

**ORDER OF BUSINESS
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Berkshire, ss**

To either of the Constables of the Town of Peru, in said County.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Peru, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet in the Town of Peru Community Center, 3 East Main Road Peru, MA on Saturday, June 5, 2021 at 6:00PM for the Annual Town Meeting, then and there to take action on the following articles, namely:

Article 1: To choose a Moderator for the Annual Town Meeting if the elected Moderator is absent.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the several Town Officers.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to Transfer from Free Cash the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$30,000.00) to offset the Town Tax Rate or Take any other action relative thereto.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the following Central Berkshire Regional School District FY22 Assessment, or to take any other action relative thereto:

Transportation Assessment	\$ 50,919.00
Net Operating Assessment	827,372.00
Capital Assessment	<u>121,263.00</u>
Total Town of Peru Assessment	\$999,554.00

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to fix salaries of all elected officers as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of M.G. L., or take any other action relative thereto:

Selectboard

Member	\$ 3,471.00
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Town Clerk	8,321.00

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to fix salaries of the following appointed officers, or to take any other action relative thereto:

Assessors'	
Member	\$ 3,471.00
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Treasurer	9,753.00
Tax Collector	9,753.00
Accounting Officer	12,000.00
Animal Control Officer	1,801.00
Police Chief	42,900.00
Forest Fire Warden	896.00
Inspector of Animals	896.00
Veterans' Agent	2,250.00
Council on Aging Director	608.00
Fire Chief	1,214.00
Cemetery Sexton	316.00
Town Auditor	1.00

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the following accounts, or take any other action relative thereto:

Assessors' Salaries	\$ 10,413.00
Selectmen's Salary	10,413.00
Tax Collector's Salary	9,753.00
Town Clerk's Salary	8,321.00
Treasurer's Salary	9,753.00
Accounting Officer's Salary	12,000.00
Animal Control Officer's Salary	1,801.00
Forest Fire Warden's Salary	896.00
Inspector of Animals Salary	896.00
Veterans' Agent Salary	2,250.00
Council on Aging Director	590.00
Fire Chief	1,214.00
Police Chief	42,900.00
Cemetery Sexton	316.00
Town Auditor	1.00

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the following wage accounts, or to take any other action relative thereto:

Administrative Assistant	\$ 8,450.00
Elections & Registrar's Account	4,850.00
Assistant Town Clerk	2,484.00
Compactor Attendants	7,533.00
Assistant Assessor's Salary	\$19,857.00
Town Administrator's Salary	\$21,012.00

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the following accounts, or to take any other action relative thereto:

Assessors' Expense	\$ 1,000.00
Bank Service Expense	100.00
Animal Control Officer's Expense	600.00
Selectmen & Other Expenses	2,500.00
Tax Collector's Expenses	1,500.00
Tax Collector's Tax Taking Charges	1,500.00
Town Clerk's Expense	2,200.00
Town Report Expense	2,000.00
Treasurer/Accounting Expense	1,500.00
Treasurer Tax Title Expense	5,000.00
Board of Appeals Expense	100.00
U.S. Postal Expense	3,000.00
Health Department Expense	11,450.00

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the following accounts, or to take any other action relative thereto:

Assessors' Annual Computer Support	\$ 4,500.00
Computer Supplies & Maintenance	19,000.00
Treas./Acct. Annual Computer Support	11,470.00
Tax Collector's Annual Computer Support	9,388.00
Assessors' Tax Map Maintenance	1,600.00
Continuing Education	6,530.00
Office Supplies	2,000.00

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the following accounts, or to take any other action relative thereto:

Conservation Commission Expense	\$ 400.00
Interest on Loans	1,000.00
Legal Expense	9,500.00
Officers' Mileage	2,000.00

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the following accounts, or to take any other action relative thereto:

Elderly Outreach	\$ 525.00
Council on Aging	400.00
Veterans Service	10,000.00

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the following accounts, or to take any other action relative thereto:

Medicare – Town Share	\$ 7,600.00
Health Ins/Life & Dental	102,730.08
Town Insurance - All	46,000.00
Mass. Unemployment Insurance	600.00

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the following accounts, or to take any other action relative thereto:

Partridgefield Playground Trust	\$ 1,500.00
Peru Library	16,541.00
Mowing: Cemeteries, Town Hall, Town Park and Town Green:	6,350.00

