

TOWN HALL 3 EAST MAIN ROAD PERU, MA 01235

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES: March 8, 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

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 2/22/2021 & 3/1/2021:** Munch made motion to approve the 2-22-2021 Meeting minutes, Leach seconds. All agree. vote 3-0. Meeting Minutes for 3/1/2021 were not available, carried to next meeting.

Item 6: **Update to Departments:**

Compactor: Leach as transfer attendant said nothing to report.

Police Dept: Nothing new to report from Police Dept.

Bldg. Maintenance: Cullett discussed calling the security Alarm company several times. They have not been here to repair the issue. Leach discussed contacting IT company regarding an email received, IT company responded stating it is nothing the town needs to worry about.

Town Administrator: Mitchell said he was informed by the Tax Collector that Sun Rise West LLC has not sent in the second pilot payment for FY 2020 or the first pilot payment for FY 2021. Cullett stated he would like to get the Board's approval to direct TA Mitchell to contact Town Council if he does not hear from them this week. All other Board members agree. Discussed copy of current Central Berkshire Regional School District Agreement. Discussed the school committee wants to form a Regional Agreement Amendment Committee to possibly amend the Agreement. They would like the BOS to submit two individuals to represent the town and to pick 3 items of the agreement to discuss. They would like a response by 3-15-2021. Mitchell will follow up with them for more information. Discussed Approval notice from MADOR regarding the Property Assessments for FY 2021. Tax rate needs to be set. Karen is asking for 3-22-2021 Tax Rate Hearing. Mitchell said the Treasurer needs to borrow from the stabilization funds to pay bills. Munch said she has the right to do it so the BOS will sign the paperwork. Leach asked if there is any interest in an opportunity for a free Electric Vehicle charging station from Berkshire Planning. BOS Discussed; Mitchell will follow up. Discussed Mass Emergency Management Agency Economic Webinar on 3-18-2021.

Item 7: **Discussion and vote to set permit fee for Transfer Station:** Leach recused as selectman and speaking as transfer station attendant, would like to leave it as is for now. Munch made motion to leave the permit fee the same, Cullett seconds. All agree. VOTE 2- 0 Leach recused.

Item 8: **Discussion and vote to set date for Annual Town Meeting:** Cullett made motion to set Annual Town Meeting on June 5, 2021, Leach seconds. All agree. VOTE 3-0. Discussed possibly having it inside but could be moved outside if necessary.

Item 9: **Discussion of Fiscal Year 2022 Budget:** Discussed Budgets for multiple Departments. Leach asked about Website, Mitchell said it looks like we have had it for 3 years. Cullett asked if they need to get a quote from them. Mitchell will follow up for website hosting. Refer to FY2022 Budget Requests and FY2022 Spreadsheet for more information.

Item 10: **COVID-19 Updates:** Munch discussed that the Town of Peru will have \$82,279.00 available for COVID-19 according to an Article in the Berkshire Eagle. Residents can refer to the Saturday, 3-6-2021 and Sunday, 3-17-2021 Edition. Discussed adding to next meeting Agenda the possibility of reopening Town Hall following state guidelines on April 1st.

Item 11: **Public Input:** No public logged in to Zoom meeting.

Item 12: **Review and Approve Accounts payable, Treasury Warrants, Payroll Warrants:** Accounts payable, Treasury Warrants, and Payroll Warrants reviewed and approved.

Item 13: **Adjourn:** Munch made motion to adjourn the 3/8/2021 BOS Meeting. Leach seconds. All agree **Vote 3-0. The 3/8/2021 BOS Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.**

Articles used:

- 3/8/2021 BOS Meeting Agenda
- 2/22/2021 BOS Meeting Minutes
- Budget Requests for Multiple Depts.
- Berkshire Regional School Committee Agreement
- Accounts payable, Treasury Warrants, Payroll Warrants

Respectfully Submitted

Tonya Santaniello, Administrative Assistant

Ed Munch, Chairman



Verne Leach, Selectman



Bruce Cullett, Selectman



Date Approved: 3/22/21