

Commonwealth of Massachusetts



Town of Peru 255th Annual Town Report July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

2020 Federal Census Population# 814 Square Miles — 26.10



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Directory

Peru Town Hall and Community Center is located at 3 East Main Road

MAILING ADDRESSES

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>SUITE</u>	<u>TOWN/STATE/ZIP</u>
Assessors	3 East Main Road	104	Peru, MA 01235
Building Inspector	3 East Main Road	103	Peru, MA 01235
Fire Department	11 East Main Road	109	Peru, MA 01235
Health Agent	3 East Main Road	103	Peru, MA 01235
Highway Department	7 East Main Road	110	Peru, MA 01235
Library	6 East Main Road	N/A	Peru, MA 01235
Police	3 East Main Road	106	Peru, MA 01235
Select Board	3 East Main Road	107	Peru, MA 01235
Tax Collector/Treasurer	3 East Main Road	101	Peru, MA 01235
Town Administrator	3 East Main Road	100	Peru, MA 01235
Town Clerk	3 East Main Road	102	Peru, MA 01235

TELEPHONE NUMBERS & E-MAIL ADDRESSES

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>TELEPHONE</u>	<u>EXTENSION</u>	<u>E-MAIL ADDRESS</u>
Accounting			eric@erickinshefcpa.com
American Disability Coordinator	413-655-8312	100	
Assessor	413-655-8657	104	assessors@townofperuma.com
Building Inspector	413-347-0226		bldginsp@townofperuma.com
Council on Aging	413-446-0735		coadirector@townofperuma.com
Electrical Inspector	413-347-0817		Wiringinspector@townofperuma.com
Gas/Plumbing Inspector	413- 822-8871		
Health Agent	413-442-1521	60	F-mail inspectors@berkshireplanning.org
Library	413-655-8650		perulibrary@gmail.com
Library Website			perulibraryma.org
Police	413-655-8377	106	bcullett@townofperuma.com
Select Board	413-655-8312	107	selectman@townofperuma.com
Tax Collector/Treasurer	413-655-0072	101	taxcollector@townofperuma.com
Town Administrator	413-655-8312	100	townadmin@townofperuma.com
Town Clerk	413-655-8312	102	townclerk@townofperuma.com
Town Hall Fax	413-655-2759		
Town Hall Website			Townofperuma.com
Volunteer Fire Department	413-655-8811		perufirechief@gmail.com
Fire Inspector	413-347-0271		perumedtraining@gmail.com

ELECTED POSITIONS	TERM EXPIRES	APPOINTED POSITIONS	TERM EXPIRES
<u>Selectboard - 3 Yrs.</u>		<u>Accountant</u>	
Verne L. Leach	2028	Eric Kinsherf, CPA	
Edward F. Munch Jr.	2026		
Samuel P. Haupt	2027	<u>Animal Advisory Committee - 5 Yrs.</u>	
		Vacancy One	2030
		Kim Leach	2026
		Lynn McAvoy	2027
		Joann Gordon	2028
		Allan Gordon	2029
<u>Town Clerk - 3 Yrs.</u>		<u>Animal Control Officer / Inspector - 3 Yrs.</u>	
Kim A. Leach	2027	Verne Leach	2026
<u>Finance Committee - 3 Yrs.</u>		<u>Assessors - 3 Yrs.</u>	
Douglas A. Haskins	2028	Jonathon Mejias	2028
Paul Hickling	2026	Shana Lecours	2026
Branden Mascolo	2026	Branden Mascolo	2027
Samuel P. Haupt	2027		
Bruce Cullett	2027		
<u>Planning Board - 5 Yrs.</u>		<u>Assessing Services</u>	
Samuel P. Haupt	2030	Patriot Properties	
Kimberly Wetherell	2026		
Douglas A. Haskins	2027		
Paul Hickling	2028	<u>Assistant Town Clerk - 1 Yr.</u>	
Darryl Darby	2029	Gladys Wheeler	2026
<u>Constables - 2 Yrs.</u>		<u>Board of Registrars - 3 Yrs.</u>	
Peggy White	2027	Tina Barrington	2029
Coralie Pelkey	2026	Joann Gordon	2027
		Kim Leach (Ex-officio Member)	2027
		Scott Seely	2028
<u>Moderator - 3 Yrs.</u>		<u>Cemetery Commission - 5 Yrs.</u>	
Allan Gordon	2026	Collette Davis	2030
		James Kenney	2026
<u>Board Of Health - 3 Yrs.</u>		Darryl Darby	2027
Darryl Darby	2028	Gladys Wheeler	2028
Nanette Mone	2026	Vacancy	2029
Peggy White	2027		
<u>Central Berkshire Regional School Committee</u>		<u>Cemetery Sexton - 1 Yr.</u>	
Kimberley Wetherell	2028	Darryl Darby	2026

