

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN / ASSESSOR MEETING**  
**Town Community Room 3 EAST MAIN RD**  
**Thursday, September 30, 2021 @ 6:00 PM**

Call to order

1. Roll Call
2. State recording status
3. Pledge Alliance to the Flag
4. Discussion of Resignation from the Assistant Assessor
5. Adjourn

The list of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Board which may be discussed, and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

Posted: September 28, 2021 @ 5:25pm by *Kim Leach, Town Clerk*

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**JOINT MEETING BETWEEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
AND BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

**COMMUNITY CENTER, 3 EAST MAIN RD, PERU, MA**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**PRESENT**

Verne Leach, Chairman, ACO  
Bruce Cullett, Selectman/Chief of Police  
Doug Haskins, Selectman  
Amy Davidson, Assessor  
Shana Lecours, Assessor  
Anna Osborn, Town Accountant  
Caryn Wendling, Town Treasurer/Tax Collector

Meeting called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Chairman Leach. Roll call was taken (see above for attendance). Leach states that he is audio recording the meeting. Pledge of allegiance to the flag was completed by all.

**Discussion regarding Assistant Assessor Position**

Selectman Cullett asks Assessors Davidson and Lecours where the Board of Assessors are in their process for determining the tax rate so that property tax bills can be sent out. Assessor Davidson explains that she and Assessor Lecours are unsure of the current status because the former Asst. Assessor handled everything.

Assessor Davidson and Assessor Lecours both stated that they were not interested in the Assistant Assessor position even on a temporary basis. A discussion ensued about the process moving forward. Assessor Davidson informed the BOS that an independent firm was contracted in Dalton and Hinsdale to perform the Assistant Assessor duties and both Towns have been pleased with their service. All Selectmen agreed that we should contact the firm immediately. Assessor Davidson to provide contact information and Chairman Leach will make initial contact.

Selectman Cullett asks Assessor Davidson if they are familiar with Assessors email account, voicemail, etc. Assessor Davidson explained that former Asst. Assessor handled everything and they are not familiar with anything. Selectman Cullett stated that it is very important that emails and phone messages be monitored as well as frequent checks of the Assessors mail box. Selectman Cullett indicated that the passwords and keys which were handed in to the Town Administrator by the former Asst. Assessor would be available after the meeting.

All Selectmen, Assessors as well as Town Accountant and Treasurer/Tax Collector agree that time is of the essence and we must act quickly to rectify the situation the sudden resignation of *ASSISTANT ASSESSOR HAS CAUSED.*

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Chairman Leach and seconded by Selectman Cullett.

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bruce W. Cullett, Selectman

Articles used during meeting

Minutes approved by:

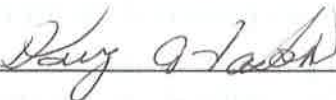
Verne Leach, Chairman



Bruce Cullett, Selectman



Doug Haskins, Selectman



Date Approved:

11/8/2021

