

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Town of Peru

247th Annual Town Report



July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017



Peru's Population 2017 — 831 residents
Number of Registered Voters — 612
Square Miles — 26.10

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ELECTED OFFICIALS

Constables

Coralie E. Pelkey	2018
Jeffrey Henault (appointed)	2019

Finance Committee

Alan B. Gordon	2022
Samuel P. Haupt	2021
George D. Greule	2020
Caryn E. Wendling	2019
Jesse Pelkey	2018

Moderator

Allan Gordon	2020
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Planning Board

Douglas A. Haskins	2022
William A. Tatro	2018
Dale Weeks	2019
Samuel P. Haupt	2020
Kimberly Wetherell	2021

School District Committee

Bonny DiTomasso	2020
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Selectmen

Verne Leach	2019
Ed Munch	2018
Bruce Cullett, Chair	2020

Town Clerk

Kim Leach	2018
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Tree Warden

Justin Russell	2018
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ELECTION OFFICIALS

**Warden
Clerk**

Gladys Wheeler
Mary Scott

POLL WORKERS

George Greule
Evelyn Torrey
Coralie Pelkey
Denise Shaw
Ruth Calaycay
Nanette Mone
Fran Shaw
Brenda Darby

Kim Leach
Lauren Bolio
Sara Adams
Richard Burke
Kathy Borden
Amy Pharmer
Terry Kellogg

James Kenney
Barb Kenney
Irene Morrison
Sharon Greule
Evalynn Shaw
Jennifer Pensivy
Linda Kellogg

**Emergency Management
Deputy Director for Emergency Management
Fire Chief and Forest Fire Warden
Highway Department Superintendent**

Rick Carll
Samuel Haupt
Brian Dewkett
Justin Russell

INSPECTORS

**Health Agent
Building Inspector
Gas & Plumbing Inspector
Oil Burner & Smoke Alarm Inspector
Wiring Inspector**

Jane Smith
Tim Sears
Timothy W. Martin
Mark A. Hoag
John Kowalczyk

POLICE DEPARTMENT

**Police Chief - Jeffrey Henault
Sergeant - Bruce Cullett**

Officers

Kayla Reuss Chris Lampiasi
Ethan Rogeau Robert Horne

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief — Eric Autenrieth

Assistant Chief

Captain

1st Lieutenant

2nd Lieutenant

3rd Lieutenant

Safety Officers

Fire Fighters:

George Haywood

Brian Dewkett

Sam Haupt

Paul Drosehn

Jessie Pelkey

Mark Hoag

Alicia Smith

Paul Pharmer

Michael Pensivy

Verne Leach

Logan Brooks

Michael Dewkett

Nicholas Carll

Richard Carll

Ken Kirchner

John Kirchner

Junior Members

Paul (PJ) Pharmer Tyler Lecours

Solid Waste District Commissioner

Town Council

Transfer Station

Treasurer/Tax Collector

Veteran's Agent

Peter Loboda

Kopelman & Paige, P.C.

Verne Leach

Caryn E. Wendling

James Clark

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Accounting Officer Kathy Borden	Term Expires 2018
Assessors Karen Tonelli Amy Davidson Shana Lecours	 2020 2018 2019
Animal Control Verne Leach	 2020
Animal Inspector Verne Leach	 2020
Berkshire County Regional Planning Commission Samuel Haupt	
Berkshire County Housing Development Corp. Advisory Council Richard Haupt	
Board of Registrars Jessica Webber Tina Barrington Scott Seely Kim Leach	 2018 2020 2019 2018
Cemetery Sexton Daryl Darby	 2018
Conservation Commission Kimberly Wetherell William Tatro Valerie Bird	 2018 2020 2019
Council on Aging Mary Morrison, Director	 2018
Cultural Council Coralie Pelkey Ruth Calaycay Kristen Parker	 2018 2018 2018
Custodian of Tax Title Properties Caryn Wendling	 2018

The Peru Town Hall is located at 3 East Main Road and is open on Monday evenings from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, excluding holidays, for the purpose of conducting Town business.

Mailing Addresses

Selectboard:	3 East Main Road, Suite 107, Peru, MA 01235
Town Clerk:	3 East Main Road, Suite 102, Peru, MA 01235
Tax Collector/Treasurer:	3 East Main Road, Suite 101, Peru, MA 01235
Highway Department:	3 East Main Road, Suite 110, Peru, MA 01235
Assessors:	3 East Main Road, Suite 104, Peru, MA 01235
Library:	6 West Main Road, Peru, MA 01235
Town Administrator:	3 East Main Road, Suite 100, Peru, MA 01235

Telephone numbers & e-mail addresses

Accounting 413-655-8312 Ext 5	email: accounting@townofperuma.com
Assessor 413-655-8657 Ext 4	email: assessors@townofperuma.com
Building Inspector 413-655-8312 Ext 3	email: bldginsp@townofperuma.com
Health Agent 413-655-8312 Ext 3	
Selectboard 413-655-8312 Ext 7	email: selectmen@townofperuma.com
Tax Collector/Treasurer 413-655-0072 Ext 1	email: taxcollector@townofperuma.com
Town Administrator 413-655-8312 Ext 0	email: townadmin@townofperuma.com
Town Clerk 413-655-8312 Ext 2	email: townclerk@townofperuma.com
Police Department (Non-Emergency) 413-655-8377	
Police Fax 413-655-2144	
Volunteer Fire Department 413-655-8811	

(Department)

3 East Main Road

(Suite #)

Peru, MA 01235

Suite # Department

100	Town Administrator
101	Tax Collector / Treasurer
102	Town Clerk
103	Health Agent
104	Board of Assessors
105	Accountant
106	Police
107	Board of Selectmen

Suite # Department

108	Building Inspector
109	Fire Department
110	Highway Department
111	Council on Aging
112	Conservation Commission
113	Planning Board/Zoning Board
114	Plumbing/Electrical Inspectors
115	General Delivery

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

The Fiscal year of July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017 was another busy year for the Town Clerk's office. There were five elections, the Special Town Election August 27, 2016, Primary Election September 3, 2016, State Election November 8, 2016, Central Berkshire Regional Feasible Study Election April 8, 2017 and the Annual Town Election was on June 10, 2017. Early Voting was conducted for the first time for the State Election. A Special Town Meeting took place on July 26, 2016 and Peru's Annual Town Meeting took place on June 3, 2017. There was a total of 7 Voter Registration sessions held in the Town Clerk's office.

The Elections ran smoothly with the help of Election Warden Gladys Wheeler, Election Clerk Becky Scott and all the Election Workers. The Board of Registrars, Tina Barrington, Scott Seely and Jessica Webber, with their busy schedules always found time to come in the office right away to certify signatures when needed. Everyone's dedication and hard work is much appreciated. I enjoy working with everyone and I sincerely thank you all and I look forward to working with you in the future.

This past year I have continued to attend Town Clerk workshops and conferences to stay current with laws and procedures pertaining to Elections, VRIS enhancements, Public Records, Vital Records, Town Meetings, Open Meeting Law, Zoning/Planning and workshops and webinars for the Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA).

I would like to share some information about the Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA). The U.S. Census Bureau has begun the Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) Program Registration Phase. Even though the 2020 census will not go out until April 1, 2020, state agencies and municipal clerks began this work in 2016 and will continue for the next several years. The preparation for the Local Update of Census Addresses Program (LUCA) 2020 has been begun. The Secretary of the Commonwealth's office has hosted regional workshops for Massachusetts municipalities. At this workshop, the U.S. Census Bureau showed municipalities how to prepare, register, and participate in this important program for their communities. Also, the UMass Donahue Institute presented on how they and the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth would be working to help municipalities prepare for LUCA. Accurate census information is essential to assist the federal government in distributing more than \$400 billion in funds annually for infrastructure, programs, and services. Additionally, state officials are concerned about the possible loss of a congressional seat for Massachusetts! You can see why it is so important for every household to answer the 2020 census promptly and accurately.

2016-2017 Fiscal Year Vital Statistics

At the recommendation of the Registry of Vital Records and the United States Department of State, we will no longer be printing the individual names from vital records in the Town Report. This will help to protect the privacy of individuals as well.

Births - There were 7 births in town, 2 females and 5 males. Congratulations to the families on welcoming their little ones.

Marriages - 2, Congratulations to the couples!