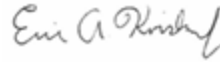
APPOINTED POSITIONS	TERM EXPIRES	APPOINTED POSITIONS	TERM EXPIRES
<u>Conservation Commission - 5 Yrs.</u>		<u>Woodlands Partnership of North-</u>	
Mike Frederick	2030	<u>west Massachusetts 1 Yr.</u>	
James Kenney	2026	Samuel Haupt	2026
Vacancy	2027	<u>Parks & Recreation - 5 Yrs.</u>	
Branden Mascolo	2028	Sharon Greule	2030
Darryl Darby	2029	George Greule	2026
<u>Council On Aging - 1 Yr.</u>		Douglas Haskins	2027
Bonny DiTomasso	2026	Jesse Pelkey	2028
<u>Cultural Council - 1 Yr.</u>		Branden Mascolo	2029
Kathy Borden	2026	<u>Police Chief - 3 Yrs.</u>	
Katie Boucher	2026	Bruce Cullett	2026
<u>Election Clerk - 1 Yr.</u>		<u>Police Officers - 1 Yr.</u>	
Mary (Becky) Scott	2026	Ryan Kresiak	2026
<u>Election Warden - 1 Yr.</u>		Michael Hunt	2026
Gladys Wheeler	2026	<u>Recording Secretary 1Yr.</u>	
<u>Emergency Management - 1Yr.</u>		Terry Walker	2026
Bruce Cullett	2026	<u>Town Administrator - 1 Yr.</u>	
<u>Emergency Management Asst.- 1 Yr.</u>		Terry Walker	2026
Kevin Wall	2026	<u>Treasurer/Tax Collector - 3 Yrs.</u>	
<u>Fire Chief/Forest Fire Warden- 3Yrs.</u>		Caryn Wendling	2026
Dan Cawthron	2028	<u>Tree Warden - 1 Yr.</u>	
<u>Highway Superintendent - 1 Yr.</u>		Justin Russell	2026
Justin Russell	2026	<u>Veterans' Grave Officer - 1 Yr.</u>	
<u>Historical Commission - 5 Yrs.</u>		Wally Morrison	2026
Collette Davis	2030	<u>Zoning Board of Appeals - 5 Yrs.</u>	
James Kenney	2026	Peter Shelsy	2030
Vacancy	2027	Bonnie DiTomasso	2026
Sara Adams	2028	David Strzepa	2027
Susan Masino	2029	Samuel P. Haupt	2028
<u>Inspectors - 1 Yr.</u>		Douglas A. Haskins	2029
Building - Tim Sears	2026	<u>Zoning Board of Appeals</u>	
Electrical - Peter Yetman	2026	<u>Alternates 2Yrs.</u>	
Gas & Plumbing - Tim Martin	2026	Grahm Sturz	2027
Health Agent -Valerie Bird	2026	Vacancy	2026

Town Accountant FY 2025 Annual Report

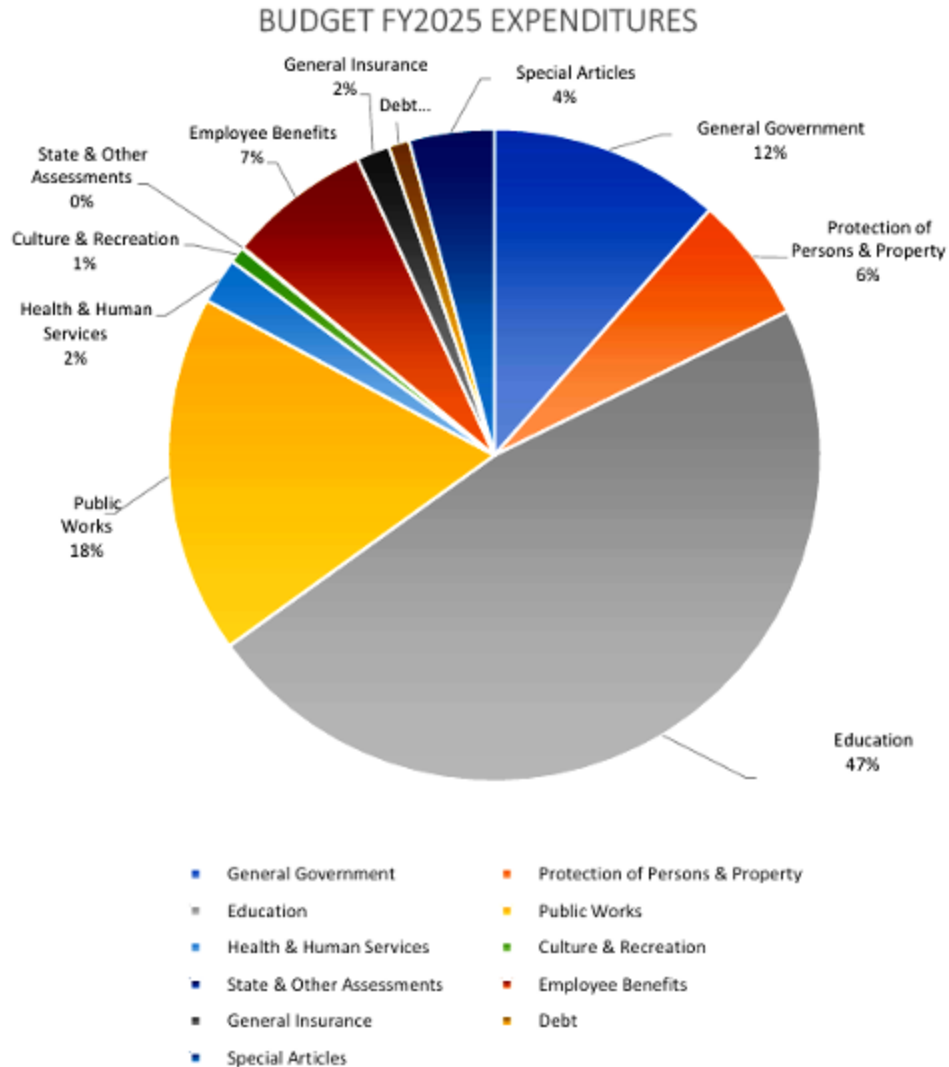
To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and citizens of Peru, I submit to you the following Annual Financial Report.

