

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 Peru, MA at the Outdoor Lower Parking Lot on Saturday, June 20, 2020 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 Fifteen Thousand Dollars and No Cents for the Central Berkshire Regional School District Capital Assessment (\$15,000.00) or to 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 FY20 Assessment, or to take any other action relative thereto:

Transportation Assessment	\$ 44,113.00
Net Operating Assessment	849,072.00
Capital Assessment	<u>128,328.00</u>
Total Town of Peru Assessment	\$1,021,513.00

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 8,078.00

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	9,469.00
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

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	9,469.00
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
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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

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	\$ 8,204.00
Elections & Registrar's Account	4,850.00
Assistant Town Clerk	2,484.00
Compactor Attendants	6,611.00
Assistant Assessor's Salary	\$19,278.00
Town Administrator's Salary	\$20,400.00

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	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	5,000.00
Board of Appeals Expense	100.00
U.S. Postal Expense	2,500.00
Health Department Expense	11,000.00

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	23,500.00
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	10,000.00
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	\$ 6,500.00
Health Ins/Life & Dental	123,241.92
Town Insurance - All	45,000.00
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	\$ 1,500.00
Peru Library	5,340.00
Mowing: Cemeteries, Town Hall, Town Park and Town Green:	6,300.00

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	\$ 16,000.00
Utilities – Electric	12,500.00
Utilities – Heating	16,500.00
Utilities - Telephone	1,500.00
Internet Communication Lines	8,000.00
Town Website Design, Hosting, & Support	3,500.00
Town Hall Janitorial Services	2,160.00
Board of Health Expense	450.00
Cemetery Expense	600.00

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	\$ 35,000.00
Northern Berkshire Solid Waste District	2,378.00

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	\$ 10,477.36
Berk. County Reg. Planning Comm.	691.73
Berk. County Retirement Assessment	41,097.00
Hinsdale Ambulance	2,000.00
Town Fire Station Mortgage Payment	15,508.63
Police Wages	40,056.00
Police Expenses	4,150.00
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 One-Thousand 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:

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.	86,000.00

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

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	\$184,000.00
Vocational School Transportation	36,266.40

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Dollars and No Cents (\$5,630.00) for a Paid Librarian for the Peru Library, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Article 23: 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.

Article 24: 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.

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Five Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Five Dollars and No Cents (\$5,765.00) to purchase a Boom Mower hydraulic Motor for the Highway Department or to take any other action relative thereto.

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$10,000.00) into the Future Equipment and Vehicle Purchase Account or to take any other action relative thereto.

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Three Thousand Four Hundred Six Dollars and No Cents (\$3,406.00) for the purchase of a hydraulic Hose Crimper Machine for the Highway Department or to take any other action relative thereto.

Article 28: 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 29: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Twenty Eight Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$28,000.00) to fund an Architectural and Engineering Assessment of the Town Hall/Community Center to identify the structural, electrical, mechanical, security, and ADA needs of the facility.

Article 30: To see if the Town will transfer from Free Cash the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$10,000.00) for the Town of Peru 250th Celebration or take any other action thereto.

Article 31: 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.

Article 32: 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 33: To see if the Town will vote to rescind the Peru Wetlands By-Law and Administer and Enforce the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (Chapter 131, Section 40) and Wetlands Protection Regulations (310 CMR 10.00) or to take any other action relative thereto.

Article 34: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to consider a current member of the Board of Selectmen for the position of Police Chief while he currently serves on the Board of Selectmen subject to the restrictions in Section 20 of the Conflict of Interest Law.

Article 35: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Overlay Surplus the sum of Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Five Dollars and No Cents (\$7,805.00) for the further Preservation of Town Records or take any other action thereto.

Article 36: To see if the Town will vote to change the Tree Warden from an elected position to an appointed position as authorized by G.L. Chapter 41, Section 1 or take any other action thereto.

ATTEST:

This is a true copy.

Kim Leach

Kim Leach
Town Clerk

Certified: June 11, 2020

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 10 day of June, 2020.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Verne Leach

Verne Leach, Chair

Bruce Cullett

Bruce Cullett, Member

Edward F. Munch Jr.

Edward Munch Jr. Member

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 White

Constable
Peggy White

Posted: June 11, 2020

6-11-2020

Date

11:05 AM

Time