Deaths - This year 13 people passed away. Our condolences go out to the families that have lost a loved one

Population 831
Registered Voters 613
2017 Dog Licenses 151
8 Female - 71 Spayed Female
8 Male - 64 Neutered Male

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Leach
Town Clerk
Burial Agent
Ex-Officio Member Board of Registrars
Super Records Access Officer
Chief Elections Officer

PERU ELECTION RESULTS 2017

Special Town Election August 27, 2016

Registered Voters 595 - Ballots Cast 203

Town Clerk - Unexpired term to 7/1/2018

Kim Leach - 133

Kimberly Wetherell - 70

Annual Town Election Saturday June 10, 2017

Registered Voters 613 - Ballots Cast 238

Select Board 3-year term

Bruce W Cullett (Candidate for Re-election) - 182 votes

Finance Committee 5-year term

Allan B. Gordon -191 votes

Planning Board 5-year term

Douglas A Haskins - 205 votes

Moderator 3-year term

Allan B Gordon -190

Board of Health 3-year term

Nanette Mone - 190 votes

Constable 2-year term

No Candidate on the Ballot

Failure to elect

(Officer Jeff Henault was appointed)

Tree Warden 1-year term

No Candidate on the Ballot

Justin Russell - 12 votes

Ballot Question : Shall the Town advise the Select Board to pursue an agreement for broadband service with one of the following providers:

Charter Spectrum - 174 votes

Westfield Gas & Electric - 53 votes

No - 7 votes

Respectfully submitted by

Kim Leach, Town Clerk

BOARD OF SELECTMEN/TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

The Board of Selectmen would like to welcome new employees, new appointments and elected officials. Bruce Cullett was re-elected to a new 3 year term to the Board of Selectmen. Allan Gordon was re-elected to the Finance Committee for a 5 year term. Douglas Haskins was re-elected to the Planning Board for a 5 year term. Allan Gordon was elected as the new Town Moderator to a 3 year term. Nanette Mone was elected to a new 3 year term to the Board of Health. Justin Russell was elected as the Tree Warden for a 1 year term.

The Election included a ballot question to advise the Select Board to pursue an agreement for broadband service with either Charter Spectrum or Westfield Gas & Electric. The voters choose Charter Spectrum with 174 votes over Westfield Gas & Electric, which received 53 votes.

The following individuals were new appointments made by the Board of Selectmen. Jayne Smith was appointed as the new Health Inspector. Sharon Greule was appointed as the Assistant Town Clerk. Richard Carll was appointed as the Emergency Management Director. Brian Dewkett was appointed as the new Fire Chief and as the Forest Fire Warden. Kristen Parker was a new appointment to the Cultural Council. Edmund Munch was appointed to the Mohawk Trails Woodland Partnership. David Strzepa was appointed to a 5 year term to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Bonny Ditomasso was appointed as an Alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Brian Dewkett was appointed as the new Fire Inspector.

Please remember to vote in the Annual Town Election.

Respectfully Submitted,

Board of Selectmen/Town Administrator

BOARD OF ASSESSORS ANNUAL REPORT - FY2017

Listed below is a summary of figures taken from the FY2017 Tax Recapitulation Sheet along with data from the previous years. Weekly Assessors meetings are held on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at the Peru Town Hall and the public is welcome to attend.

FISCAL YEAR	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017
Appropriations from Town Meetings	\$2,087,141.14	2,049,508.89	2,029,721.42	2,221,872.00	2,161,820.80
Cherry Sheet Offsets	\$1,526.00	1,508.00	2,088.00	2,017.00	2,044.00
Overlay Deficits	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00	0.00
Cherry Sheet Charges	\$1,163.00	511.00	930.00	932.00	937.00
Overlay Allowance	\$9,318.91	21,771.93	15,673.04	20,651.07	22,114.78
TOTAL AMT. TO BE RAISED:	\$2,099,149.05	2,073,299.82	2,048,412.46	2,245,526.07	2,186,916.58
Total Estimated Receipts:	\$229,614.93	134,750.00	151,012.00	158,000.00	147,900.00
Cherry Sheet Receipts:	\$235,720.00	260,919.00	255,772.00	259,101.00	284,614.00
Free Cash to Reduce Tax Rate:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00	36,000.00
Revenue Sources appropriated:	\$140,000.00	127,804.00	64,886.00	87,055.00	118,303.17
Other Available Funds:	\$52,500.00	17,500.00	1,550.00	1,500.00	16,500.00
Other Source to reduce tax rate:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS & CREDITS:	\$657,834.93	540,973.00	473,220.00	505,656.00	603,317.17
TAX LEVY:	\$1,441,314.12	1,532,326.82	1,575,192.46	1,739,870.07	1,583,599.41
<u>Town Valuations By Class:</u>					
Residential	81,605,884.00	82,169,832.00	79,064,305.00	79,257,172.00	79,386,344.00
Open Space	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Commercial	\$3,592,013.00	3,581,540.00	3,427,671.00	3,250,480.00	6,874,161.00
Industrial	\$434,500.00	538,000.00	619,300.00	619,300.00	546,100.00
Personal Property	\$2,791,782.00	2,489,702.00	2,683,520.00	3,218,957.00	3,272,997.00
Exempt Property	\$10,275,900.00	11,716,400.00	10,630,400.00	10,642,000.00	9,158,000.00
New Growth	\$1,138,037.00	867,312.00	915,147.00	777,219.00	281,000.00
Tax Rate (per thousand):	\$16.30	\$17.26	\$18.36	\$20.15	\$17.58

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Tonelli, M.A.A.

Amy Davidson

Shana Lecours

PERU BOARD OF ASSESSORS

**FISCAL YEAR 2017
TAX COLLECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT
TAXES COLLECTED FOR THE PERIOD OF: 7/01/16 - 6/30/17**

YEAR	REAL ESTATE \$\$	PERSONAL PROPERTY \$\$	MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE \$\$	FOREST PRODUCTS \$\$
2000			25.00	
2009			20.63	
2010			86.88	
2011			260.00	
2012			147.50	
2013			120.00	
2014	3,881.34	336.57	505.12	
2015	9,472.91	358.02	4,275.03	
2016	47,190.92	777.21	34,830.44	
2017	<u>1,426,544.73</u>	<u>57,337.12</u>	<u>92,597.38</u>	
TOTALS	1,487,089.90	58,808.92	132,867.98	0.00

CHAPTER 61 ROLL BACK TAXES

PRINCIPAL = 0.00
INTEREST =
TOTAL 0.00

TOTAL TAXES COLLECTED FY17 = \$1,678,766.80

TOTAL INTEREST COLLECTED FY17 = \$13,131.01

TOTAL COLLECTIONS FY17 \$1,691,897.81

Respectfully submitted,
Caryn E. Wendling, CMMC, CMMT
Tax Collector/Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT 2017

Long Term Debit

LOAN	OUTSTANDING JULY 1, 2016	NEW DEBIT ISSUED	RETIREMENTS	OUTSTANDING JUNE 30, 2017	INTEREST PAID IN FY 2017
HIGHWAY GARAGE	198,183.09		3,597.22	194,585.87	8,422.78
FIRESTATION	234,084.00		9,364.00	224,720.00	7,315.13

Total interest paid on loans = \$15,737.91

The Town continues to pursue properties that are in Tax Title. Taxpayers that are in Tax Title and fail to enter into a payment agreement and keep the terms of the agreement will face foreclosure on their properties.

FY 17 Tax Title Payments Collected:

Certified	=	\$15,500.93
Treasurer's Interest	=	\$ 3,154.91
Total Tax Title Payments Received=		\$18,655.84

Respectfully submitted,
Caryn E. Wendling, CMMC, CMMT
Tax Collector/Treasurer

TREASURY RECEIPTS SUMMARY REPORT
07/01/16 - 06/30/17

TR CODE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
1100.14	Personal Prop Taxes 2014	\$ 336.57
1100.15	Personal Prop Taxes 2015	\$ 358.02
1100.16	Personal Prop Tax 2016	\$ 777.21
1100.17	Personal Prop Taxes 2017	\$ 57,337.12
1200.14	Real Estate Taxes 2014	\$ 3,881.34
1200.15	Real Estate Taxes 2015	\$ 9,472.91
1200.16	Real Estate Taxes 2016	\$ 47,190.92
1200.17	Real Estate Taxes 2017	\$ 1,426,544.73
1300.00	Motor Vehicle Ex 2000	\$ 25.00
1300.09	Motor Vehicle Ex F2009	\$ 20.63
1300.10	Motor Vehicle Ex Taxes F2010	\$ 86.88
1300.11	Motor Vehicle Ex 2011	\$ 260.00
1300.12	Motor Vehicle Ex 2012	\$ 147.50
1300.13	Motor Vehicle Ex 2013	\$ 120.00
1300.14	Motor Vehicle Ex 2014	\$ 1,327.32
1300.15	Motor Vehicle Ex 2015	\$ 4,275.03
1300.16	Motor Vehicle Ex 2016	\$ 35,635.77
1300.17	Motor Vehicle 2017	\$ 92,597.38
1562.00	Tax Titles	\$ 15,500.93
1562.50	Tax Possessions (Foreclosures)	\$ 11,999.00
1604.00	State Aid to Highways	\$ 519,467.56
1800.4171	Interest on Property Tax	\$ 10,837.05
1800.4172	Interest on MVE	\$ 2,293.96
1800.4173	Interest on Tax Titles	\$ 3,154.91
1800.4180	In Lieu of Taxes	\$ 2,712.14
1800.4360	Municipal Building Rent/C	\$ 100.00
1800.4416	Bd of Appeals Fees/Permit	\$ 25.00
1800.4418	Town Share Bd of Health F	\$ 300.00
1800.4420	Town Share Building Insp	\$ 578.32
1800.4424	Compactor Fees/Permits	\$ 17,849.00
1800.4426	Town Share Elec/Wiring In	\$ 185.00
1800.4428	Town Share Smoke/Fire Dep	\$ 77.00
1800.4432	Planning Bd Fees/Permits	\$ 25.00
1800.4434	Town Share Plumbing & Gas	\$ 152.50
1800.4439	Other Licenses & Permits	\$ 200.00
1800.4483	Copier Receipts	\$ 81.12
1800.4541	CS State Owned Land	\$ 68,199.00
1800.4613	CS Abatements to Vets, Blind, Surviving	\$ 2,787.00
1800.4616	CS Elderly Abatements	\$ 167.00
1800.4620	CS SCHOOL AID CHAPTER 70	\$ 89,842.00