Our mission is to ensure that the appropriate financial and auditing controls within the Town are maintained in an efficient, cost-effective, and responsive manner. We oversee all departmental appropriations assuring that departments operate within their annual budget. In addition, we are responsible for maintaining all financial records and that they are in compliance with federal, state and local laws and regulations.

Respectfully submitted,



Eric A. Kinsherf, CPA Town Accountant www.erickinsherfcpa.com



TOWN OF PERU, MASSACHUSETTS
Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups
as of June 30, 2025
(Unaudited)

	Governmental Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types Trust and Agency	Account Group Long-term Debt	Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue			
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	845,618.28	63,785.02	0.00		1,274,156.96
Receivables:					
Personal property taxes	672.73				672.73
Real estate taxes	489,077.36				489,077.36
Allowance for abatements and exemptions	(90,542.75)				(90,542.75)
Rollback Taxes	0.00				0.00
Tax liens	209,395.18				209,395.18
Tax foreclosures	0.00				0.00
Motor vehicle excise	129,716.12				129,716.12
Departmental	0.00				0.00
Due from other governments	130,304.93				130,304.93
Amounts to be provided - payment of bonds				309,530.30	309,530.30
Total Assets	1,714,241.85	63,785.02	0.00	309,530.30	2,462,310.83
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY					
Liabilities:					
Accrued payroll and withholdings					0.00
Agency Funds					9,275.70
Deferred revenue:					
Real and personal property taxes					0.00
Deferred taxes					0.00
Prepaid taxes/fees					0.00
Special assessments					0.00
Tax liens	209,395.18				209,395.18
Tax foreclosures					0.00
Motor vehicle excise	129,716.12				129,716.12
Due from other governments					0.00
Due to other governments					0.00
Unrecorded Deposits	24,016.87				24,016.87
Other Liabilities	130,304.93				130,304.93
Bonds payable				309,530.30	309,530.30
Total Liabilities	493,433.10	0.00	0.00	309,530.30	812,299.10
Fund Equity:					
Reserved for encumbrances	19,797.10				19,797.10
Reserved for continuing appropriations	283,454.89				283,454.89
Reserved for expenditures	161,700.00				161,700.00
Reserved for petty cash	100.00				100.00
Reserved for appropriation deficit	(143.16)				(143.16)
Undesignated fund balance	775,940.12	63,785.02	355,477.96		1,195,203.10
Total Fund Equity	1,220,858.75	63,785.02	355,477.96	0.00	1,640,071.73
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	1,714,241.85	63,785.02	364,753.65	309,530.30	2,462,310.83

