, or emailed. They do not need to be sealed.

Item 9: **Discussion and Possible Vote to decide how to proceed with property located at 40 East Main Road:** Mitchell stated the Assessor and Treasurer will need to look into the matter further before making a recommendation. Munch said this will be continued to next meeting.

Item 10: **Discussion and Possible Vote on proposal to purchase approximately five acres of land located behind Town Hall to the Town of Peru:** Cullett asked about the price the owner was asking for the land. Mitchell stated nothing has been provided. Munch said he does not think it is a good idea for the Town to purchase the land since it is wetland. Discussed that no survey has been done on the property. Cullett said he does not see any value to the Town in purchasing the land. Leach said he agrees. Discussed if owner's propane tanks were 20 feet from the property line. Munch made a motion to reject the offer to purchase the five acres of land located behind the Town Hall, Leach seconds. All agree. **Vote 3-0.**

Item 11: **Discussion of Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership Grant:** Discussed proposal to fix all of Baumann Road with the Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership Grant. Mitchell will start the paperwork. Russell said he would provide measurements for the paperwork and that \$20,000 should be enough to complete the repairs. Munch made motion to apply for the Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership Grant to repair all of Baumann Road. Cullett seconds. All agree. **Vote 3-0.**

Item 12: **Discussion and Possible vote on Bulk Waste Fees:** Michell discussed speaking with Linda Cernik about pricing. Cullett discussed issue with being charged more than the average person. Mitchell requested that the Town Accountant put something together showing what was spent on Bulk Waste and how much revenue has been generated. Cullett would like to see the numbers before vote. Continued to next meeting.

Item 13: **Discussion and Vote to award the bid for Fiscal Year 2022 Vocational School Transportation:** Discussed that there was only one sealed bid and was reviewed at last BOS meeting. Cullett made a motion to award the FY22 Vocational School Transportation to Dufour. Munch seconds. All agree. **Vote 3-0.**

Item 14: **Discussion of Fiscal Year 2022 Budget:** Information has not been received from Town Accountant and Treasurer. Continued to next meeting.

Item 15: **COVID-19 Updates:** Discussed Control Plan Checklist from the Town of Hinsdale. Discussed training for staff for reopening procedures. Cullett said he did not think training would be needed and only a one-page summary along with town policy would be enough. Nanette discussed that a logbook is needed for anyone coming into Town Hall including employees. Nanette discussed that if someone is sick when at the town hall, they to notify a supervisor and leave immediately and If someone is sick at home not to come to the town hall. Cullett proposed a contract tracing log for all visitors but not for employees since if there were an exposure in the building they would err on the side of caution and assume everyone has come into contact. Will be discussed at the next BOH meeting and more information will be provided at that time.

Item 16: **Public Input:** No public logged in to Zoom meeting. No public input.

Item 17: **Review and Approve Accounts payable, Treasury Warrants, Payroll Warrants:** Accounts payable, Treasury Warrants and Payroll Warrants reviewed and approved.

Item 18: **Adjourn:** Munch made motion to adjourn the 4/5/2021 BOS Meeting. Leach seconds. All agree **Vote 3-0. The 4/5/2021 BOS Meeting adjourned at 7:46 P.M.**

Articles used:

4/5/2021 BOS Meeting Agenda
3/29/2021 BOS Meeting Minutes
COVID-19 Control Plan Checklist from Hinsdale
MA COVID-19 Checklist from the State
Emails from Peggy White of the Board of Health
Mandatory Safety Standards for Workplaces

Respectfully Submitted

Tonya Santaniello, Administrative Assistant

Ed Munch, Chairman



Verne Leach, Selectman



Bruce Cullett, Selectman



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