

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Town Community Room 3 EAST MAIN RD
Monday, August 23, 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, & 8-16-2021
5. Update of Departments.
6. Discussion and Possible vote to hire Administrative Assistant
7. Discussion of 250th Town of Peru Anniversary updates
8. Public Input
9. Review and Approve accounts payable, Treasury Warrant, Payroll 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.

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Posted by Caleb Mitchell, Town Administrator on _____

TOWN HALL 3 EAST MAIN ROAD PERU, MA 01235

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES: August 23, 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

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;

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 & 8-16-2021:** Cullett motions to approve minutes of meeting for 7-26-2021 pending changes, Leach seconds, vote is 3-0

Item 5: **Update to Departments:**

Highway Superintendent: Installed new starter in Mack Truck. Ford 550 to Marcotte Ford next Tuesday for recall engine light on. New value in compactor. Suggests Revisiting Fill policy

Town Administrator: Mitchell reports that he has submitted his letter of resignation effective by the end of the year (12-31-2021) It has been a good job and I have enjoyed working here. Treasurer reported that the Town has received a check for over \$80,000 for the new American Rescue Plan. Mitchell also reports that we received \$20,000 Grant from the Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership program. I also signed the library grant application. Even though the Library is separate from the Town, the Grant funds go through the Town.

Police Chief: We will be helping out at the Cummington Fair.

Jesse Pelkey, Acting Fire Chief: Madsen Overhead Door came out to repair doors. Dispute over cost of labor. Roof is leaking. Cullett instructs how to possibly repair. See if it works. Attended MEMA meeting for Fire Chiefs in West Stockbridge. Pumps and hydraulic workshops coming up for Fire Department members. Still working on fee schedule.

Item 6: **Discussion and Possible vote to hire Administrative Assistant:** Mitchell reports that he didn't heard back from any of the previous candidates, and we didn't receive any new applications. Leach states that Ingrid Shuttleworth interviewed well. Leach motions to hire her, Cullett seconds, vote is 3-0.

Item 7: **Discussion of 250th Town of Peru Anniversary updates:** Meeting held 8-19-21; no report

Item 11: **Public Input: None**

Item 12: **Review and Approve accounts payable and Treasury Warrants:** Warrants V28A-2021 & V03-2022 signed. Payroll Warrant 22-4P signed

Item 13: **Adjourn:**

Leach made motion to adjourn the 8-23-2021 BOS Meeting, Cullett seconds. All agree **Vote 3-0. The 8-23-2021 BOS Meeting adjourned at 7:17P.M.**

Articles used:

Town Administrator letter of Resignation

Respectfully Submitted

Caleb Mitchell, Town Administrator

Verne Leach, Chairman



Doug Haskins, Selectman

Bruce Cullett, Selectman



Date Approved: _____

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Kim Leach
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