

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

Town Hall Meeting Room 3 East Main Rd. Peru MA

Monday, April 4, 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 for 3/21/22, 3/23/22, 3/28/22
6. Updates of Departments
7. Discussion and possible vote to accept bid for E. Windsor Rd. Paving Project.
8. Discussion and review of FY' 23 Town Budget Process
9. Public input
10. Review and Approve Accounts payable, Treasury Warrant, 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 March 31, 2022 @ 4:40pm ~ ***Kim Leach, Town Clerk***

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SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES: April 4, 2022: 6:00 P.M.

MEETING ROOM

Verne Leach, Chair Selectman/ACO
Doug Haskins, Selectman/Finance Committee
James Welch, Town Administrator
Terry Walker, Administrative Assistant
Justin Russell, Highway Superintendent
Jesse Pelkey, Fire Chief
Jim Kenny, Cemetery Commission

Public Attendees: N/A

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

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

Item 3: State Recording status: No

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

Item 5: Review and Approve BOS Meeting Minutes 03/21/2022 minutes, Selectman Leach motion to put on hold to approve pending changes, Selectman Haskins second 2-0. 03/23/2022 minutes Selectman Leach motion to be put on hold to approve pending changes Selectman Haskins second 2-0 and 2/28/2022 minutes on hold.

Item 6: Updates of Departments:

Highway Superintendent Russell mentioned that a hot box for patching pot holes is being auctioned off and the bidding ends Thursday. The highest bid is \$1,500.00 although it has a pinched wire and can be repaired quite easily. Russell already checked into getting the wires fixed. Selectman Leach and Selectman Haskins are in favor of purchasing the hot box for patching roads if the cost is around \$2,000.00. Selectman Leach and Selectman Haskins in favor of purchasing if it is around \$2,000. Selectman Haskins said Russell may want contact MassDot district 1 he believes they may have a half dozen for sale. Russell also mentioned that the oil pan on the 2019 International needs to be replaced. The warrantee will cover for a replacement, but Russell believes a stainless-steel oil pan is more practical. The Highway budget has sufficient funds to pay the balance of the stainless steel oil pan.

Jim Kenny -Historical Commission stated that everything is going well. While Jim Kenny was repairing headstone of Samuel Parker, Thomas Parker, 4th great grandson of Samuel Parker, stopped by the cemetery and made a donation to the cemetery. Kenney asked what the process is – who gets the check so he can use funds to repair cemetery. Selectman Leach stated that the check goes to the Town Treasurer and possibly put in a revolving account that can be used at any time.

Fire Chief Pelkey mentioned that White Wolf checked the septic tank at the Fire House and the pipes are still frozen. Pelkey's concern is the septic system should be pumped and ready to use for the 250th celebration and the MCI training because he anticipates 100 guys attending. Pelkey also mentioned he spoke to the Chief in Belmont and Pelkey is interested in a command vehicle for \$9,000. Selectman Leach and Selectman Haskins agreed that Chief Pelkey should go check it out.

Town Administrator, Jim Welch received an email from Town Accountant with the ARPA funds.

ARPA grant received	\$87,293
ARPA grant expended	\$51,986
ARPA grant balance	\$35,307

Funds need to be expended by 12/31/2024

TA, Welch provided the Selectboard with an updated proposed budget spreadsheet with date.

TA, Welch received a call from Lieutenant Colonel Jos Goun from the Dutch Army who is a historical person from World War 2 and the plane crash of 1942. He is trying to schedule a fly by on the 250th celebration with paratroopers. TA, Welch gave all information to Jim Kenny so Jim can connect with Lieutenant Colonel Jos Goun.

Item 7: Discussion and Possible vote to accept bid for E. Windsor Road Paving Project

Highway Superintendent Russell has estimated around \$677,000 for paving on E. Windsor Road. Design 677,000 . The following bids were as follows:

LB Corporation, Lee, MA	\$690,572.01
Del Signore Black Top, Troy, NY	\$756,415.14
Palmer Paving, Palmer, MA	\$833,278.90
Warner Brothers, Sunderland, MA	\$898,436.00
Eurovia/Northeast, Northfield, MA	\$958,192.00
J.H. Maxymillian, Pittsfield, MA	\$1,070,379.00

Selectman Leach motion to accept lowest bid, he asked if there was any reason why bid should not to go with LB Corporation in Lee, MA which is the lowest bidder, Selectman Haskins didn't have a problem and second the motion, all in favor 2-0.

Reclamation with All States will be the first part of September and Paving with LB Corp will follow. Russell mentioned that the MassWorks Grant should be all closed out by the end of October 2022.

Item 8: Discussion and review of FY23 Town Budget Process

Town Administrator Welch mentioned that items missing are school tuition, Medicare, Health Insurance and Town Insurance.

Selectman Leach asked TA Welch if he would check with Treasurer and Accountant on a weekly basis to get the status on closing the books and when Free Cash will be certified.

Item 9: Public Input-N/A

Item 10: Review and Approve Accounts Payable, Treasury Warrant, Payroll Warrant: V20,

Item 11: Adjourn: Selectman Leach made motion to adjourn the 04/04/2022 BOS Meeting, Selectman Haskins second, Vote 2-0. The 04/04/2022 BOS Meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

Articles used:

Minutes-3/21/2022, 03/23/2022, 03/28/2022

Warrant V20,
FY23 Budget Spreadsheet
Email from Treasurer regarding ARPA funds
FRCOG bid opening E. Windsor Road /tabulation

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Walker
Administrative Assistant

Verne Leach, Chairman



Doug Haskins, Selectman



Bruce Cullett, Selectman



Date Approved:

4/1/2022

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