

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Town Community Room 3 EAST MAIN RD
Monday, August 16, 2021 @ 6:00 PM

Call to order

1. Roll Call
2. State recording status
3. Pledge Alliance to the Flag
4. Review and Approve BOS Meeting Minutes for 7-26-2021, & 8-9-2021
5. Update of Departments.
6. Discussion of Boston Post Cane Policy.
7. Interview Ingrid Shuttleworth for Town of Peru Administrative Assistant Position. 6:30PM
8. Interview Eriq Santos for Town of Peru Administrative Assistant Position 6:45PM
9. Interview Tamara Sequin for Town of Peru Administrative Assistant Position 7:00PM
10. Discussion of 250th Town of Peru Anniversary updates
11. Public Input
12. Review and Approve accounts payable, Treasury Warrant
19. 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.

Official posting: Peru Town website: www.townofperuma.com ; Additional Postings at Town Hall Bulletin Board, & Town Hall office.

Posted by Caleb Mitchell, Town Administrator on _____

TOWN HALL 3 EAST MAIN ROAD PERU, MA 01235

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES: August 16, 2021: 6:00 P.M.

COMMUNITY CENTER

Verne Leach, Chair Selectman/ACO
Bruce Cullett, Selectman/Chief of Police
Doug Haskins, Selectman/Finance Committee
Caleb Mitchell, Town Administrator
Jesse Pelkey, Acting Fire Chief Peru Volunteer Fire Department/Finance Committee
Justin Russell, Highway Superintendent
James Kenney, Chair Historical Commission
Anette Mone, Board of Health

Item 1: **Call to order:** 6:00 P.M. **Roll Call:** Chairman Leach present, Selectman Cullett Present, Selectman Haskins Present

Item 2: **State Recording status:** Caleb Mitchell recording; Leach recording

Item 3: **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:** Lead by Selectman Leach

Item 4: **Review and Approve Meeting Minutes for 7-26-2021 & 8-9-2021:** Minutes not completed yet

Item 5: **Update to Departments:**

Highway Superintendent: Concern about Solar Array access roadway because of the amount of water flowing down roadway during a storm. Working on East Windsor Road.

Acting Fire Chief: Cleaned out culvert over by Sam Haupt's house. Highway Superintendent stated not a town road. Updating emergency contacts. Like to get fireproof cabinet for fire station. Discussion of MiiA Grant application and equipment on the list. Fit test, only one person it is necessary for. Will Attend Fire Chief meeting in West Stockbridge. Water line flushed and needs to be cleaned out. Inspection fees-looked at fees from different towns. Submit list to put on Agenda for approval. Cullett: mutual aid request from Hinsdale? Pelkey spoke with Fire Chief in Hinsdale, We don't have a lot of members but we can respond. Cullett asks about membership, Pelkey said we have new members. Cullett asks if members removed, Pelkey-yes for not attending meetings or trainings, certifications etc. SOP will be updated.

Anette Mone, BOH: Posting of Notice of Board of Health recommending people wear a mask when at Town Hall.

Town Administrator: Reports on possibility of posting the Fire Chief position on the MMA website: The cost is \$100 per hundred words. We can post an abbreviated job description.

Item 6: **Discussion of Boston Post Cane Policy:** James Kenney explains the Boston Post Cane Policy and Cane presented to the oldest citizen/resident of town. The Cane started in 1909. Person doesn't own the Cane. Person must have lived in town 25 out of 40 years as a resident. Fixed permanent resident. Person is nominated and given a certificate of recognition, and cane remains in the town. There is a display rack in town for the Cane. The original Peru Cane is missing, but there is a replacement. A display rack & Cane would be nice as part of the 250th Anniversary.

Item 7: **Interview Ingrid Shuttleworth for Town of Peru Administrative Assistant Position 6:30PM:** Select Board members interviewed Candidate. She currently resides in Longmeadow, MA. Previously employed by attorney in Boston, but hasn't been called back to work, so she is looking for work. Select Board members review job description, attendance at meeting required, other hours flexible. Candidate discusses previous jobs. She has done minutes previously for the national ski patrol. She also did newsletter for ski patrol and organized events. She hasn't done minutes before for a public board, committee, or commission, only for nonprofits. Possibility of doing minutes from a recording if unable to attend.

Item 8: Interview Eriq Santos for Town of Peru Administrative Assistant Position 6:45PM: Candidate did not show up for interview.

Item 9: Interview Tamara Seguin for Town of Peru Administrative Assistant Position 7:00PM: Mitchell informs Select Board members that this candidate left a message she was interested in the position, and I returned her call to let her know she was scheduled for an interview tonight, but if she couldn't make it, we could reschedule.

Item 10: Discussion of 250th Town of Peru Anniversary updates: No updates currently

Item 11: Public Input: None

Item 12: Review and Approve accounts payable and Treasury Warrants: None

Item 13: Adjourn:

Cullett made motion to adjourn the 8-1626-2021 BOS Meeting, Haskins seconds. All agree **Vote 3-0. The 8-16-2021 BOS Meeting adjourned at 7:21P.M.**

Articles used:

- Resumes
- Boston Cane Policy

Respectfully Submitted
Caleb Mitchell, Town Administrator

Verne Leach, Chairman



Doug Haskins, Selectman



Bruce Cullett, Selectman

Date Approved: 8-27-21

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Kevin Leach
TOWN CLERK
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