

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES: September 28, 2020: 6:00 P.M.

COMMUNITY CENTER

Ed Munch, BOS Chairman/Historical Commission
Verne Leach, Selectman/ACO
Bruce Cullett, Selectman/Chief of Police
Caleb Mitchell, Town Administrator
Justin Russell, Highway Superintendent
Nanette Mone, Board of Health Chair
Jim Kenney, Historical Commission Chair/Cemetery Commission Chair
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

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

Item 5: **Review and Approve Meeting Minutes for 9/8/2020 & 9/21/2020:** Munch made motion to approve BOS meeting minutes for 9/8/2020, Cullett seconds, all agree. **Vote 3-0.** Munch made motion to approve BOS meeting minutes for 9/21/2020 pending changes, Leach seconds, Cullett abstained. all agree. **Vote 2-0.**

Item 6: **Update to Departments:**

Highway Dept.: Highway Super Russell stated that the 2019 International went to the garage for recalls and computer updates. Discussed the trees on Spruce Drive have been taken down in the cul-de-sac due to problems plowing in winter, over the next few weeks working on paving and patching roads in preparation for winter, deterioration of Curtain Road, condition of equipment and readiness for winter, and the mess left from Eversource digging for new poles. Discussed Priority Cleaning is mixing recyclables in bins, Selectman Cullett will send them an email.

Board of Health: Nanette discussed speaking with Ed Fahey regarding making payments online for permits through Permit Eyes and it is being worked on. Discussed Zoom accounts and what the BOH must do to use for meetings.

Historical Commission: Chairman Kenney discussed mission statements for the Historical Commission and Cemetery Commission. Discussed meeting with Sara Adams. Discussed scanning of Historical Book and working on formatting now. Discussed progress on the Commemorative Medallion Master Model. Discussed the removal of the tree in the middle of the cemetery by the Highway Department. Discussed the possibility of moving Foot Stones and putting them with the headstones to keep the initials visible. Discussed the cemetery commission account and requested permission from the BOS to contact Joe Baird and see if he had documentation on the account or how to use the funds. Selectman Munch recommended he sit with TA Mitchell to go over his questions and TA Mitchell would contact Town Council. Discussed criteria for adding names for the Town of Peru Honor Roll.

Town Administrator: TA Mitchell stated that letters for the Order of Conditions for Plowing Private Right of Ways were mailed certified return receipt and most were received back, three came back as undeliverable. Discussed the submission of the first report for CARES Act money spent on expenses due to COVID-19 Pandemic. Discussed Webinar for Round 2 of the CARES Act briefing. Discussed Letter received from the Governor's office congratulating the Town of Peru for completing the Community contact agreement with 2 major items of the ADA Self Evaluation Plan and the Green Community Designation. Discussed contacting the Veteran Agent for the City of Pittsfield regarding not having an agreement with the City of Pittsfield and the Agent stated that the City Solicitor's Office wanted to review the agreement and that's where it has been sitting for almost 2 years. Discussed if the Town Hall generator had been fixed.

Item 7: Discussion and Possible vote to appoint and hire Tonya Santaniello as a Town of Peru Police Officer: Chief Cullett discussed interview with Tonya a few months ago and he and Sgt. Rougeau discussed and agreed to offer her the position. Munch made a motion to appoint and hire Tonya Santaniello as a Town of Peru Police Officer, Leach seconds. All agree. **VOTE 2-0.** Cullett recused.

Item 8: Discussion and Possible vote to appoint Sara Adams to the Historical Commission: Leach stated he read the letter of interest and Sara sounds qualified. Munch stated he would be happy to have her a part of the commission. Kenney stated he thinks she would be a great addition. Cullett stated she would be a tremendous asset. Leach made motion to appoint Sara Adams to the Historical Commission. Cullett seconds. Munch recused. All agree. **Vote 2-0**

Item 9: Discussion of cost estimates from Spectrum for Business and Internet services for Town of Peru Phone System: Continued until next meeting. Munch stated to carry each agenda until Internet services have been installed.

Item 10: Discussion of 250th Anniversary Celebration: Munch discussed conversation with Dario Colletta who is a stone mason. Dario Colletta has certifications and would like to put in a bid for making the Sign Base. Cullett will look at getting 2 other bids.



Item 11: COVID-19 Updates: Munch discussed strong recommendation from John Hopkins on Bloomberg News about everyone getting the flu vaccine.

Item 12: Review and Approve accounts payable and Treasury Warrants:
No Accounts payable to review & approve, Treasury Warrants reviewed & approved.

Item 13: Adjourn:
Munch made motion to adjourn the 9/28/2020 BOS Meeting. Leach seconds. All agree **Vote 3-0.** The **9/28/2020 BOS Meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.**

- Articles used:**
9/28/2020 BOS Meeting Agenda
9/8/2020 BOS Meeting Minutes
9/21/2020 BOS Meeting Minutes
Letter of Interest from Sara Adams for Historical Commission
Appointment Papers for Sara Adams for Historical Commission
Appointment Papers for Tonya Santaniello as Town of Peru Police Officer
Accounts payable and Treasury Warrants

Respectfully Submitted
Tonya Santaniello, Administrative Assistant

Ed Munch, Chairman 
Verne Leach, Selectman 
Bruce Cullett, Selectman 

Date Approved: 10/5/2020

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