

**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 vote meet in the Peru Community Center, 3 East Main Road on Saturday, May 18, 2019 at 6:00PM for the Annual Town Meeting, then and there to take action on the following articles, namely:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Town Clerk Kim Leach and then turned over to Moderator Allan Gordon. Allan Gordon explained the running of the meeting, then Finance Committee Chair George Greule presented an overview of the finances of the town budget.

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

Moderator Allan Gordon is present.

*A motion was made and seconded to move Article 22 forward.
Motion was carried by voice vote*

Article 22:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the following Central Berkshire Regional School District FY20 Assessment, or to take any other action relative thereto:

Transportation Assessment	\$ 45,791.00
Net Operating Assessment	808,845.00
Capital Assessment	<u>14,389.00</u>
Total Town of Peru Assessment	\$ 869,025.00

*A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.
Article carried by voice vote*

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

*A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.
Article was carried by voice vote*

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to fix salaries of all elective 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	8,078.00

*A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.
Article was carried by voice vote*

Article 4: 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	9,469.00
Tax Collector	9,469.00
Accounting Officer	9,469.00
Animal Control Officer	1,749.00
Police Chief	31,824.00
Forest Fire Warden	870.00
Inspector of Animals	870.00
Veterans' Agent	2,250.00
Council on Aging Director	590.00
Fire Chief	1,178.00
Cemetery Sexton	306.00
Town Auditor	1.00

***A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.
Article was carried by voice vote***

Article 5: 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	9,469.00
Town Clerk's Salary	8,078.00
Treasurer's Salary	9,469.00
Accounting Officer's Salary	9,469.00
Animal Control Officer's Salary	1,749.00
Forest Fire Warden's Salary	870.00
Inspector of Animals Salary	870.00
Veterans' Agent Salary	2,250.00
Council on Aging Director	590.00
Fire Chief	1,178.00
Police Chief	31,824.00
Cemetery Sexton	306.00
Town Auditor	1.00

***A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.
Article carried by voice vote***

Article 6: 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 Compensation Account	\$ 8,204.00
Elections & Registrar's Account	4,850.00
Assistant Town Clerk	2,484.00
Compactor Attendants	6,084.00

***A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.
Article carried by voice vote***

Article 7: 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:
Assistant Assessor's Wage Account \$ 19,278.00

*A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.
Article carried by voice vote*

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:
Town Administrator's Wage Account \$ 20,400.00

*A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.
Article carried by voice vote*

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	1,000.00
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	9,000.00
Board of Appeals Expense	100.00
U.S. Postal Expense	3,000.00
Health Department Expense	9,887.00

*A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.
Article carried by voice vote*

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	17,500.00
Treas./Acct. Annual Computer Support	10,924.00
Tax Collector's Annual Computer Support	8,941.00
Assessors' Tax Map Maintenance	1,500.00
Continuing Education	6,530.00
Office Supplies	2,500.00

*A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.
Article carried by voice vote*

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	10,000.00
Officers' Mileage	2,000.00

***A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.
Article carried by voice vote***

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

***A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.
Article carried by voice vote***

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	\$ 6,500.00
Health Ins/Life & Dental	145,629.12
Town Insurance - All	44,000.00
Mass. Unemployment Insurance	600.00

***A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.
Article was carried by voice vote***

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	\$ 1,500.00
Peru Library	5,340.00
Mowing: Cemeteries, Town Hall, Town Park and Town Green:	6,000.00

***A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.
Article was carried by voice vote***

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	\$ 16,000.00
Utilities – Electric	12,500.00
Utilities – Heating	16,500.00
Utilities - Telephone	1,500.00
Internet Communication Lines	9,000.00
Town Website Design, Hosting, & Support	3,500.00
Town Hall Janitorial Services	2,160.00
Board of Health Expense	450.00
Cemetery Expense	200.00

***A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.
Article carried by voice vote***

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	\$ 33,000.00
Northern Berkshire Solid Waste District	2,471.41

*A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.
Article carried by voice vote*

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	\$ 10,172.19
Berk. County Reg. Planning Comm.	674.86
Berk. County Retirement Assessment	39,389.00
Hinsdale Ambulance	2,000.00
Town Fire Station Mortgage Payment	15,801.25
Police Wages	40,056.00
Police Expenses	4,150.00
Police Cruiser Maintenance	3,400.00

*A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.
Article carried by voice vote*

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 Firemen's Association Operating Expenses	\$ 20,000.00
Peru Volunteer Firemen's Association Insurances	7,000.00
Peru Volunteer Firemen's Association Building Maintenance	1,500.00