**TOWN OF PERU, MASSACHUSETTS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES -
BUDGETARY BASIS - (NON-GAAP) -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Amounts Carried Forward to Next Year	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)	
	Carry Forward	Original Budget	Final Budget			Budgetary Basis
Revenues:						
Property Taxes	\$ -	\$ 2,132,339.87	\$ 2,137,152.80	\$ 2,140,019.18	\$ -	\$ 2,866.38
Sale of Tax Foreclosure	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Excise & Other Taxes	\$ -	\$ 115,358.05	\$ 111,358.05	\$ 146,016.34	\$ -	\$ 30,658.29
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	\$ -	\$ 21,500.00	\$ 21,500.00	\$ 35,519.70	\$ -	\$ 14,019.70
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,712.14	\$ -	\$ 212.14
Charges for Services-Trash Disposal	\$ -	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 20,753.90	\$ -	\$ 4,753.90
Licenses, Permits & Fees	\$ -	\$ 3,475.00	\$ 3,475.00	\$ 2,614.02	\$ -	\$ (860.98)
Other	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 5,210.73	\$ -	\$ 5,160.73
Fines & Forfeits	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 192.74	\$ -	\$ 142.74
Interest from Investments	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 7,504.64	\$ -	\$ 3,504.64
Intergovernmental-Comm. of Mass.	\$ -	\$ 325,123.00	\$ 325,123.00	\$ 335,406.00	\$ -	\$ 10,283.00
Total Revenues	\$ -	\$ 2,820,395.72	\$ 2,825,208.85	\$ 2,695,949.30	\$ -	\$ 70,740.54
Expenditures:						
Current Fiscal Year:						
General Government	\$ -	\$ 345,858.86	\$ 346,138.04	\$ 305,867.73	\$ 3,035.18	\$ 37,235.13
Protection of Persons & Property	\$ -	\$ 192,114.69	\$ 192,114.69	\$ 167,302.47	\$ 3,119.49	\$ 21,692.73
Education	\$ -	\$ 1,313,142.20	\$ 1,354,687.90	\$ 1,263,249.62	\$ 4,302.72	\$ 87,135.56
Public Works	\$ -	\$ 446,675.00	\$ 483,458.95	\$ 474,606.54	\$ 2,627.59	\$ 11,224.82
Health & Human Services	\$ -	\$ 74,767.98	\$ 77,517.98	\$ 60,790.38	\$ 3,269.12	\$ 13,458.48
Culture & Recreation	\$ -	\$ 21,417.00	\$ 21,417.00	\$ 21,417.00	\$ -	\$ -
State & Other Assessments	\$ -	\$ 1,803.30	\$ 1,803.30	\$ 1,803.30	\$ -	\$ -
Employee Benefits	\$ -	\$ 212,310.56	\$ 203,658.38	\$ 189,805.77	\$ 101.09	\$ 18,751.52
General Insurance	\$ -	\$ 43,559.00	\$ 44,182.00	\$ 43,881.00	\$ -	\$ 301.00
Debt Service:						
Principal	\$ -	\$ 14,382.52	\$ 14,382.52	\$ 14,382.52	\$ -	\$ -
Interest and Fiscal Charges	\$ -	\$ 12,975.61	\$ 12,975.61	\$ 12,975.61	\$ -	\$ -
Special Articles	\$ -	\$ 134,831.30	\$ 136,466.45	\$ 112,505.84	\$ 15,686.77	\$ 8,273.84
Total Expenditures	\$ -	\$ 2,813,838.02	\$ 2,898,802.82	\$ 2,688,587.78	\$ 32,141.96	\$ 198,073.08
Other Expenditures:						
Prior Year Articles	\$ 213,905.87	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 109,000.00	\$ 64,018.09	\$ 247,767.92	\$ 2,119.86
Prior Year Encumbrances	\$ 26,842.08	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,265.93	\$ 3,301.91	\$ 4,274.24
Total Other Expenditures	\$ 240,747.95	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 109,000.00	\$ 83,284.02	\$ 251,069.83	\$ 6,394.10
Total Expenditures	\$ 240,747.95	\$ 2,913,838.02	\$ 2,998,802.82	\$ 2,751,871.80	\$ 283,211.79	\$ 204,467.18
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ (240,747.95)	\$ (293,442.30)	\$ (375,593.97)	\$ (55,922.41)	\$ (283,211.79)	\$ 275,207.72
Other Financing Sources (Uses):						
Operating Transfers In	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,601.00	\$ -	\$ 6,601.00
Operating Transfers Out	\$ -	\$ 1,326.00	\$ 1,326.00	\$ 1,326.00	\$ -	\$ -
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$ -	\$ (1,326.00)	\$ (1,326.00)	\$ 5,275.00	\$ -	\$ 6,601.00
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	\$ (240,747.95)	\$ (294,768.30)	\$ (374,919.97)	\$ (50,647.41)	\$ (283,211.79)	\$ 281,808.72
Fund Balance Adjustment		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,545.09		
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year		\$ 1,260,911.07	\$ 1,260,911.07	\$ 1,260,911.07	\$ -	\$ -
Fund Balances, End of Year	\$ (240,747.95)	\$ 966,142.77	\$ 885,991.10	\$ 1,220,808.75	\$ (283,211.79)	\$ 281,808.72

