

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

Town Hall Meeting Room 3 East Main Rd. Peru MA

Monday March 21, 2022 @ 6:00 PM

1. Call to order
2. Roll Call
3. State recording status
4. Pledge Alliance to the Flag
5. Review and Approve BOS Meeting Minutes for 2/28/22 and 3/7/22 and 3/4/22
Joint BOS-Finance Committee Meeting.
6. Updates of Departments
7. Update from Library Board on status of Peru Library
8. Discussion of resignation of Emergency Management Director
9. Discussion and possible vote to Re- Appointment Sharon Greule as Assistant Board of Registrar
10. Discussion and Review of the FY '23 Budget process.
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.

Posted March 17, 2022 @ 4:51 pm – Kim Leach , Town Clerk

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SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES: March 21, 2022 @ 6:00 P.M.

GYMNASIUM MEETING ROOM

Verne Leach, Chair Selectman/ACO
Bruce Cullett, Selectman/Police Chief
James Welch, Town Administrator
Terry Walker, Administrative Assistant
Jesse Pelkey, Fire Chief
Justin Russell, Highway Superintendent
Ruth Calaycay -Library
Sharon Greule Library

Public Attendance: Lucas Waters

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

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

Item 3: State Recording status: N/A

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

Item 5 : Review and Approve BOS Meeting Minutes for 2/28/2022, 3/7/2022 and 3/3/2022 Joint BOS-Finance Committee Meeting-- Selectman Cullett motion to accept minutes 2/28/2022, Selectman Leach second, 2-0. Selectman Leach motion to put 3/7/2022 minutes on hold, Selectman Cullett second, 2-0 Selectman Leach motion to put 3/3/2022 minutes on hold Cullett second ,2-0

Item 6: Updates from Departments:

Highway Superintendent Russell mentioned that the Bid Opening for the MassWorks Grant project will be Wednesday, March 23rd at 2:00 p.m. in Greenfield, MA. Russell mentioned that Town Accountant asked to resubmit the truck invoice.

Fire Chief -Jesse Pelkey mentioned that the floor drain at the firehouse is still frozen and there are two inches of ice in the drains.

Police Chief, Bruce Cullett recognized the highway department for helping the police department with a painting project.

Town Administrator, Jim Welch mentioned:

BOS will be holding a joint meeting on Wednesday, March 23rd with the Peru 250th Celebration Committee.

BOS will be holding a joint meeting on Thursday, March 24th with the Finance Committee.

Smith Vocational School did not submit a certified number as of today for FY23 budget.

Website total is \$1,930

Town Hall cleaning same as last year.

Item 7: Update from Library Board on status of Peru Library: The Library Trustees explained that the purpose of their MOU is to go over finances. The Library Trustees provided the BOS with a type written list of upcoming expenses and attached the profit and loss statement. Selectman Cullett mentioned that any major changes with the MOU should be brought before the BOS in advance. FY23 budget has increased because of additional administrative hours. The Library Trustees agreed they will be meeting with the BOS in January each year to go over their budget requests. Plus, they will keep the BOS informed if there are any large projects planned for the library.

Item 8: Discussion of resignation of Emergency Management Director: resignation was accepted by the BOS and TA Welch will post position on website.

Item 9: Discussion and possible vote to re-appointment Sharon Greule as Assistant Board of Registrar: Selectman Leach motion to re-appoint Sharon Gueule as an Assistant to the Board of Registrars, Selectman Cullett second, 2-0

Item 10: Discussion and Review of the FY23 Budget process:

Lebeau Landscaping-mowing bid \$7,250-- \$725 per mow

JRD Mowing bid- 10 mows \$6,450 -- \$645 per mow

Selectman Leach motion to hire JRD for mowing, Selectman Cullett second, 2-0

- Internet waiting for a number
- Hinsdale Ambulance waiting for a number
- Library \$18,893
- Treasurer – TA Welch is still waiting for numbers for Town Insurance, Medicare etc.
- Free Cash- waiting for a number. Free Cash has not been certified

FREE CASH WISH LIST

- Server
- Cemetery Flags poles and signs
- Fire Dept DCR Grant
- House Number signs
- Heater for Tanker 1
- Playground \$5,000
- Reserve Fund \$ 10,000
- Boom Mower Repairs \$14,062
- IMC maintenance for Police Dept

Item 11: Public Input: Lucas Waters, 142 South Road, Peru, MA has an issue with Highway Superintendent, Justin Russell. Highway Superintendent, Russell has the right to an executive session, and he requested an executive session. Waters asked why his complaint wasn't on the agenda, when he spoke to Selectman Leach about it the previous week, Cullett explained that a complaint must be a written notice. It is the employee's choice to request an executive session. Town Administrator, Jim Welch was asked by the BOS to write a letter notifying Justin Russell and Lucas Waters about the executive session. Lucas Waters and Justin Russell, Highway Superintendent are both available next Monday, March 28th at 6:15 p.m. for the executive session.

Item 12: Review and Approve Accounts Payable , Treasury Warrant and Payroll Warrant: V19-2022

Item 13: Adjourn: Selectman Leach made motion to adjourn the 03/21/2022 BOS Meeting, Selectman Cullett second, Vote 2-0. The 03/21/2022 BOS Meeting adjourned at 7:42 P.M.

Articles used:

Minutes 02/28/2022, 3/3/2022, 3/7/2022

Warrant # V19-2022

FY23 budget spreadsheet

FY23 Budget Requests

Library MOU

Resignation of Emergency Management Director

Mowing bids

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L Walker
Administrative Assistant

Verne Leach, Chairman



Doug Haskins, Selectman



Bruce Cullett, Selectman



Date Approved: _____

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