TREASURY RECEIPTS SUMMARY REPORT
07/01/16 - 06/30/17

1800.4621	CS VOC TRANS CHAPER 71	\$ 3,559.00
1800.4667	CS VETERANS BENEFITS	\$ 11,951.22
1800.4671	CS Unrestricted General Government Aid	\$ 109,808.00
1800.4695	Court Fines	\$ 252.50
1800.4731	MVE Flagging Fees	\$ 580.00
1800.4770	Dog Fines	\$ 150.00
1800.4820	Interest on Savings	\$ 1,928.45
1800.4835	3% Withholding on Police Detail	\$ 688.96
1800.4836	Police Detail Cruiser Fee	\$ 2,400.00
1800.4840	Misc. Revenues	\$ 740.30
1800.4950	Refunds	\$ 3,239.35
2016.00	Temporary Loan-Highway	\$ 500,000.00
3051.00	Due from Employees - Insurance	\$ 240.89
3051.05	Due From Retirees	\$ 3,821.00
3053.00	FID.License-Police	\$ 5,225.00
4000.00	State Aid to Libraries	\$ 2,097.49
4001.06	Emergency Mgt Grant	\$ 4,335.34
4009.00	Peru Recycling Grant Small Scale 2016	\$ 1,000.00
4012.00	Elections - State	\$ 1,036.00
42010.00	Taxes	\$ 42,696.75
42020.00	Retirement	\$ 17,676.01
42030.00	Deferred Comp	\$ 9,551.44
42040.00	Insurance	\$ 19,996.95
42050.00	Other Withholdings	\$ 4,420.00
5000.01	Health Insp REV 53 E 1/2	\$ 5,225.00
5000.02	Bldg.Insp. REV 53 E 1/2	\$ 4,626.56
5000.022	Bldg. Insp. Supply Expens	\$ 578.32
5000.03	Elect.Insp. REV 53 E 1/2	\$ 1,665.00
5000.04	Gas & Plumb Insp REV 53 E	\$ 1,372.50
5000.05	Fire Insp REV 53 E 1/2	\$ 693.00
5000.07	TAX TITLE COLLECTION REVOLVING	\$ 300.00
5000.08	250 CELEBRATION REVOLVING	\$ 2.34
5001.00	Tax Coll's Fees	\$ 2,150.00
5001.01	Town Clerk's Fees	\$ 750.00
5003.00	Deputy Collector's Fees	\$ 1,535.00
5004.00	Police Detail	\$ 22,275.34
600020.00	Stabilization Fund	\$ 1,304.11
600022.00	Partridgefld Plygrnd Trst	\$ 47.33
600024.00	Cemetery Trust Acct.	\$ 2.74
7000.02	Dog Lic Rsrvd for Library	\$ 1,420.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$ 3,218,269.71

Town of Peru

July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

Financial Statement Report

Balance Sheet General Accounts Assets

Balance Sheet General Account Liabilities

Balance Sheet Trust Fund Accounts

Balance Sheet Debt Balance Accounts

Kathleen Borden
Town Accountant

FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

07/01/16 - 06/30/17

<u>Account Description</u>	<u>FY2016 Carry Fwd</u>	<u>FY2017 Orig Approp</u>	<u>Amended</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Unencumb Balance</u>	<u>% Exp</u>
10111.00 Legal Expense		10,000.00	1,260.00	11,248.41	11.59	0.12%
10122.00 Town Administrator		20,000.00	(939.00)	16,916.83	2,144.17	10.72%
10122.01 Selectmen's Salary		9,282.00		9,282.00	-	0.00%
10122.02 Selectmen & Other Expense		1,800.00		1,747.69	52.31	2.91%
10122.03 Computer Supplies		6,000.00		4,972.14	1,027.86	17.13%
10122.06 Administrative Comp		3,000.00		3,000.00	-	0.00%
10123.00 Continuing Education		6,530.00		5,209.03	1,320.97	20.23%
10124.00 Computer Maintenance System		3,500.00	622.00	4,121.55	0.45	0.01%
10124.01 NewNetwork Server FY17		7,638.32		7,500.00	138.32	1.81%
10124.02 Town Website FY 17		1,500.00		879.00	621.00	41.40%
10124.03 Fire Dept.Fiber Optic FY 17		2,500.00		2,499.58	0.42	0.02%
10135.00 Accounting Officer's Salary		8,072.00		8,072.00	-	0.00%
10135.01 Town Auditor's Salary		1.00			1.00	100.00%
10141.00 Assessors' Salary		9,282.00		9,282.00	-	0.00%
10141.01 Assessors' Expense		1,000.00		932.58	67.42	6.74%
10141.02 Assistant Assessor's Wages		18,900.00		18,900.00	-	0.00%
10141.04 Tax Map Maintenance	1089.50	1,600.00		1,400.00	1,289.50	80.59%
10141.12 Assessor's Annual Computer Support		3,125.00		3,125.00	-	0.00%
10141.13 Appraisal Consultant FY17		7,000.00	(2,617.00)	2,500.00	1,883.00	26.90%
10145.00 Treasurer's Salary		8,072.00		8,072.00	-	0.00%
10145.02 Treasurer/Accountant Expenses		1,500.00		1,283.00	217.00	14.47%
10145.03 Bank Service Charges		100.00			100.00	100.00%
10145.04 Treasurer's Tax Title Exp		3,000.00		3,000.00	-	0.00%
10145.05 Treas/Acct Annual Computer Support		9,086.87		9,086.87	-	0.00%
10145.08 Integrated Accountant's Software	3,025.04				3,025.04	
10146.00 Tax Collector's Salary		8,072.00		8,072.00	-	0.00%
10146.01 Tax Collector's Expense		1,500.00		2,223.75	(723.75)	-48.25%
10146.02 Tax Taking Charges	1100.00	1,500.00		150.00	2,450.00	163.33%
10146.05 Tax Coll's Annual Computer Support		7,437.79		7,437.79	-	0.00%
10161.00 Town Clerk's Salary		5,380.00		5,189.56	190.44	3.54%
10161.01 Town Clerk's Expenses		2,200.00	1,031.00	3,230.52	0.48	0.02%
10161.02 Assistant Town Clerk's Salary		1,050.00		1,015.00	35.00	3.33%
10161.03 Election & Bd of Registrars Comp		3,500.00	1,881.00	5,380.51	0.49	0.01%
10171.00 Conservation Comm Expenses		300.00		292.26	7.74	2.58%
10172.00 BC Regional Planning Commission		626.67		626.67	-	0.00%
10173.00 Board of Appeals Expense		100.00			100.00	100.00%
10175.00 Officers' Mileage		1,800.00		1,784.85	15.15	0.84%
10175.01 U.S. Postal Expense		3,500.00		2,643.77	856.23	24.46%
10175.02 Office Supplies		2,500.00		948.43	1,551.57	62.06%
20210.00 Constable's Salary		107.70			107.70	100.00%
20212.00 Police Expense		3,400.00	32.00	3,431.78	0.22	0.01%
20212.02 Police Wages		70,856.00		63,236.34	7,619.66	10.75%
20212.04 Police Cruiser Maintenance		3,400.00	72.00	3,471.07	0.93	0.03%
20212.06 Police Vest & Pager	1717.50			828.00	889.50	
20215.00 Broadbank Borrow Consultant	5000.00				5,000.00	
20216.00 Wired West Membership		1,000.00		1,000.00		0.00%
20217.00 Internet Communication Lines		3,250.00	715.00	3,961.63	3.37	0.10%
20218.00 911 Communication Service		9,308.99		9,308.99	-	0.00%
20220.00 t Fire Warden's Salary		775.00		775.00	-	0.00%
20222.00 Peru Volunteer Firemen's Assoc.	1406.11	17,550.00		18,275.10	681.01	3.88%
20222.01 Fire Chief's Salary		1,050.00		1,050.00	-	0.00%
20222.02 Fire Station Mort Pymt		16,679.12		16,679.10	0.02	0.00%
20222.04 Fireman's Bldg. Maint.		1,500.00		1,500.00	-	0.00%
20222.11 Peru Vol Firemen's Ins		8,025.00		6,307.00	1,718.00	21.41%
20222.22 Fire Stn Mort Addit Pymt					-	
20224.00 Hinsdale Ambulance		1,500.00		1,500.00	-	0.00%
20226.00 Inspector of Animals Salary		775.00		775.00	-	0.00%
20292.00 Animal Control Officer's Salary		1,561.00		1,561.00	-	0.00%

FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

07/01/16 - 06/30/17

<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>FY2016 Carry Fwd</u>	<u>FY2017 Orig Approp</u>	<u>Amended</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Unencumb Balance</u>	<u>% Exp</u>
20293.00	Animal Control Officer's Expense		600.00		527.64	72.36	12.06%
30000.01	CBRSD Operating Expense		809,178.00		809,178.00	-	0.00%
30000.02	CBRSD Capital Expense		23,116.00		23,116.00	-	0.00%
30000.04	Vocational School Tuition		180,000.00	(1,575.00)	130,360.00	48,065.00	26.70%
30000.05	Vocational School Transportation		57,906.00		57,906.00	-	0.00%
30610.00	Peru Library		4,541.00	1,500.00	6,041.00	-	0.00%
30610.02	Library Director's Salary		4,200.00		4,200.00	-	0.00%
40100.00	Road Superintendent's Salary		60,000.00		60,000.00	-	0.00%
40103.00	Highway Employees' Wages		83,000.00		75,176.55	7,823.45	9.43%
40103.05	Temporary Summer Help		5,000.00		4,848.00	152.00	3.04%
40105.00	Highway Employee Uniforms		2,500.00		2,500.00	-	0.00%
40200.00	Maint. Hard Surface Roads		18,000.00		13,731.16	4,268.84	23.72%
40204.00	Material Gravel Roads		14,000.00	13.00	14,012.36	0.64	0.00%
40206.00	Road Machinery Maintenance		20,580.00	965.00	21,545.00	-	0.00%
40208.00	Gas & Fuel		27,630.00		20,222.12	7,407.88	26.81%
40210.00	Town H & B (Gravel Roads)		16,750.00	50.00	16,800.00	-	0.00%
40212.02	Highway Garage Mortgage Payment		12,020.00		12,020.00	-	0.00%
40213.25	Future Equip & Vehicle Purchase	40,000.00	75,000.00		84,949.57	30,050.43	40.07%
40214.00	Tree Removal		10,000.00		9,900.00	100.00	1.00%
40423.00	Snow Roads,Public		60,000.00	20,605.28	80,605.28	-	0.00%
40424.00	Snow Roads,Private		500.00			500.00	100.00%
40500.00	Compactor		30,000.00	5,265.00	35,261.44	3.56	0.01%
40502.00	Northern Berkshire Solid Waste Mgt		2,346.19		2,346.19	-	0.00%
40503.00	Health Dept Expenses		7,972.00		6,597.00	1,375.00	17.25%
50300.00	Council on Aging	180.3	525.00		160.17	545.13	103.83%
50302.00	Elderly Outreach Program		200.00			200.00	100.00%
50303.00	Council on Aging Director Salary		525.00		525.00	-	0.00%
50900.00	Veterans Agent's Salary		2,250.00			2,250.00	100.00%
50902.00	Veteran's Service		20,000.00	(5,368.00)	6,302.22	8,329.78	41.65%
60002.04	Town Building Maintenance		6,000.00	3,036.00	9,035.19	0.81	0.01%
60002.05	Utilities - Electric		9,000.00		9,000.00	-	0.00%
60002.06	Utilities - Heating		15,000.00	610.00	15,605.29	4.71	0.03%
60002.07	Utilities - Telephone		6,000.00		5,822.63	177.37	2.96%
60004.10	Town Green,Park, Cemeteries mowing		6,200.00	525.00	6,110.00	615.00	9.92%
60006.00	Partridgefield Playground		1,500.00		1,500.00	-	0.00%
70750.00	Interest on Loans		2,500.00		1,820.00	680.00	27.20%
90206.00	Town Insurance - ALL		38,500.00	415.00	38,077.51	837.49	2.18%
90208.00	Town Report Expense		2,000.00		1,589.00	411.00	20.55%
90912.00	BC Retirement Assessment		39,505.00		39,505.00	-	0.00%
90913.00	Mass Unemployment Ins./DUA		1,500.00		426.37	1,073.63	71.58%
90915.00	Medicare Town Share		5,500.00		5,008.93	491.07	8.93%
90919.00	Health Insurance		100,000.00	(715.00)	81,412.90	17,872.10	17.87%
95781.00	Reserve Fund		5,850.00	(5,278.00)		572.00	9.78%
Total		53,518.45	2,110,087.65	22,105.28	2,019,428.32	166,283.06	

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Borden, Town Accountant
6/30/17

Town of Peru

07/01/2016 - 06/30/2017

Balance Sheet General Accounts Assets

ASSETS

Cash

General Cash Checking	696458.79
Petty Cash - Tax Collector	50.00
Petty Cash - Town Clerk	50.00

Total for Cash

696,558.79

Personal Property Taxes

Personal Prop Tases - Prior Years	548.20
Personal Prop Taxes 2017	202.17

Total for Personal Prop Taxes

750.37

Real Estate Taxes

Real Estate Taxes - Prior Years	31133.17
Real Estate Taxes 2000 - 2010	74288.70
Real Estate Taxes 2011	5829.32
Real Estate Taxes 2012	8392.21
Real Estate Taxes 2013	8323.54
Real Estate Taxes 2014	14393.38
Real Estate Taxes 2015	16404.44
Real Estate Taxes 2016	21318.44
Real Estate Taxes 2017	77940.92

Total for Real Estate Taxes

258,024.12

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes

Motor Vehicle Ex - Prior Years	2485.36
Motor Vehicle Ex 2000 - 2010	5843.16
Motor Vehicle Ex 2011	189.69
Motor Vehicle Ex 2012	1497.29
Motor Vehicle Ex 2013	1993.75
Motor Vehicle Ex 2014	3040.32
Motor Vehicle Ex 2015	3533.64
Motor Vehicle Ex 2016	11001.91
Motor Vehicle E 2017	24995.60

Total for Motor Vehicle Ex Taxes

54,580.72

Tax Title & Possessions

Tax Titles	191817.15
Tax Possessions(Foreclosures)	38176.25

Total for Tax Ttiles & Possessions

229,993.40

Accounts Receivable

State Aid to Highways	125105.68
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Total for Accounts Receivable

125,105.68

Loans Authorized

Loans Authorized	201620.00
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Total for Estimated Receipts

201,620.00

TOTAL ASSETS

1,566,633.08

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Balance Sheet General Account Liabilities

LIABILITIES

Agency

Police Detail	218.25
Due From Retirees	308.10

FID License	3050.00	
Total for Agency		3,576.35
Revolving & Gifts		
250 Yr Celebration Rev	1002.34	
Elect Insp Rev 53 1/2	207.00	
Bldg. Insp. Supply Expense	1180.29	
State Aid to Libraries	2695.05	
Town Clerk Fees	30.00	
Tax Collector's Fees	165.00	
C.O.A. Formula Grant	5614.71	
Conservation Wetland Fees	216.11	
Chapter 90 Highway	129959.38	
Total for Revolving & Gifts		141,069.88
Loans Authorized Unissued		
Loans Authorized Unissued	201620.00	
Receipts Reserved for Appropriation	Total for Revolving	201,620.00
Dog Lic Reserved for Library	1527.00	
Road Machinery Earnings	4208.00	
Total for Receipts Reserved for Appropriation		5,735.00
Overlays Reserved for Abatements		
Overlay Prior Years - 2000 - 2011	24408.84	
Overlay 2012	6476.09	
Overlay 2013	3844.59	
Overlay 2014	9481.85	
Overlay 2015	8499.49	
Overlay 2016	15179.43	
Overlay 2017	538.56	
Total for Overlays Resv'd for Abatements		68,428.85
Revenue Reserved until Collected		
Tax Title & Possession Rev.	229993.12	
Motor Vehicle Excise Rev.	54445.48	
Reserve for Petty Cash	100.00	
Total for Revenue Resv'd until Collected		284,538.60
Surplus Revenue		
Surplus Revenue	614911.72	
Free Cash Reserved	121423.00	
Overlay Surplus Reserved	77000.00	
Total for Surplus Revenue		813,334.72
Appropriation Balances Carried Forward		
Computer Supplies	1027.86	
Tax Map Maintenance	1289.50	
Integrated Accounting Software	3025.04	
Maint. Hard Surface Road	4268.84	
Police Dept Vests	889.50	
Broadbank Borrow Consultant	5000.00	
Future Equip & Vehicle Purchase	30050.43	
Vol Fire Dept Expense	681.01	
Council on Aging	545.13	
Health Dept. Expenses	1375.00	
Utilities - Telephone	177.37	
Total for Appropriation Balances		48,329.68