TOWN OF PERU, MASSACHUSETTS
GENERAL FUND EXPENSE REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

Account Number	Description	Balance Forward	Budget	Budget Revisions	Revised Budget	Expended	Balance	Closed	Carry Forward
GENERAL GOVERNMENT									
1022.01	Selectmen's Salary	\$ 11,048.75	\$ 11,048.75		\$ 11,048.75	\$ 11,048.75	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1022.02	Selectmen & Other Expense	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,972.39	\$ 27.61	\$ 27.61	\$ -
1022.00	Town Administrator	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00		\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1022.06	Administrative Comp	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
1023.00	Continuing Education	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,522.94	\$ 1,477.06	\$ 844.63	\$ 633.33
60781.00	Reserve Fund	\$ 10,000.00	\$ (2,171.29)		\$ 7,828.71	\$ -	\$ 7,828.71	\$ 7,828.71	\$ -
1033.00	Accounting Officers Salary	\$ 31,800.00	\$ 31,800.00		\$ 31,800.00	\$ 31,800.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1038.01	Town Auditor's Salary	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00		\$ 1.00	\$ -	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -
1041.00	Assessor's Salary	\$ 25,631.73	\$ 25,631.73		\$ 25,631.73	\$ 25,292.44	\$ 339.29	\$ 339.29	\$ -
1041.01	Assessor's Expense	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 231.85	\$ 778.15	\$ 778.15	\$ -
1041.04	Tax Map Maintenance	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 665.00	\$ 335.00	\$ 335.00	\$ -
1041.12	Annual Computer Support	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00		\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ -
1041.25	Assessor Utility Approval	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1041.30	Assessor's Assessment Services	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00		\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1046.00	Treasurer's Salary	\$ 13,112.72	\$ 13,112.72		\$ 13,112.72	\$ 13,112.72	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1046.02	Treasurer/Accountant Expense	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 190.84	\$ 1,308.96	\$ 1,308.96	\$ -
1046.03	Bank Service Charges	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -
1043.04	Treasurer's Tax Title Expense	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,334.36	\$ 432.02	\$ 432.02	\$ -
1045.05	Trans. Software Support	\$ 13,941.87	\$ 13,941.87		\$ 13,941.87	\$ 13,941.87	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1046.00	Tax Collector's Salary	\$ 13,112.72	\$ 13,112.72		\$ 13,112.72	\$ 13,112.72	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1046.01	Tax Collector's Expenses	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 694.72	\$ 815.28	\$ 815.28	\$ -
1046.02	Tax Taking Charges	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -
1046.05	Tax Coll Annual Comp Support	\$ 11,411.17	\$ 11,411.17		\$ 11,411.17	\$ 11,411.17	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1024.00	Computer System Maint & Supplies	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 24,000.00		\$ 24,000.00	\$ 21,309.34	\$ 2,690.66	\$ 2,690.66	\$ -
1024.02	Town Website	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,421.29		\$ 3,312.29	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1019.00	Town Clerk's Salary	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1019.01	Town Clerk's Expenses	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,200.00		\$ 2,200.00	\$ 1,574.14	\$ 625.86	\$ 531.66	\$ 94.18
1019.02	Asst Town Clerk Salary	\$ 2,811.90	\$ 2,811.90		\$ 2,811.90	\$ 1,490.93	\$ 1,320.97	\$ 1,320.97	\$ -
1019.03	Election & Board of Ring Expense	\$ 5,860.00	\$ 5,860.00		\$ 5,860.00	\$ 5,993.16	\$ (143.16)	\$ (143.16)	\$ -
6026.00	Town Report Expense	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,702.17	\$ 297.83	\$ 297.83	\$ -
1017.00	Conservation Commission	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00		\$ 400.00	\$ 170.68	\$ 229.32	\$ 229.32	\$ -
1017.00	Officers Messge	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00	\$ 925.95	\$ 574.05	\$ 525.95	\$ -
1017.01	US Postal Expense	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00		\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,712.91	\$ 1,287.09	\$ 1,287.09	\$ -
1017.02	Office Supplies	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 763.02	\$ 1,236.98	\$ 226.31	\$ 1,007.67
1017.03	BoA of Appeals Expenses	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -
1011.00	Legal Expense	\$ 9,800.00	\$ 9,800.00		\$ 9,800.00	\$ 5,769.84	\$ 4,130.16	\$ 4,133.16	\$ -
6002.04	Town Building Maint	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00		\$ 15,000.00	\$ 14,072.04	\$ 27.96	\$ 27.96	\$ -
6002.05	Electric	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 863.74		\$ 13,363.74	\$ 13,360.95	\$ 2.79	\$ 2.79	\$ -
6002.06	Heating	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 19,000.00		\$ 19,000.00	\$ 11,300.54	\$ 7,679.46	\$ 7,679.46	\$ -
6002.07	Telephone	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 135.44		\$ 1,635.44	\$ 1,611.68	\$ 23.76	\$ 23.76	\$ -
6002.40	Town Hall Cleaning	\$ 4,900.00	\$ 4,900.00		\$ 4,900.00	\$ 4,340.00	\$ 560.00	\$ 560.00	\$ -
6004.10	Town Green, Park, Cem Mowing	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00		\$ 6,500.00	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ -	\$ 1,300.00
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT		\$ 345,658.98	\$ 345,138.54	\$ 278.18	\$ 345,416.72	\$ 303,877.73	\$ 40,273.31	\$ 37,235.13	\$ 3,052.18
PUBLIC SAFETY									
2024.00	Ambulance	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2021.00	Police Dept Expenses	\$ 7,450.00	\$ 7,450.00		\$ 7,450.00	\$ 6,074.07	\$ 1,375.93	\$ 59.40	\$ 716.53
2021.10	CHUBB Insurance	\$ 8,300.00	\$ 8,300.00		\$ 8,300.00	\$ 7,274.00	\$ 1,026.00	\$ 1,026.00	\$ -
2021.02	Police Dept Viges	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00		\$ 30,000.00	\$ 22,000.04	\$ 16,999.96	\$ 16,999.96	\$ -
2021.04	Cruiser Maintenance	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00		\$ 3,500.00	\$ 1,579.21	\$ 1,920.79	\$ 535.83	\$ 1,384.96
2021.06	Police Chief Salary	\$ 69,525.00	\$ 69,525.00		\$ 69,525.00	\$ 66,525.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2021.00	Internet Conn Service	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00		\$ 7,000.00	\$ 6,135.49	\$ 864.54	\$ 864.54	\$ -

