

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Town Community Room 3 EAST MAIN RD
Monday, June 14, 2021 @ 6:00 PM

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Call to order

1. Roll Call
2. State recording status
3. Pledge Alliance to the Flag
4. Discussion of Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Peru and the Board of Trustees of Peru Library,
5. Review and Approve BOS Meeting Minutes for 6-1-2021, & 6-7-2021
6. Update of Departments.
7. Presentation by Lauren Gaherty of the draft Town of Peru Hazard Mitigation Plan
8. Discussion and Possible vote to designate June Nineteen as a holiday
9. Discussion and Vote to Make the following appointments: Ethan Rougeau, Police Sergeant, Kyle Nutting, Police Officer, Tonya Santaniello, Police Officer, Shawn Boyne, Police Officer, Darryl Darby, Cemetery Sexton (1 year appointment), Darryl Darby, Conservation Commission (3 year appointment), Luanne Forgea, Council on Aging Director (1 year appointment), Ed Fahey, Health Inspector (1 year appointment), James Kenney, Historical Commission (5 year appointment) Richard Carll, Emergency Management Director (1 year appointment) Samuel Haupt, Emergency Management Assistant Director (1 year appointment)

10. Discussion and Possible vote to approve Chief of Police Employment Contract.

11. Public Input

12. Review and Approve accounts payable, Treasury Warrant, Payroll Warrant.

13. 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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TOWN HALL 3 EAST MAIN ROAD PERU, MA 01235

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES: June 14, 2021: 6:00 P.M.

COMMUNITY CENTER

Verne Leach, Chair Selectman/ACO
Bruce Cullett, Selectman/Chief of Police
Doug Haskins, Selectmen
Kim Leach, Town Clerk
Caleb Mitchell, Town Administrator
Justin Russell, Highway Superintendent
Lauren Gaherty, Hazard Mitigation
Tonya Santaniello, Administrative Assistant
Harold Finn, Peru Resident

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

Item 2: **Roll Call:** Selectman Leach present, Selectman Cullett Present, Selectman Haskins Present

Item 3: **State Recording status:** Caleb Mitchell recording;

Item 4: **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:** Lead by Selectman Cullett

Item 5: **Discussion of Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Peru and the Board of Trustees of Peru Library:** Waiting on Town Counsel Legal Opinion. Continued to next meeting

Item 6: **Review and Approve Meeting Minutes for 6-1-2021, & 6-7-2021:** Meeting minutes for 6-1-2021 not ready, 6-7-2021 minutes on hold. Continued to next meeting.

Item 7: **Update to Departments:**

Highway Dept.: Highway Super Russell discussed starting culvert work and will be mowing soon. Discussed electronic sign and what the next steps would be. Discussed County bid for Dense Grade.

Board of Health: Kim Leach discussed recommendations from Peggy White, Chair of BOH, regarding masks. Peggy encourages masks for unvaccinated people. Kim will put up signs.

Town Administrator: TA Mitchell discussed resubmitting MassWorks grant, there was a box that was not checked off. Discussed signature needed for the local Fiscal Recovery Fund for new round of funding. Leach mad motion to have Caleb Mitchell sign as Town Administrator on behalf of Select Board, Cullett seconds, All agree. Vote 2-0 Discussed state of Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership Grant for Beauman Road to promote tourism in town.

Police Department: Chief Cullett discussed that the department is on track to finish In-service training by the end of June. Discussed Range Day on 6-11-2021.

Item 8: **Presentation by Lauren Gaherty of the draft Town of Peru Hazard Mitigation Plan:** Lauren Gaherty presented a draft for the Town of peru Hazard Mitigation Plan. Lauren discussed survey that was sent out and from the responses the top 3 hazard concerns were Severe Weather, Hurricanes, and flooding of roadways. Discussed residents are concerned about loss of power, isolation, and flooding. Lauren said there were no calls in Peru for flooding.

Item 9: **Discussion and possible vote to designate June Nineteen as a holiday:** Cullett motions to adopt June Nineteen as Town of Peru Holiday effective next fiscal year, Leach seconds. All Agree Vote 2-0

Item 10: Discussion and Vote to make the following appointments: Ethan Rougeau, Police Sargeant, Kyle Nutting, Police Officer, Tonya Santaniello, Police Officer, Shawn Boyle, Police Officer, Darryl Darby, Cemetery Sexton, (1 year appointment), Darryl Darby, Conservation Commission (3 year appointment), Luanne Forgea, Council on Aging Director (1 year appointment), Ed Fahey, Health Inspector (1 year appointment), James Kennedy, Historical Commission (5 year appointment), Richard Carll, Emergency Management Director (1 year appointment), Samuel Haupt, Emergency Management Assistant Director (1 year appointment): Selectman Leach read names out loud. Leach motions to appointment of all, Cullett seconds, Vote 2-0. Cullett recused himself from appointments for Police Officers, and Leach recused himself for Darryl Darby.

Item 11: Discussion and possible vote to approve Chief of Police Employment Contract: Chief Cullett discussed changes to comp time since becoming chief. He would like to be paid out and going forward have it carry over, eliminating the use it or lose it clause. Continued to next meeting for further discussion.

Item 12: Public Inputs: Mr. Finn of Hickingbotham Road discussed his complaint about snow plowing his own driveway. Discussed that he normally plows across the road, this year he got a letter from the Chief of Police for leaving snow on the roadway and he does not understand why he is getting this letter. Mr. Finn stated he has changed to plowing from one driveway to his second driveway. Discussion of Town of Peru bylaws regarding leaving snow in a public way.

Item 13: Review and Approve accounts payable and Treasury Warrants, Payroll Warrants: A/P, Treasury warrants and payroll warrants reviewed and approved.

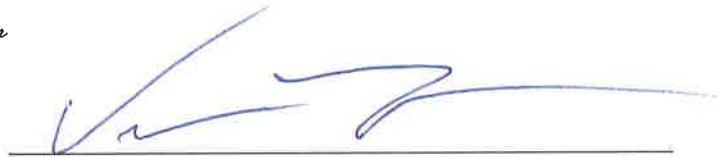
Item 18: Adjourn: Leach made motion to adjourn the 6-14-2021 BOS Meeting, Cullett seconds. All agree **Vote 3-0. The 6-14-2021 BOS Meeting adjourned at 9:09 P.M.**

Articles used:

- 6-14-2021 BOS Meeting Agenda
- 6-7-2021, BOS Meeting Minutes
- Chief of Police Employment Contract
- Accounts payable and Treasury Warrants, Payroll Warrants
- Town of Peru Bylaw regarding snow in roadway
- Berkshire Regional Planning Commission Agreement
- Appointment Papers

Respectfully Submitted
Caleb Mitchell, Town Administrator

Verne Leach, Chairman



Doug Haskins, Selectman



Bruce Cullett, Selectman



Date Approved: _____