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	1,566,633.08
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Balance Sheet Trust Fund Accounts

Trust Funds

Trust Cash	337880.53	
Stabilization Fund		320910.18
Partridgefield Playground Fund		15294.32
Cemetery Trust Fund		1676.03
Total for Trust Funds	<u>337880.53</u>	<u>337880.53</u>

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Balance Sheet Debt Balance Accounts

Long Term Debt

	Asset	Liabilities
Highway Garage Mortgage	194585.77	
Fire Station Mortgage	224720.02	
Net Funded/Fixed Debt		419305.79
Total for Long Term Debt	<u>419305.79</u>	<u>419305.79</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Borden, Town Accountant
6/30/17

ANIMAL INSPECTOR REPORT 2017

Cattle	= 17	Goats	= 39	Sheep	= 15
Swine	= 7	Llamas	= 4	Equines	= 27
Chickens	= 293	Turkeys	= 13	Ratites	= 0
Water Fowl	= 48	Game Birds	= 2	Rabbits	= 1

I would like to thank all of the barn owners for there time.

Respectfully submitted,

Verne Leach

Animal Inspector

REPORT OF THE PERU CONSERVATION COMMISSION **FY 2017**

The mission of the Conservation Commission is the following:

To educate the citizens of Peru of the importance of preserving and protecting our wetlands and water resources; and, to enforce Peru's Wetland By-Law and The Wetlands Protection Act of the State of Massachusetts.

Peru passed the Peru Wetlands Bylaw in 2005. This bylaw extends the buffer zone around the town's lakes and ponds from 100 feet to 150 feet. Peru's Wetland By-Law can be found at the town hall. The State's Wetlands Protection Act and regulations can be found on the state's website at www.mass.gov.

The tasks of the Commission require a great deal of study, classes, and time spent on site visits and in meetings. Peru is fortunate to have Valerie Bird as a seasoned, experienced and certified Conservation Agent as a member of the commission and Kimberly Wetherell has recently completed MACC's Fundamentals for Conservation Commissioners Training Program. As volunteers, we look forward to serving Peru and encourage anyone with questions to contact us.

Peru Conservation Commission:

Valerie Bird

Bill Tatro

Kimberly Wetherell

HINSDALE-PERU LOCAL CULTURAL COUNCIL

Hinsdale and Peru residents are offered a wide array of activities to promote, educate and involve our communities in arts, humanities, and sciences. Through participation in the Massachusetts Cultural Council's - Local Cultural Council (LCC) Program, the state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) to oversee the program and determine annual funding amounts to LCCs for the coming fiscal year.

Local Cultural Council members are appointed by the of the Towns of Hinsdale and Peru Select Boards after completing specific training and receiving approval by the current membership. All appointed members serve up to 6 years on a volunteer basis, as either active or ex officio members. Although ex officio members are excluded from voting, they serve this group with invaluable insight and support. MCC requires a voting membership of at least five active members, to ensure balanced input and consensus for appropriation of funding dollars.

Voting members who participated in the FY 17 awards were from Hinsdale: Diane Eulian, Chair, Gail Bolduc, Tom Butler, Cathy Adams, and Christine Pike (ex officio); from Peru: Ruth Calaycay. For the upcoming FY18 application process, members attending the voting meeting were Gail Bolduc, Tom Butler, Ruth Calaycay, Diane Eulian, Kristen Parker, Chris Pike, Christian Rasch, and Rima Sala.

Activity for Calendar Year 2017, in addition to finalizing all grant payments, mainly focusses on the next FY application process. This cycle begins with applicant submissions in September, and subsequent LCC meetings to process and review all applications. A wards are considered, based on the annual budget allotment, applications meeting the LCC guidelines for appropriateness, and benefit to the Hinsdale-Peru communities.

Voting meetings were held in October 2017 to review all applications received for the coming fiscal year. All current council members were in attendance and concurred with funding awards based on LCC guidelines and those proposals deemed most beneficial to our communities. For our Local Cultural Council FY18 (July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018) the council awarded 26 applications grants.

Award and denial letters have been sent out for the LCC FY18. Approved applicants are requested information about their venues, including dates and locations. While approved grants may be used immediately (such as in-school projects during school sessions), most events occur during the summer months. In late spring, all public events for which we have confirmed details will be posted on flyers, bookmarks distributed at both Hinsdale and Peru Public Libraries, and coming soon, postings on the Town of Hinsdale Newsletter site (with additional detail as we receive them).

If you would like to consider joining this volunteer oversight group, there are many ways learn more by:

- logging into the MCC site: <http://massculturalcouncil.org/>
- contacting Diane Eulian via email deulian@outlook.com or phone 413-446-0235
- or contacting any of the current members listed below:
 - o Gail Bolduc
 - o Tom Butler
 - o Ruth Calaycay
 - o Kristen Parker
 - o Chris Pike (ex officio)
 - o Rima Sala
 - o Genne Le Vasseur (ex officio)
 - o Christian Rasch

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Eulian, Chair

FINANCE COMMITTEE

FY 2018 brought some blessings and continuing problems.

The blessings were a Free Cash amount near 300 thousand which allowed the Town to buy a used paper compactor, rebuild the highway Mack truck, to purchase a new roller for paving, and the purchase of a new police cruiser. Additionally we were able to have the Assessors release some overlay account monies to put 50 thousand dollars into the future equipment account and to fund a overdue Town Audit and some monies to aid in the cleanup of the former Hall property that the Town now owns.

The continuing problems include the decline in our road conditions along with the declining state aid for roads. Also the State payments to the town in lieu of taxes for the large amount of State owned property, looks to be on a downward trend for the future.

Respectfully Submitted,
George Greule ~ Chair

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

We have had a very productive year here at the Highway Department all across town. We completed a major paving project on North Rd, Marlow Dr, and the first mile of East Windsor Rd. As State Aid continues to fund the town with the same amount, if not less, of Chapter 90 money each year it makes it harder to take on large projects without saving the funds for a few years. We have applied for a grant through MassWorks to resurface the last 3 miles of East Windsor Rd. The grant application is good for 3yrs. Meanwhile we will continue to save Chapter 90 funds to be able to fund other road paving projects.

Our small crew has been very busy around town making improvements to water ways, culverts, guardrails, brush and overgrown trees, repairing potholes, and much more. We encourage public input whenever there is a situation such as bad potholes, trees in the road, trash that has been dumped off along a road or any other situation that we can help improve a roadway.

Along with the road work there is also an extensive amount of mechanic work that we incur during the year. Repairs could range from chainsaws, weed whackers, backhoe or loader, tractors, and our aging plow trucks. Repairs have been very expensive on these old trucks. Our 3 big trucks are a 1994 4x4 International with a plow and a wing, a 1998 Mack with a plow and a wing, and a 2008 4x4 International with just a front plow. We are in desperate need to upgrade trucks that are over 20 years old. The 1994 needs to be replaced. Without these 3 trucks running during a snow storm we will not be able to keep up with clearing the roads. I ask that when it comes time to replace that truck with another 4 wheel drive truck please support us.

As another year clicks by, I would like to again recognize Dale Weeks. Dale retired in September 2015 but he is always ready to help us out when we need it. During the past 2 years we have been short 1 employee twice. Without his help we would have been way behind on summer road work but also clearing snow from the roads. Thank you Dale!

Respectfully Submitted,
Justin Russell ~ Highway Superintendent

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Peru Volunteer Fire Department responded to 40 calls over the course of the last year.

Calls were as follows:

Medical	24
Tree on Wires	5
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2
False Alarm	2
Odor of Gas	2
Chimney Fire	1
Mutual Aide for structure fire	1
Illeagal Burn	1
Lightning Strike	1
Structure Fire	1

In August of 2016 we were able to use money that the fireman's association raised through golf tournaments, raffles, and pancake breakfasts to purchase a used ambulance to be put in to service as our new rescue truck. It is outfitted with our medical equipment as well as our jaws of life and equipment for vehicle extrication. In our June 6, 2017 association meeting, Chief Eric Autenrieth announced that after his 35 years of service he would be retiring the following fall. The membership voted he stay acting chief until his departure.