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2012.13 FY25 Budget A17 ATM 6120	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,000.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
20216.00 911 Comm Service	\$	11,762.36	\$	11,762.36	\$	11,762.36	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
20222.00 Vol Fire Dept Expense	\$	25,000.00	\$	25,000.00	\$	25,000.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
20222.01 Fire Chief's Salary	\$	2,600.00	\$	2,600.00	\$	2,600.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
20222.04 Fire Building Maint	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	1,360.00	\$	1,360.00	\$	1,018.00
20223.11 Vol Firemen's Insurance	\$	6,000.00	\$	6,000.00	\$	6,000.00	\$	876.00	\$	876.00	\$	876.00
20252.00 Annual Court Officer Sal	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
20253.00 Annual Court Officer Exp	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
20258.00 Annual Inspector's Salary	\$	678.00	\$	678.00	\$	678.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	\$	183,114.88	\$	182,114.88	\$	182,114.88	\$	47,327.47	\$	47,327.47	\$	31,982.79
30000.01 CBNSD Operating	\$	943,038.00	\$	943,038.00	\$	943,038.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
30000.02 CBNSD Capital	\$	117,707.00	\$	117,707.00	\$	117,707.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
30000.04 Vocational Tuition	\$	258,470.00	\$	258,470.00	\$	258,470.00	\$	85,381.00	\$	85,381.00	\$	85,381.00
30000.09 Vocational Transportation	\$	43,027.20	\$	41,548.70	\$	44,573.90	\$	70,516.82	\$	8,007.28	\$	1,754.56
TOTAL EDUCATION	\$	1,313,142.20	\$	1,364,887.80	\$	1,363,348.82	\$	163,435.28	\$	91,435.28	\$	87,135.56
40100.00 Road Supt Salary	\$	77,250.00	\$	77,250.00	\$	77,250.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
40100.00 Highway Employee Wages	\$	110,210.00	\$	110,210.00	\$	109,021.40	\$	1,188.60	\$	1,188.60	\$	1,188.60
40100.05 Temp summer help	\$	8,000.00	\$	8,000.00	\$	3,465.12	\$	4,534.88	\$	4,534.88	\$	4,534.88
40100.05 Highway Employee Informs	\$	3,700.00	\$	3,700.00	\$	3,197.12	\$	592.88	\$	592.88	\$	288.00
40200.00 Maint-hart Surboc Roads	\$	28,000.00	\$	28,000.00	\$	28,000.00	\$	26,022.84	\$	1,977.16	\$	1,977.16
40204.00 Material General Roads	\$	25,000.00	\$	25,000.00	\$	25,000.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
40208.00 Road Machinery Maint	\$	25,000.00	\$	25,000.00	\$	25,000.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
40208.00 Gas & Fuel	\$	33,000.00	\$	33,000.00	\$	28,115.11	\$	4,884.89	\$	4,884.89	\$	4,343.33
40210.00 Town H&D Gravel Roads	\$	20,000.00	\$	20,000.00	\$	20,000.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
40214.00 Tree Removal	\$	25,000.00	\$	25,000.00	\$	24,705.00	\$	295.00	\$	295.00	\$	295.00
40220.00 Snow Roads, Public	\$	80,000.00	\$	132,380.66	\$	132,380.66	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
40240.00 Snow Roads, Private	\$	600.00	\$	(600.00)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
40240.00 Snow Roads, Private	\$	515.00	\$	515.00	\$	515.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
50700.00 Cemetery Section	\$	500.00	\$	500.00	\$	500.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
50700.01 Cemeteries	\$	488,672.00	\$	41,788.06	\$	488,688.06	\$	474,000.54	\$	13,687.41	\$	11,224.82
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	\$	98,000.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	40,000.00	\$	34,710.70	\$	5,380.27	\$	2,014.15
45000.00 Compressor	\$	3,172.40	\$	3,172.40	\$	3,172.40	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
45004.00 Compressor Alternators	\$	9,188.00	\$	8,188.00	\$	7,607.88	\$	1,580.12	\$	1,580.12	\$	1,580.12
45000.00 Board of Health Expenses	\$	16,000.00	\$	780.00	\$	16,780.00	\$	13,222.59	\$	3,557.41	\$	3,027.41
50000.00 Council on Aging	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	949.81	\$	50.19	\$	50.19	\$	50.19
50000.00 Elderly Outreach Program	\$	650.00	\$	650.00	\$	650.00	\$	425.40	\$	224.60	\$	224.60
50003.00 COA Director Salary	\$	1,238.00	\$	1,238.00	\$	1,238.00	\$	1,048.00	\$	190.00	\$	1,048.00
50000.00 Veteran Agent's Salary	\$	515.00	\$	515.00	\$	515.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
50002.00 Veterans Services	\$	6,000.00	\$	6,000.00	\$	6,000.00	\$	600.00	\$	5,400.00	\$	5,400.00
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	\$	14,767.96	\$	2,750.00	\$	77,217.96	\$	63,700.38	\$	16,727.00	\$	13,458.48
20222.00 Fire Station Mortgage Payment	\$	14,338.19	\$	14,338.19	\$	14,338.19	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
42512.00 Hwy Damage Mortgage Payment	\$	12,020.00	\$	12,020.00	\$	12,020.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
70700.00 Interest on Loans	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
TOTAL DEBT	\$	27,358.19	\$	-	\$	27,358.19	\$	27,358.19	\$	-	\$	-
00006.00 Participated Playground	\$	174.00	\$	174.00	\$	174.00	\$	174.00	\$	-	\$	-
30610.00 Peru Library	\$	21,243.00	\$	21,243.00	\$	21,243.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	\$	21,417.00	\$	-	\$	21,417.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
10172.00 BC Reg Planning Comm	\$	710.30	\$	710.30	\$	710.30	\$	710.30	\$	-	\$	-
00010.000 PMV Assessment	\$	20.00	\$	20.00	\$	20.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-

