

Board of Selectmen Meeting

Town Hall Meeting Room 3 East Main Rd. Peru MA

Tuesday, April 19, 2022 @ 6:00 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. State Recording Status
4. Pledge Allegiance to the Flag
5. Review and Approve BOS Meeting Minutes 4/11/22
6. Updates of Departments
7. Review, Discussion and Possible Approval of Contract with LB Corporation for the E. Windsor Rd. Project.
8. Discussion and Review of FY'23 Budget Process.
9. Public Input
10. Review and Approve Accounts Payable, Treasury Warrants and Payroll Warrant
11. 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 April 14, 2022 @ 4:25pm, Kim Leach, Town Clerk

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SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES: April 19, 2022: 6:00 P.M.

MEETING ROOM

Verne Leach, Chair Selectman/ACO
Bruce Cullett, Selectman/Police Chief
James Welch, Town Administrator
Terry Walker, Administrative Assistant

Public Attendees: N/A

Item 1: Call to order: 6:00 P.M.

Item 2: Roll Call: Chairman Leach present, Selectman Cullett present, Selectman Haskins absent

Item 3: State Recording status: NA

Item 4: Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Led by Selectman Leach

Item 5: Review and Approve BOS Meeting Minutes 04/11/2022: Selectman Leach motion to review and approve 4/11/2022 minutes pending changes, Selectman Cullett second, 2-0

Item 6: Updates of Departments:

- TA Welch has the number for MIIA town insurance the proposed cost is \$39,103 -0% increase from last year.
- Highway Superintendent Russell notified TA Welch that he the LB Corp contract had not been received.
- TA has completed the first in a series of Procurement training OSD which was a basic session but very informative.
- TA Welch update on Emergency Management Director position which has been posted. TA Welch did not receive any letters of interest from the public. One letter of interest was received from Police Chief Cullett.
- TA Welch -credit card, Town Treasurer provided TA Welch and Selectboard with credit card application for review.
- TA Welch gave an update on the Fire Department Vehicle with the TA in Belmont. She will investigate Belmont's end she also wanted to know who our Town Counsel is regarding transfer of title. TA Welch will keep Fire Chief Pelkey updated.
- TA Welch stated Treasurer and Accountant agreed that they should have Free Cash certified by the end of April.

Police Chief Cullett mentioned that MCI drill refresher training triage victims during mass casualties. Also, Chief Cullett continues to receive applications for the open position although 50% of applicants do not meet qualifications.

Selectman Leach read an email from Bonny DiTomasso-Peru's Representative on School Committee. The email stated that the WRHS School Building Project's total budget was \$72.7 million dollars, and the project total cost is \$71.2 million dollars. Therefore: the anticipated cost of the project is \$1.4 million under budget which is very good news for the member towns.

Item 7: Review, Discussion and Possible Approval of Contract with LB Corporation for the E. Windsor Road Project:

Selectman Leach put on hold until contract is available.

Item 8: Discussion and review of FY23 Budget Process

Selectman Cullett asked TA Welch to inquire about CHUBB insurance an underwriter policy which is liability for the Police Dept.

Selectman Leach and Selectman Cullett were concerned about the following FY23 budgets:

- Medicare and Health Insurance – Treasurer need to provide number
- Waste Disposal need number
- Vocational School need number
- Cleaning Services need a quote and possibly cleaning every other week.

Selectboard received a letter from the Internal Revenue Service stating that the town owes money to the IRS. Selectmen and TA Welch will investigate this issue.

Selectman Cullett has concerns regarding FY22 budget accounts and the Selectboard wonders if the Finance Committee should be notified with deficit spending in Assessing Services wage account and fuel account.

Selectman Leach asked TA, Welch for updates on ADA Grants he has been working on. Selectman Leach also provided TA Welch with a State Grant Workshop series with links for training in Economic Recovery and Resilience Resources for Berkshire County Municipalities.

Item 9: Public Input-N/A

Item 10: Review and Approve Accounts Payable, Treasury Warrants and Payroll Warrant: 22-21P, V21-2022

Item 11: Adjourn: Selectman Leach made motion to adjourn the 04/19/2022 BOS Meeting, Selectman Cullett second, Vote 2-0. The 04/19/2022 BOS Meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

Articles used:

- Minutes-4/11/2022
- Warrant- V21-2022, 22-21P
- FY23 Budget Spreadsheet
- Email -Bonnie DiTomaso regarding WRHS School Building Project
- Credit Card Application
- Economic Recovery and Resilience State Grant information
- Letter from Internal Revenue Service

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L Walker
Administrative Assistant

Verne Leach, Chairman 

Doug Haskins, Selectman _____

Bruce Cullett, Selectman 

Date Approved: _____