I would like to thank all of the volunteers on our department for their dedicated service to the town and wish Eric the best of Luck in his adventures.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chief Brian Dewkett

Current Roster;

Chief - Brian Dewkett

Assistant Chief - Mike Dewkett

Captain - George Haywood

1st Lieutenant - Sam Haupt

2nd Lieutenant - Paul Drosehn

3rd Lieutenant - John Kirchner

Firefighters - Alicia Smith, Mike Pensivy, Vern Leach, Rick Carll, Josh Alletson, Logan Brooks, Ed Munch, Tyler Lecours, Jesse Pelkey, And Junior Fire Fighter Carlton Brooks

NORTHERN BERKSHIRE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

www.nbswmd.com

For Calendar Year 2017 882.11 tons of paper, glass, cans and plastic were recycled District-wide, 3.1% increase from last year. The Town of Peru recycled 24.10 tons of paper and 18.41 tons of glass, cans and plastic.

Six paint collections were held from May until the end of June. What we did different this calendar YR, No longer accepted Latex Paint. As Coordinator of the district I worked closely with Mass DEP Municipal Assistance Coordinator, on this recent change. Latex Paint is not a Hazardous Waste, handouts were distributed educating district residents on reuse options / dry it up dispose in trash. We shipped out 1270 gallons of oil based paint & stain and (4) 55- gallon drums of spray paint (220 gallons) at a cost of \$8,174.31. Box packing the oil-based paints is a messy job. Special thanks to Transfer Station attendants, Shawn Wright, Assistant Court Services Coordinator Trial Courts Office of Community Corrections Commonwealth of Massachusetts, crew for their volunteer efforts and hard work. Thanks also to the Cheshire, Hinsdale and Williamstown DPW crews who provide us with assistance and storage space for our Supplies.

We began the Paint Program in 1998 to meet a need. It is now consuming more and more of our program budget. We are currently working with Paint Care (paint manufacturers group), the Product Stewardship Institute and Massachusetts Product Stewardship Committee to pass legislation that would have the paint manufacturers pay for paint collection, either at retail stores or municipal transfer stations. We are actively advocating its passage

The District has six Mercury Product Sheds for member towns to utilize, funded throughout the years by Mass DEP. This program has increased with collections, location of sheds Adams, Cheshire, Hinsdale, Peru, Windsor & Williamstown Transfer Station. NLR, Inc designated facility for the districts recycling. To stay in compliance with Mass DEP all sheds must be cleaned and Packed for shipping on a yearly basis, A big Thank you again to Shawn Wright & Crew Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Office of Community Corrections for their volunteer efforts and hard work. The District recycled~ 383 NI-CAD, 287 Lithium & 169 Alkaline batteries. Recycled Lamps~ 1546 CFL Compact PL, 35 CLFL Circle line, 50 U style, 105 8 FT, 2,611 4ft, & 65 2ft Fluorescent Lamps at a cost of \$4,230.49.

This year NBSWMD filed grant applications and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection awarded "Small Initiative Grants" to nine towns in the District & NBSWMD. The Commissioners voted to pool the grants and purchase a Roll-Of-Container. This container will rotate among the towns and every town will benefit. There were four Towns in the district that received Mass DEP Recycling Dividends Program. Each of the member towns contributed \$500.00, with NBSWMD contribution of \$1500.00.

Cheshire, Williamstown, Windsor and Savoy were again recognized and awarded funds under the Mass. DEP Recycling Dividends Program. This program awards points for achievements. Cheshire was awarded \$2100.00, Williamstown \$2800.00, Windsor \$ 2450.00, and Savoy \$2450.00. The funds have to be reinvested to promote recycling education, new equipment or projects.

The waste stream continues to evolve and our programs will continue to evolve as well. Our efforts in the coming year will be aimed at collecting textiles, clothing and household linens, and

keeping them out of the trash. Reducing waste and increase recycling.

Thank you for a great year, to all of the Members Commissioner's & Town officials for your support and guidance within my first year as Program Coordinator. I Welcome questions, suggestions as how I can help improve programming.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection to be held June 2, 2018 for all District member Towns~ see Website for details or please feel free to contact me with any questions 413-743-8208. An average cost of a HHW event for the district to host is \$10, 000. There will be no cost to residents, pre- registration will be required which will start in May.

Reuse, Recycle, Donate, Re-think ~

Linda Cernik, NBSWMD Program Coordinator
Peter Loboda, NBSWMD Commissioner for the Town of Peru

COUNCIL ON AGING

The Council on Aging has done many different things in the 2016-2017 fiscal year. They have participated in monthly potluck lunch-ins or dinners. At these events there are sometimes speakers including a nutritionist or members of the town. The COA has contributed to getting BRTA into the town for senior members in need of transportation (at a fee to the patient). Providing farmers market coupons, resources for elderly and offering classes on prevention of falling. The COA pays for the community center to be cleaned (walls, floor waxing, window washing etc.) each year, providing a clean space for all community members. This year the COA organized a Flu Vaccination clinic for all member of the Town of Peru for no cost to the patient. We had a great year!

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Morrison
COA Director

PERU HISTORICAL COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

After restarting the Peru Historical Commission in early 2016, Commission members James Kenney (Chair), Susan Masino and Ed Munch met five times between February and October. Meetings were typically the second Saturday of the month pending member availability. Early activities included organizational issues and identifying areas of interest for future work. These general topics included reviewing materials in the library and at town hall, gathering information, documenting historical sites of interest in Peru and featuring history in the town's Sestercentennial (250th) anniversary in 2021.

Commission members visited two separate grave sites in Peru to document and photograph the locations. Pictures from these trips will be posted on the pending Peru Historical Commission website. The website will be a repository for ongoing work of the commission and have provisions for ideas and suggestions for areas of future activities. The commission members plan to continue activities described above and are considering a tour of Center Cemetery sometime during the Summer of 2017.

It is anticipated that the Peru Historical Commission will continue to meet approximately monthly pending member availability at the Peru Library. New members and interested parties are welcome to join.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Kenney, Chair,
Peru Historical Commission

PLANNING BOARD ANNUAL REPORT

Calendar year 2017 was again a quiet year for the Board following several years of activity centered on interest in the development of a commercial wind turbine project to be sited in Peru.

Some interest has been expressed in the development of large scale ground mounted solar energy systems depending on what programs are available for 2018. Such facilities are generally identified as occupying more than 40,000 square feet of surface area with a capacity of 250kW DC or greater. Towns in Massachusetts are not able to prohibit such uses and otherwise they cannot be “unreasonably regulated.” While Peru has yet to enact a Solar Bylaw, most smaller installations primarily for on-site use do not require a special permit. Our special permit process would take into consideration the state’s Model Zoning Site Plan Review process for permitting. We invite any developer to make a pre-permitting planning presentation to the Town when a project is viable to consider at a high level the potential impacts and benefits to the Town.

Additionally, many of our neighboring towns are enacting moratoriums on any recreational marijuana associated development including grow or retail facilities. Given Peru’s agricultural history and need to add growth to our tax base, I think it would be shortsighted to preclude any such activities even if on a temporary basis. This is not to say we are aware of any interest in siting a marijuana facility in Peru.

If we have business, the Board generally meets on a designated posted evening of the month at 7:00 PM as requested for a plan review with the required statutory notice.

Respectfully submitted,
Sam Haupt, Chair
Peru Planning Board

PERU LIBRARY, INC.

Peru Library, Inc., 7/1/2016 – 6/30/2017

Receipts

Town Appropriation	4541
Director's Salary	4200
Dog License Fees	1500
State Aid	2097
Total Receipts:	\$12,338
(Operating budget)	

Expenses

Director's Salary	
Town Appropriation	4200
State Aid	1000
Books	1562
Videos / DVDs	1946
Periodicals	89
Insurance	641
Utilities	1601
Supplies	507
Misc.	892
Total Expenses:	\$12,438

Capital Expenses

Children's Area completion
\$2411 (State Aid account, accrued)

The library had a wonderful year in FY2017, with plenty of kids and parents enjoying our new children's area; on-going art sales and auctions, and many new movies, books and periodicals for circulation.

Library events included free computer clinics, children's play groups with crafts and story-time, bake sales and holiday parties. Our 2016 holiday party - featuring a visit from Santa - was a huge hit, and included a new hardcover book for each child who attended, thanks to a grant from Peru Recreation Association.

In FY2017, there were 1833 patron visits and 23 new patrons, including 6 children. Patrons of all ages borrowed 2581 items (children borrowed more books than movies). There were 83 interlibrary loans through CW MARS, and 69 loans to non-residents.

In 2018, the trustees and director will continue to explore options and funding sources for repairs to, and preservation of, the library's historic 1780's building - the original meeting house for the Town of Partridgefield.

Many thanks to town residents for their on-going support of the library: town funding makes it possible for the library to retain certification and remain a part of the Massachusetts Library System.

Thank you also to our patrons, library volunteers, and very generous donors.