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PRIOR YEAR ENCUMBRANCES

10145.02	Integrated Acct Software	\$	3,025.04	\$	3,025.04	\$	-	\$	3,025.04	\$	3,025.04	\$	-
20212.05	Police Firearms	\$	146.00	\$	146.00	\$	-	\$	146.00	\$	146.00	\$	-
20212.12	ASO/ATM 04/22 Cont Ed	\$	4,078.38	\$	4,078.38	\$	1,376.47	\$	3,301.91	\$	3,301.91	\$	3,301.91
20212.12	A18 ATM 00/23 Cont Ed (Budget)	\$	1,103.20	\$	1,103.20	\$	-	\$	1,103.20	\$	1,103.20	\$	-
10111.00	Legal Expenses	\$	1,068.39	\$	1,068.39	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
10122.02	Selectmen & Other Expense	\$	190.52	\$	190.52	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
10124.02	Town Website	\$	1,900.00	\$	1,900.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
10141.30	Assessors Expenses	\$	400.00	\$	400.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
10145.04	Tax Tls Expense	\$	5,649.20	\$	5,649.20	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
10175.02	Office Supplies	\$	117.00	\$	117.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
20212.00	Police Expense	\$	2,029.36	\$	2,029.36	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
45105.00	Highway Expenses	\$	1,303.49	\$	1,303.49	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
45214.00	Tree Removal	\$	40.00	\$	40.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
50003.00	Council on Aging	\$	279.96	\$	279.96	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
60002.04	Town Hall Mart	\$	4,769.77	\$	4,769.77	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
60913.00	SUTA	\$	123.74	\$	123.74	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
	TOTAL PRIOR FISCAL YEAR ENCUMBRANCES	\$	26,942.08	\$	26,942.08	\$	19,265.93	\$	7,576.15	\$	4,274.24	\$	3,301.91
	TOTAL BUDGET, ARTICLES & ENCUMBRANCES	\$	240,747.95	\$	2,915,164.02	\$	84,964.80	\$	3,540,878.77	\$	2,750,197.80	\$	487,678.97
		\$		\$		\$		\$		\$		\$	204,467.18
		\$		\$		\$		\$		\$		\$	251,211.79

**TOWN OF PERU, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL REVENUE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025**

	Fund Balances		Opening Balance		Rev		Exp		Balance/Entry	
	June 30, 2025									
Special Revenues:										
Federal Grants:										
EMPG/Verizon	\$	(535.96)	\$	(535.96)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	(535.96)
EMPG	\$	(1,964.04)	\$	(2,011.28)	\$	3,719.23	\$	3,671.99	\$	(1,964.04)
ARPA	\$	-	\$	28,898.42	\$	-	\$	28,898.42	\$	-
State Grants:										
Elections-CTCL Grant	\$	-	\$	15.62	\$	-	\$	15.62	\$	-
State Elections Grant	\$	4,839.80	\$	3,232.20	\$	3,247.89	\$	1,640.29	\$	4,839.80
Fire Dept Grant	\$	1,962.39	\$	1,962.39	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,962.39
Firefighter Safety Equipment	\$	(10,104.30)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	10,104.30	\$	(10,104.30)
Police Woodlands Rescue UTV	\$	-	\$	-	\$	25,000.00	\$	25,000.00	\$	-
Highway 8123 Flood Damage	\$	-	\$	8,227.09	\$	-	\$	8,227.09	\$	-
Highway DOT Fair Share	\$	-	\$	(5,934.69)	\$	94,180.00	\$	88,245.31	\$	-
Highway Mass Works	\$	(3,234.00)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	3,234.00	\$	(3,234.00)
Highway Road Machinery	\$	-	\$	4,208.00	\$	-	\$	4,208.00	\$	-
Mema Grant	\$	-	\$	(9,050.98)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
COVID Cares	\$	-	\$	0.06	\$	9,050.98	\$	-	\$	-
COA Formula	\$	38,500.00	\$	31,000.00	\$	-	\$	0.06	\$	-
Library Grant	\$	-	\$	-	\$	7,500.00	\$	-	\$	38,500.00
Berkshire Reg Planning Grant	\$	500.00	\$	500.00	\$	5,037.84	\$	5,037.84	\$	-
BOH Grant	\$	2,857.97	\$	457.97	\$	3,700.00	\$	1,300.00	\$	500.00
Green Communities Grant	\$	(32,586.94)	\$	4,823.16	\$	22,205.00	\$	59,615.10	\$	(32,586.94)
Recycling Grant	\$	9,852.24	\$	9,892.22	\$	4,200.00	\$	4,239.98	\$	9,852.24
Receipts Reserved for Appropriation										
Transportation Network Fees	\$	17.10	\$	15.30	\$	1.80	\$	-	\$	17.10
Dog Licenses Reserved for Library	\$	6,244.00	\$	4,630.75	\$	1,613.25	\$	-	\$	6,244.00
Revolving Funds:										
Building Inspector Supply Expense	\$	1,004.59	\$	1,004.59	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,004.59
Health Inspector	\$	-	\$	14,200.00	\$	6,601.00	\$	20,801.00	\$	-
Building Inspector	\$	(284.51)	\$	(284.51)	\$	14,977.06	\$	14,977.06	\$	(284.51)
Electric Inspector	\$	(135.00)	\$	(135.00)	\$	1,710.00	\$	1,710.00	\$	(135.00)
Gas & Plumbing Inspector	\$	63.00	\$	63.00	\$	855.00	\$	855.00	\$	63.00
Fire Inspector	\$	(236.50)	\$	(236.50)	\$	882.00	\$	882.00	\$	(236.50)
Tax Collector Fees	\$	500.00	\$	625.00	\$	1,270.00	\$	1,395.00	\$	500.00
Town Clerk Fees	\$	(84.75)	\$	(85.50)	\$	394.25	\$	399.50	\$	(84.75)
Conservation Wetlands Fees	\$	603.61	\$	603.61	\$	-	\$	-	\$	603.61
Deputy Collector Fees	\$	378.00	\$	807.00	\$	209.00	\$	638.00	\$	378.00
Tax Title Collection Fees	\$	1,727.11	\$	1,397.74	\$	434.37	\$	105.00	\$	1,727.11
250th Anniversary	\$	23,000.13	\$	22,942.36	\$	132.77	\$	75.00	\$	23,000.13