A motion was made and seconded to amend the wording as follows:

Peru Volunteer <u>Fire Department</u> Operating Expenses
Peru Volunteer <u>Fire Department</u> Insurances
Peru Volunteer <u>Fire Department</u> Building Maintenance

The vote on the amendment carries

*A motion was then made and seconded to accept the article
Article carried by voice vote*

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty One-Thousand and Two Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$61,200.00) for the Highway Superintendent's annual wage account, or to take any other action relative thereto:

*A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.
Article carried by voice vote*

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	20,580.00
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.	83,000.00
Future Machine/Vehicle Purchase	10,000.00
Highway Department Uniforms	3,700.00
Tree Removal	20,000.00
Temporary Summer Help	5,000.00

***A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.
Article carried by voice vote***

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	\$180,000.00
Vocational School Transportation	34,710.00

***A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.
Article carried by voice vote***

Article 22: ***A prior motion was made and seconded to move this article forward to follow Article 1. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote***

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the following Central Berkshire Regional School District FY20 Assessment, or to take any other action relative thereto:

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***A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.
Article carried by voice vote***

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Two Hundred and Forty Dollars and No Cents (\$5,240.00) for a Paid Librarian for the Peru Library, or to take any other action relative thereto.

***A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.
Article carried by voice vote***

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$1,500.00) from the dog license fees to the Peru Library Account, or to take any other action relative thereto.

***A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.
Article carried by voice vote***

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$10,000.00) for the Reserve Fund or take any other action relative thereto.

***A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.
Article carried by voice vote***

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Revolving Fund Bylaw to add a Police Detail Revolving Fund to compensate employees for work performed for Police detail work. Authorized to spend Funds: The Town of Peru Treasurer; Revenue Source: Fees received from private and or public entities requiring detail work; Use of Funds: To pay police officers ninety percent of fees and charges collected under this Bylaw, and the Town of Peru ten per cent under this Bylaw. Expenditures from each revolving fund set forth herein shall be subject to the limitation established by Town Meeting or any increase therein as may be authorized in accordance with G.L. c.44, sec 53E1/2. And, further, to set the spending limit for such revolving fund as follows: \$12,000.00.

And, further, to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$12,000) to place into the Police Detail Revolving Account or take any other action relative thereto.

*A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.
Article defeated by voice vote*

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Fifty Six Thousand One Hundred and One Dollars (\$56,817.00) to cover the cost overrun of the FY19 Snow Road Public Account or to take any other action relative thereto.

*A motion was made and seconded to amend the article to read, "Fifty-six Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventeen Dollars ".
The vote on the amendment carries*

*A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.
Article carried by voice vote*

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Ninety Eight Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$98,000.00) into the Future Equipment and Vehicle Purchase Account or to take any other action relative thereto.

*A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.
Article carried by voice vote*

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Two Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$2,000.00) for the purchase of 2 Bullet Proof Vests for Police Department or to take any other action relative thereto.

*A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.
Article carried by voice vote*

Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Four Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$4,000.00) for Forest Fire Fighting Equipment for the Fire Department or to take any other action relative thereto.

*A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.
Article carried by voice vote*

Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Future Equipment and Vehicle Equipment Account the sum of Forty Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$45,000.00) to replace the truck body on the 2008 International Truck for the Highway Department or take any other action thereto.

*A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.
Article carried by voice vote*

Article 32: To see if the Town will transfer from Free Cash the sum of Thirty Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$35,000.00) to blacktop the areas around the Transfer Station and Town Garage or take any other action thereto.

*A motion was made and seconded to amend to move the 35,000 to material for gravel roads
The amendment was defeated by voice vote*

A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written. Article carried by voice vote

Article 33: To see if the Town will transfer from Free Cash the sum of Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$5,000.00) for seed money for the Town of Peru 250th Celebration or take any other action thereto.

*A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.
Article carried by voice vote*

Article 34: To see if the Town will transfer from Free Cash the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars and Eight Hundred and Five Dollars and No Cents (\$7,805) for the further Preservation of Town Records or take any other action thereto.

A motion was made and seconded to take no action on this article. Carried by voice vote

Article 35: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Chapter 90 funds that are, or may become, available to the Town during the FY20 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 in relative thereto.

*A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.
Article carried by voice vote*

Article 36: 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.

*A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.
Article carried by voice vote*

**A motion was moved and seconded to close this Annual Town Meeting at 8:25 PM
There was a total of 45 registered voters in attendance and 4 guests.**

ATTEST:
This is a true copy.



Kim Leach
Town Clerk
Certified: June 24, 2019