Sincerely,

Ruth Calaycay, Director

Board of Trustees: Kathy Borden (Chair), Shannon Peet, Michele Grant, Charlene Lamb

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Honorable Selectboard:

The Peru Board of Health is a newly elected board that has strived to provide high quality services to the Town of Peru during FY17 with a wide and constantly growing breadth of responsibilities. Health inspection functions in Peru are mandated by State laws and regulations and local Board of Health Regulations, with additional priorities set by the Board of Health and Selectboard. While Health Departments across the country are regionalized on a county or state level, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts leaves it up to each city/town to provide their own health services. In a small town like Peru, this creates a scenario where the Board of Health needs to be ready to address a wide variety of questions and needs. To meet this need, the Town of Peru has contracted with the Berkshire Public Health Alliance who provides a Registered Sanitarian and Public Health Nurse to provide professional services to the board and conduct many of the necessary functions.

The following is A-Z breakdown of the many responsibilities under the Board of Health's umbrella that are applicable for the Town of Peru:

Beaver Nuisances * Public Nuisances * Demolition Inspections (rodents/hazardous)
General Complaints * Private Wells * Public/Semi-public Pools * Flu Clinics *
Public Beaches * Food Establishments * Septage Haulers * Garbage Haulers
Recreational Camps for Children * Septic System Inspections, Review & Installation
Housing Inspections and Complaints * Temporary Food Events * Infectious Diseases

The Sanitarian/Inspector holds office hours twice a month during Mondays from 6-8 during most of the year, and once a month during the winter months. They are available by appointment to conduct inspections and address complaints.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Miller, Chair

Peggy White

Nannette Mone

PERU POLICE DEPARTMENT

3 East Main Road

BOX 106

Peru, MA 01235

Emergency "911" • Dispatch (413) 442-0512 • Office (413) 655-8377

The Peru Police Department would like to thank the Town for its support this year. Because of the Town's support and the approval of the purchase of a new cruiser during the Annual Town Meeting, we were able to take delivery of our new Ford Explorer this past fall.

It has been a transitional year for the Police Department with Officer Kayla Reuss leaving for a full time position in Maine. We wish Officer Reuss the best and thank her for her service.

This past calendar year we had 223 calls for service and issued over 100 citations. We have diligently pursued investigations with a number of Police Departments in Berkshire and Hampshire Counties as well as the Massachusetts State Police and New York State Police.

All members of our Department completed 40 hours of mandatory in service training as required by the Massachusetts Police Training Committee. The training included CPR and first aid recertification, legal updates, defensive tactics, firearms training, Procedural Justice and Legitimacy II, Stress(Stigma and Survival), Violent Extremism Awareness and Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

Our Police Department has taken a proactive approach to community policing by increasing patrol time and working to become more visible. Each of our officers are on duty approximately 10 hours per week and I am on duty approximately 25 hours per week. We now have at least one officer on patrol each day.

Our office hours are on Monday evenings from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. If you are unable to make it during those hours please call our non-emergency number 413-655-8377 to make other arrangements with an on call officer.

In closing, I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen and the residents of the Town of Peru for their cooperation and support. Please let us know if you have any suggestions as to how we can better serve the community.

The following is a breakdown of our 239 calls last year:

Abandoned Vehicles (5)	Lockout (1)	Tree on Wire (7)
Accidents (4)	Medical (9)	Trespass (2)
Alarms (10)	Meetings (12)	Township Ordinance (1)
Animal (16)	Mental (4)	Unsecure Property (1)
Assist (11)	Missing Person (1)	Vandalism (4)
Attempt to locate (2)	MVA (2)	Vehicle stops (1)
Arson (1)	MVAD (1)	Warrants (1)
Breaking & Entering (3)	MVV (4)	Weapons (3)
BOLO (2)	Noise Complaint (1)	Welfare Checks (7)
Child Custody (1)	Parking Complaint (1)	
Civil (1)	Possession/weapon (1)	
Court (10)	Prevention/ abuse Order (1)	
DCF (2)	Polls Election (7)	
Disturbance (4)	Possible Scam (1)	
Domestic (1)	Property returned (3)	
Disable Vehicle (3)	Restraining Order (1)	
Fire Dept. Assist (1)	Road complaint (4)	
Fireworks (2)	Shots fired (6)	
Follow up (3)	Sex offender Reg (2)	
Found Property (2)	Speed complaint (1)	
Fraud (2)	Stolen Handgun (1)	
Hit and Run (1)	stolen property (1)	
Harassment (4)	Summons (8)	
House Check (2)	suspicious activity (6)	
Illegal dumping (1)	Suspicious Person (1)	
Improper Firearm Storage (1)	Suspicious Vehicle (7)	
Information (6)	Theft (1)	
Interviews (3)	Transport (1)	
Larceny/over (1)	Tree in Road (2)	

Respectfully submitted,
Jeffery Henault
Chief of Police

BUILDING INSPECTOR

July 1, 2016 - JUNE 30, 2017

The Building Inspection Department ensures that all new construction, alterations, renovations, repairs and demolitions are in conformance with 780 CMR, the Massachusetts State Building Code, Massachusetts General Laws, Town of Peru Zoning By-Laws and any other applicable codes and statutes enforced by the Building Inspector.

Job Code	A total of 37 permits were issued	
1	New Residential Homes	2
1A	Foundation only	2
2	Additions/Alterations-Residential	13
3	Accessory Buildings	4
4	Pools	0
5	Demolition	2
6	Other (Insulation)	4
7	Additions and Alterations Commercial	2
8	Garage Residential	2
9	Signs	0
10	Stoves	2
11	Fences	0
12	Commercial/New	0
13	Solar	4
Total Job Values		\$ 867,058.00
Permit Fees Collected		\$ 3,646.40

The Eighth Edition Massachusetts State Base Code (Commercial Code) which is based on the **2009 International Building Code** (IBC) became effective August 6, 2010 and the Massachusetts Residential One and Two Family Building Code which is based on the **2009 International Residential Code** (IRC) became in effect on February 4, 2011.

I would like to thank the Board of Selectman for my appointment to this position and all of the departments for their cooperation and service. I look forward to continuing my work for the citizens of Peru and assisting them on all Building and Zoning matters.

Respectfully Submitted,
Timothy x. Sears, CBO
Building Commissioner / Inspector of Buildings

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

We attended four quarterly meetings at the MEMA Region III office in Agawam. These meetings are typically 2 hours in duration and cover many topics that provide coordinating data that would be used in responding to those emergencies in which our town and normal mutual aid partner resources would be insufficient to bring the event to closure.

We are encouraged by MEMA to exercise our Emergency Management Plan yearly against simulated catastrophic events. The incident we chose this year centered around the crash of a small commercial aircraft half way between South Road and Curtin Road. There were 10 passengers and crew and some survived the crash which made time of the essence.

It was simulated to have occurred in February with 18" of snow on the ground and temperatures in the teens. High winds were an additional complication and the location made finding the crash scene and attending to the injured and less fortunate very difficult. We all learned something from the exercise.

In the period 2016-2017, we were able to procure a ruggedized laptop computer for use during emergencies on a state grant - at no cost to the town. We equipped it with a special power supply capable of running it from our fire vehicles when power might not be available, like the ice storm of 2008. In order to get reimbursement for cleanup of a disaster area, we must capture exact coordinates of debris piles as required by both the Massachusetts (MEMA) and Federal (FEMA) Emergency Management Agencies. This laptop has a plug-in GPS card to allow us to gather the necessary information to simplify the reimbursement process.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Carll

EMD.

**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 Fire Station, 11 East Main Road on Saturday, June 3, 2017 at 6:00PM for the Annual Town Meeting, then and there to take action on the following articles, namely:

The moderator, Richard Haupt, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. There was a total of 48 registered voters and 5 guests attending the meeting.

The moderator called for a recess for about 15 minutes because Town Counsel had not yet arrived. A vote was taken to recess the meeting and was passed overwhelmingly

The moderator called the meeting back to order at 6:22 PM and stated that the recess was over and that Town Counsel was still not present, but we would continue with the meeting. Counsel arrived at 6:55 PM.

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

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

A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.

Voice vote: carried

A motion was made and seconded to move Article 22 forward.

Voice vote; carried

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 FY 18 Assessment, or take any other action relative thereto:

Transportation Assessment	\$43,553.00
Net Operating Assessment	795,297.00
Capital Assessment	<u>20,498</u>
Town of Peru Assessment	\$859,348.00

A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.

Voice vote: carried

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	\$ 3,403.00
Member	3,403.00
Member	3,403.00

Town Clerk	7,920.00
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A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.
Voice vote: carried

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	\$3,403.00
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Treasurer	9,283.00
Tax Collector	9,283.00
Accounting Officer	9,283.00
Assistant Town Clerk	2,100.00
Dog Officer	1,715.00

Forest Fire Warden	853.00
Inspector of Animals	853.00
Veterans' Agent	2,250.00
Council on Aging Director	578.00
Fire Chief	1,155.00
Cemetery Sexton	300.00
Town Auditor	1.00

A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.