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the following accounts, or to take any other action relative thereto:

Town Buildings' Maintenance	\$ 15,000.00
Utilities – Electric	12,500.00
Utilities – Heating	16,500.00
Utilities - Telephone	1,500.00
Internet Communication Lines	7,800.00
Town Website Design, Hosting, & Support	1,850.00
Town Hall Janitorial Services	2,500.00

Board of Health Expense	450.00
Cemetery Expense	1,000.00

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the following accounts, or to take any other action relative thereto

Compactor	\$ 38,000.00
Northern Berkshire Solid Waste District	2,515.00

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the following accounts, or to take any other action relative thereto:

Berk. County Sheriffs Dispatching	\$ 10,792.00
Berk. County Reg. Planning Comm.	691.73
Berk. County Retirement Assessment	45,162.00
Hinsdale Ambulance	2,000.00
Town Fire Station Mortgage Payment	15,216.00
Police Wages	29,849.00
Police Expenses	4,900.00
Police Cruiser Maintenance	3,400.00

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the following accounts, or to take any other action relative thereto:

Peru Volunteer Fire Department Operating Expenses	\$ 20,000.00
Peru Volunteer Fire Department Insurances	7,000.00
Peru Volunteer Fire Department Building Maintenance	1,500.00

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Three Thousand Thirty-Six Dollars and No Cents (\$63,036.00) for the Highway Superintendent's annual wage account, or to take any other action relative thereto:

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the following accounts, or to take any other action relative thereto:

Gas & Fuel Account	\$ 27,630.00
Maintain Hard Surface Roads	28,000.00
Material, Gravel Roads	20,000.00
Road Machinery Maintenance	25,000.00
Snow Roads, Private	500.00
Snow Roads, Public	80,000.00
Town Highways & Bridges	16,750.00
Town Highway Garage Mortgage Payment	12,020.00
Highway Employee Wage Acct.	88,000.00
Highway Department Uniforms	3,700.00
Tree Removal	20,000.00
Temporary Summer Help	8,000.00

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the vocational education and transportation accounts:

Vocational School Tuition	\$205,469.00
Vocational School Transportation	37,710.00

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$10,000.00) for the Reserve Fund or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Three Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety-Two Dollars and Sixty-Nine Cents (\$3,292.69) to purchase a Fire Proof Cabinet for the Storage of Historical town Records or to take any other action relative thereto.

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$30,000.00) into the Future Equipment and Vehicle Purchase Account or to take any other action relative thereto.

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$3,500.00) for an Assessor Utility Appraisal or to take any other action relative thereto.

Article 26: To see if the Town will transfer from Free Cash the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$20,000.00) for the Town of Peru 250th Celebration or take any other action thereto.

Article 27: To see if the Town will Transfer from Free Cash the sum of Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$13,500.00) for IMC Public Safety Software for the Police Department or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free Cash the sum of Sixteen Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$16,000.00) for First Year Financing for the purchase of a new F-350 Extended Cab with Plow Ford Pick-up Truck for the Highway Department or take any other action relative thereto. (Requires a 2/3 Vote)

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Chapter 90 funds that are, or may become, available to the Town during the FY22 for Roadway Projects and Repairs, and to authorize the Treasurer to borrow such amounts in anticipation of reimbursement by the Commonwealth, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, or other Town Departments with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to apply for and accept grants from the Federal Government, Commonwealth of Massachusetts or any other source, and to expend the same for purposes received without further appropriation, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$10,000.00) to market the Town of Peru, or take any other action relative thereto.

ATTEST:

This is a true copy.

Kim Leach

Kim Leach
Town Clerk

Certified: May 27, 2021

You are directed to serve this warrant with your doing thereon to the Town Clerk or the Board of Selectmen at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 27 day of May, 2021.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Verne Leach
Verne Leach, Member

Bruce Cullett
Bruce Cullett, Member

Edward F. Munch Jr.
Edward Munch Jr. Chair

I have served this Warrant as directed above.

Places of Posting: Bulletin Board/Town Hall/Transfer Station/Library/Community Center/Website: Townofperuma.com

ATTEST:

Peggy L White
Constable Peggy L White

5/27/21
Date

5:25 pm
Time

Posted: May 27, 2021