

TOWN HALL 3 EAST MAIN ROAD PERU, MA 01235

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES: June 7, 2021: 6:00 P.M.

COMMUNITY CENTER

Ed Munch, BOS Chairman/Historical Commission
Bruce Cullett, Selectman/Chief of Police
Caleb Mitchell, Town Administrator
Tonya Santaniello, Administrative Assistant

Item 1: **Call to order:** 6:04 P.M.

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

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: **Discussion of Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Peru and the Board of Trustees of Peru Library:** Munch asked if we received the memorandum back from Town Council. TA Mitchell said that he did not see anything in his email. Continued to next meeting.

Item 6: **Review and Approve BOS Meeting Minutes for 6/1/2021:** Minutes not available. Continued to next meeting.

Item 7: **Update to Departments:**

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

Town Administrator: TA Mitchell discussed emailed documents related to the American Resue Plan Act which is the new funding for COVID-19. Mitchell said that from what he can see on the form the Town of Peru, which is considered a small rural town, would get about \$104.00 per resident and the town could apply for approximately \$85,000. Mitchell said he does not know what the money would be used for at this point. Mitchell stated there is an application process to apply directly to the State. Cullett asked if the State gave criteria of what the funds could be used for. Mitchell said he has not gotten that far in the process. Mitchell will follow-up for more information. Mitchell discussed an email sent to the Western Regional Coordinator for the Green Energy Program prior to the Annual Town Meeting regarding the contract credits that were sent over a month ago. The Director of the program responded that the Town signed the contract and attached a copy. Mitchell said he replied to the director's email and copied Eversource and the Peru Hwy Superintendent because Eversource wants to come out and do the inspection for the lighting. Mitchell said there always seems to be one more thing required to get the credits. Munch said he thinks things will get moving quick with people coming back to work. Mitchell discussed that the Special Town Meeting within FY2020 should have been included in the Annual Town Report but was never brought up by anybody and Mitchell overlooked it. Mitchell said he got a copy of the official minutes for the Annual Town Meeting, but he never got the minutes for the Special Town Meeting regarding the Solar Project Bylaw and the Fire Truck, so he needs to do an addendum and a copy of the minutes and put it on the website.

Mohawk Trail Partnership: Munch discussed that tomorrow they are having their annual meeting for the Mohawk Trail Partnership, and he is gong to propose they go with regular meetings that they can all sit down and talk face to face because nothing is getting done with the Zoom meetings. Munch said there is so much to be done and they have not even had a meeting for the Municipal Sustainability yet. Munch said he thinks that people may not have been able to get on the Zoom meetings.

Item 8: **Discussion and Possible vote to designate June Nineteen as a holiday:** Cullett discussed concern that the Town has not adopted any other holidays like this one. The BOS will review the Holiday Policy as a whole. Continued to future meeting.

Item 9: Discussion of Annual Town Meeting Outcomes: Discussed that all Articles passed unanimously, the Highway Truck passed with 2/3 majority votes that were needed.

Item 10: Discussion and Vote to make the following appointments: Darryl Darby, Cemetery Sexton (1 year appointment), Darryl Darby, Conservation Commission (3-year appointment), Luanne Forgea, Council on Aging Director (1 year appointment), Ed Fahey, Health Inspector (1 year appointment), James Kenney, Historical Commission (5-year appointment) Richard Carll, Emergency Management Director (1 year appointment) Samuel Haupt, Emergency Management Assistant Director (1 year appointment): Continued to next meeting.

Item 11: Discussion and Possible vote to approve Chief of Police Employment Contract: Chief Cullett discussed the amount of comp time he has accrued and that he is looking to have it paid out instead of losing it per his contract. Chief Cullett discussed carrying over sick and vacation time which would be a change to his contract. Discussed going forward to change his comp time to also carry over into the next Fiscal Year. Continued to next meeting.

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

Item 13: Review and Approve accounts payable, Treasury Warrants: No A/P, One Treasury Warrant reviewed and approved.

Item 14: Adjourn: Munch made motion to adjourn the 6/7/2021 BOS Meeting. Cullett seconds. All agree **Vote 2-0**. The 6/7/2021 BOS Meeting adjourned at 6:29 P.M.

Articles used:

6/7/2021 BOS Meeting Agenda
Chief of Police Employment Contract
Treasury Warrant (V24-2021)

Respectfully Submitted
Tonya Santaniello, Administrative Assistant

Ed Munch, Chairman

Verne Leach, Selectman

Bruce Cullett, Selectman

Bruce Cullett

Date Approved: 6/28/2021

Caleb Mitchell T.A.

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