Voice vote: carried

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	\$10,209.00
Selectmen's Salary	10,209.00
Tax Collector's Salary	9,283.00
Town Clerk's Salary	7,920.00
Assistant Town Clerk	2,100.00
Treasurer's Salary	9,283.00
Accounting Officer's Salary	9,283.00
Dog Officer's Salary	1,715.00
Forest Fire Warden's Salary	853.00
Inspector of Animals Salary	853.00
Veterans' Agent Salary	2,250.00
Council on Aging Director	578.00
Fire Chief	1,155.00
Town Auditor	1.00

A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.

Voice vote: carried

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	\$6,800.00
Elections & Registrar's Account	3,850.00

A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.

Voice vote: carried

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	\$18,900
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A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.

Voice vote: carried

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	\$20,000.00
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A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.

Voice vote: carried

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
Dog Officer's Expense	600.00
Selectmen & Other Expenses	1,800.00
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	8,200.00

A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written. Voice vote: carried

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	\$3,800.00
Computer Hardware, Software & Supplies	6,000.00
Computer System Maintenance	3,500.00
Treas./Acct. Annual Computer Support	9,722.95
Tax Collector's Annual Computer Support	7,958.44
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.

Voice vote: carried

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	\$375.00
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.

Voice vote: carried

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	200.00
Veterans Service	10,000.00

A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written. Voice vote: carried

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	\$5,500.00
Health Ins/Life & Dental	117,000.00
Town Insurance - All	37,345.00
Mass. Unemployment Insurance	1,000.00

A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.

Voice vote: carried

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	4,500.00
Mowing: Cemeteries, Town Hall, Town Park and Town Green:	6,500.00

A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.

Voice vote: carried

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	10,000.00
Utilities – Heating	15,000.00
Utilities - Telephone	6,000.00
Internet Communication Lines	4,400.00
Wired West Dues	1,000.00
Town Website Fee	850.00

A motion was made and seconded to accept the article and written.

Voice vote: carried

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	\$30,000.00
Northern Berkshire Solid Waste District	2,431.41

A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.

Voice vote: carried

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	\$9,588.26
Berk. County Reg. Planning Comm.	642.34
Berk. County Retirement Assessment	43,235.00
Hinsdale Ambulance	1,500.00
Town Fire Station Mortgage Payment	16,386.50
Police Wages	70,856.00
Police Expenses	3,400.00
Police Cruiser Maintenance	3,400.00

A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.

Voice vote: carried

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	\$17,550.00
Peru Volunteer Firemen's Association Insurances	8,025.00
Peru Volunteer Firemen's Association Building Maintenance	1,500.00

A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.

Voice vote: carried

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$60,000.00) 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.

Voice vote: carried

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	18,000.00
Material, Gravel Roads	14,000.00
Road Machinery Maintenance	20,580.00
Snow Roads, Private	500.00
Snow Roads, Public	70,000.00
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	2,500.00
Tree Removal	10,000.00
Temporary Summer Help	5,000.00

A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.

A motion was made to reduce "Snow Roads Public" from \$70,000 to \$60,000. The motion was seconded.

Voice vote: motion failed to carry.

Voice vote on original motion: carried

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	\$162,000.00
Vocational School Transportation	58,000.00

A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.

Voice vote: carried

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 FY18 Assessment, or to take any other action relative thereto:

Transportation Assessment	\$43,553.00
Net Operating Assessment	795,297.00
Capital Assessment	20,498.00
Total Town of Peru Assessment	<u>\$859,348.00</u>

A motion was made and seconded to move this article forward to follow Article 2.

Voice vote: carried

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Four Thousand Two Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$4,200.00) 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.

Voice vote: carried

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.

Voice vote: carried

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Five Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars and No Cents (\$5,850.00) for the Reserve Fund or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.

Voice vote: carried

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Twenty Thousand Six Hundred Five Dollars and Twenty Eight Cents (\$20,605.28) to cover the cost overrun of the FY17 Snow Road Public Account or to take any other action relative thereto

A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.

Voice vote: carried

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$7,000.00) for the purchase of a used paper compactor for the Transfer Station or to take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.

Voice vote: carried

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Forty Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$45,000.00) to purchase a new body and other miscellaneous related items for the Highway Department's 1998 Mack Plow Truck or to take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.

Voice vote: carried

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Four Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Three Dollars and No Cents (\$4,423.00) for the purchase and installation of an exhaust fan for the Highway Garage or to take any other action relative thereto

A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.

Voice vote: carried

Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$20,000.00) for the purchase of a used roller for the Highway Department or to take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.

Voice vote: carried

Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Forty Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$45,000.00) for the purchase of a new police cruiser for the Police Department, or to take any action relative thereto.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.

Voice vote: carried

Article 32: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Overlay Surplus Account the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$50,000.00) to the Future Equipment and Vehicle Purchase Account, or to take any action relative thereto.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.

Voice vote: carried

Article 33: To see if the Town will transfer from the Overlay Surplus Account the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$20,000.00) for a Town Audit or take any other action thereto.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.

Voice vote: carried

Article 34: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Overlay Surplus Account the sum of Seven Thousands Dollars and No Cents (\$7,000.00) for the clean-up costs of the former Hall Property, a Tax Title Taking Property by the Town or take any other action thereto.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.

Voice vote: carried

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 fiscal year for Capital 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 relation thereto.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.

Voice vote: carried

Article 36: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, or other the 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.

Voice vote: carried

Article 37: To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund under the provisions of G.L. chapter 44, section 53 E½ for each of the following departments, the Building Inspection Department, Electrical Inspection Department, Gas/Plumbing Inspection Department and Fire Inspection Department FY18 operating budget, in the amount of Fourteen Thousand Four Hundred Thirteen Dollars and No Cents (\$14,413.00) or any other amount, and that the receipts of the above named departments be designated to this account, or to take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.

Voice vote: carried

Article 38: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Peru Board of Selectmen to convey to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts acting through the Department of Fish and Game 4.049 acres of land located on Pierce Road and shown on Town of Peru Assessor Map 30 as Lot 2, formerly owned by John G Lynch and Irene E Lynch, taken for taxes by the Town of Peru by Instrument of Taking recorded with the Berkshire Middle District Registry of Deeds in Book 5228, Page 68, said parcel being also shown as Lot 22 on Plan entitled "Plan of Lots in Cummington, Worthington, Peru Laid out for Wesley P. Gfroerer", Sheet 2 of 2, Scale 1" = 200' (shown on plan as 100'), dated May 25, 1976, Prepared by John J. Unwin, Reg. Land Surveyor, 30 North St., Pittsfield, Mass.", and recorded in the Berkshire Middle District Registry of Deeds, Pittsfield, Mass., in Drawer A, No. 45, on such terms and conditions and for such consideration as the Select Board deems in the best interest of the Town; and further, to authorize the Select Board to take any other action deemed appropriate in relation thereto.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.

Voice vote: carried

**A motion was made and seconded to dissolve the Annual Town Meeting at 7:58 PM,
June 3, 2017**

ATTEST:

This is a true copy.



Kim Leach

Town Clerk

Certified: June 12, 2017

TOWN OF PERU
TOWN HALL
BERKSHIRE COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION



Berkshire, ss

To the 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 and directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Peru, qualified to vote in elections to vote at;

**Peru Community Center - 3 East Main Road - Peru , MA
Ward 0 / Precinct 1
Saturday, June 10, 2017, from 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M**

to cast their votes in the **ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION** for the election of candidates for the following offices ;

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|--|---------------------------------------|
| (1) BOARD OF HEALTH - 3 YEAR TERM | (1) CONSTABLE - 1 YEAR TERM |
| (1) FINANCE COMMITTEE - 5 YEAR TERM | (1) MODERATOR - 3 YEAR TERM |
| (1) PLANNING BOARD - 5 YEAR TERM | (1) SELECT BOARD - 3 YEAR TERM |
| (1) TREE WARDEN - 1 YEAR TERM | |

and to vote on the following non-binding advisory question:

Shall the Town advise the Select Board to pursue an agreement for broadband services with one of the following providers: (Vote for one)

YES - Charter Spectrum Communications

YES - Westfield Gas & Electric

NO

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at five suitable places seven days at least before the time of holding said election.

Hereof, fail not, and make due returns of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said voting ;

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS THIS 22nd DAY OF MAY IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN

A true copy, ATTEST: Kim A Leach
Kim A Leach TOWN CLERK

SELECTMEN OF PERU

Bruce Cullett
Bruce Cullett

Verne Leach
Verne Leach

Edward F. Munch Jr.
Edward Munch Jr.

By virtue of the within Warrant, I have served the same posting in at least five public places attested copies thereof , seven days at least before the time of holding said election.

ATTEST:

Constable:

Coralie Pelkey Date 5/26/17 Time : 11:00 AM
Coralie Pelkey Constable of Peru

Place of Posting: Peru Town Hall Outside Bulletin Board, Peru Town Hall Inside Bulletin , Board Peru Community Center, Peru Library and Peru Transfer Station

NOTES

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.