

TOWN HALL 3 EAST MAIN ROAD PERU, MA 01235

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES: September 8, 2020: 6:30 P.M.

COMMUNITY CENTER

Ed Munch, BOS Chairman/Historical Commission

Verne Leach, Selectman/ACO

Bruce Cullett, Selectman/Chief of Police

Nanette Mone, Board of Health Chair

Item 1: **Call to order:** 6:30 P.M.

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

Item 3: **State Recording status:** Bruce Cullett recording; Verne Leach recording; Live stream on Town Clerk Facebook page

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

Item 5: **Review and Approve Meeting Minutes for 8/31/2020:** Munch made motion to approve BOS meeting minutes for 8/31/2020 pending changes, Cullett seconds, all agree. **Vote 3-0.**

Item 6: **Update to Departments:**

Board of Health: Nanette discussed the possibility of Peggy White & Ed Fahey visiting the dump again, the status of Zoom Meetings, and the status of Building Ventilation system. Cullett stated that as a Town, Karen Tonelli purchased a Zoom License which includes three user accounts that can be setup. Cullett stated that TA Mitchell would be given the information to distribute so meetings can be held using Zoom. Cullett discussed that approval was given at the town meeting to have an Architectural & Engineering study done for the entire building and the Building Ventilation system would be part of that study. Nanette said it was suggested to her that there are stand alone HEPA Filter Machines that would improve the air quality. Cullett discussed possibly using an air purification system which the Town has CARES Act money to purchase. Discussed getting three estimates on cost for portable machines.

Transfer Station: Leach, speaking as Transfer Attendant, discussed someone had picked up a bunch of garbage and put in the hopper which can not be left in there because the bears got into it and trash was strewn all over. Discussed coming up with proposal to prevent wildlife from getting in there.

Police Dept.: Cullett discussed that he didn't have anything specific as far as the Police Department but discussed email from Finance Committee Chair requesting the BOS approval to use \$25.00 from the continuing education account so he can attend a webinar for the Association of Finance Committees Annual Meeting. BOS approved the \$25.00 for the webinar. Leach discussed if the letters had been sent out for the Right of Way wood removal policy for private roads and an email that Highway Super Russell sent regarding Finance forms.

Item 7: **Discussion of cost estimates from Spectrum for Business and Internet Services for Town of Peru Phone System:**

Leach discussed documentation needed for Internet services which would include two fax lines. Cullett stated the setup should only be for Business Internet and no fax lines. Munch discussed having the Business Internet connected first and then the BOS can discuss business phone or fax services. Leach to contact Spectrum.

Item 8: **Discussion and Possible Vote to approve Policy for Right of Way wood removal:** TA Mitchell not present.

Munch discussed updated policy with changes requested by BOS. Leach stated he can see no reason why the BOS can not vote to pass the policy. Cullett discussed a few minor changes to the updated policy. Munch made motion to accept policy for Disposal of firewood generated through maintenance within town right of way pending changes requested by Selectman Cullett. Leach seconds. All agree. **Vote 3-0**

Item 9: Discussion of 250th Anniversary Celebration: Leach discussed needing more material for sign frame crossmembers. BOS approved the purchase of additional material. Munch discussed decision on postponement of celebration since it was mid-September already, Cullett said to add to the Agenda for the BOS meeting on October 5th to discuss and make decision.

Item 10: COVID-19 Updates: Nanette discussed the opening of Town Hall and training employees on COVID-19 protocols. Cullett stated the sooner the training can be done the better. Munch discussed if the BOH would be responsible for running the training sessions. Nanette to follow up with Peggy White. Leach stated he thinks it would be important for the BOH to handle training because it is a health issue. Cullett stated the Health Agent would be appropriate to do the training and there is money budgeted through the CARES Act for additional hours for the Health Agent. Nanette will also follow up with the Health Agent. Cullett discussed meeting with Security Companies and will be getting proposals for building modifications.

Item 11: Review and Approve accounts payable and Treasury Warrants, Payroll Warrants:

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

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

Item 12: Adjourn: Munch made motion to adjourn the 9/8/2020 BOS Meeting. Cullett seconds. All agree **Vote 3-0**. The 9/8/2020 BOS Meeting adjourned at 7:28 P.M.

Articles used:

9/8/2020 BOS Meeting Agenda

8/31/2020 BOS Meeting Minutes

Policy for Right of Way wood removal

Accounts payable, Treasury Warrants and Payroll Warrant

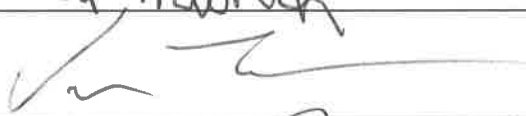
Respectfully Submitted

Tonya Santaniello, Administrative Assistant

Ed Munch, Chairman



Verne Leach, Selectman



Bruce Cullett, Selectman



Date Approved: 9/28/2020