Other Special Revenue:
 COA Donation
 Police Donations
 OPI/OID Settlement Fees
 Mohawk Trails Grant
Total Special Revenues

\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30.00
\$ 574.85	\$ 574.85	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 574.85
\$ 296.23	\$ 137.18	\$ 159.05	\$ -	\$ 296.23
\$ 20,000.00	\$ 249.50	\$ 19,750.50	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00
\$ 63,785.02	\$ 122,223.59	\$ 226,830.99	\$ 285,269.56	\$ 63,785.02

**TOWN OF PERU, MASSACHUSETTS
 CAPITAL PROJECTS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025**

Fund Balances June 30, 2025	Opening Balance	Rev	Exp	Balance/Entry
\$ -	\$ -	\$ 563,430.15	\$ 563,430.15	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ 563,430.15	\$ 563,430.15	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ 563,430.15	\$ 563,430.15	\$ -

Capital Projects:
 Highway-Chapter 90
Total Capital Projects

**TOWN OF PERU, MASSACHUSETTS
 SCHEDULE OF TRUST FUNDS AND AGENCY
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025**

Fund Balances June 30, 2025	Opening Balance	Rev	Exp	Balance/Entry
\$ 1,975.76	\$ 1,968.49	\$ 7.27	\$ -	\$ 1,975.76
\$ 27,645.99	\$ 26,201.81	\$ 1,444.18	\$ -	\$ 27,645.99
\$ 398.45	\$ 379.77	\$ 18.68	\$ -	\$ 398.45
\$ 2,067.14	\$ 2,048.38	\$ 18.76	\$ -	\$ 2,067.14
\$ 323,390.62	\$ 316,950.40	\$ 6,440.22	\$ -	\$ 323,390.62
\$ (1,561.80)	\$ (541.80)	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 4,320.00	\$ (1,561.80)
\$ 10,837.50	\$ 9,575.00	\$ 5,050.00	\$ 3,787.50	\$ 10,837.50
\$ 364,753.66	\$ 356,582.05	\$ 16,279.11	\$ 8,107.50	\$ 364,753.66

Trust Funds:
 Cemetery Trust
 Partridgefield Playground
 Sunrise Solar Escrow
 Conservation Trust
 Stabilization Accounts:
 General
 Agency Funds:
 Police Details
 Firearms Overlay-FID Licenses
Total Trust & Agency Funds

Animal Control Officer / Animal Inspector Report FY 2025

<u>Animal Control Calls:</u>	<u>State Required Recertification Courses:</u>
6 Barking Dogs	8 Hours Of Continuing Education Credits
0 Dog Bite	
5 Wild Animal Related Calls	0 Cat Bite
8 Loose Dogs	0 Dogs Hit by Cars

Animal Inspector : There were 22 barns inspections:
Oxen 6 Goats 16 Sheep 26 Ratites 0 Donkey 10 Chickens 164
Swine 16 Liams 3 Horse 16 Waterfowl 22 Rabbits 0 Turkeys 2
Respectfully submitted, Verne Leach , Animal Control Officer / Animal Inspector

Board of Assessors Annual Town Report FY 2025

Listed below is a summary of figures taken from the FY2025 Tax Recapitulation Sheet.*

FISCAL YEAR	FY2025
Appropriations from Town Meetings	2,914,071.02*
Cherry Sheet Offsets	5,028.00*
Overlay Deficits	0.00*
Cherry Sheet Charges	1,093.00*
Overlay Allowance	28,449.26*
TOTAL AMT. TO BE RAISED:	2,948,704.28*
Total Estimated Receipts:	162,933.05*
Cherry Sheet Receipts:	330,151.00*
Free Cash to Reduce Tax Rate:	50,000.00*
Revenue Sources appropriated:	244,831.00*
Other Available Funds:	0.00*
Other Source to reduce tax rate:	0.00*
TOTAL RECEIPTS & CREDITS:	787,915.35*
TAX LEVY:	2,160,788.93*
<u>Town Valuations By Class:</u>	
Residential	116,907,245.00*
Open Space	0.00*
Commercial	6,647,400.00*
Industrial	880,800.00*
Personal Property	11,037,215.00*
Exempt Property	12,464,400.00*
New Growth	58,234.00*
Tax Rate (per thousand):	\$15.95*

Jonathon E. Mejias
Shana L. Lecours
Branden A. Mascolo
PERU BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Building Inspector FY 2025 Report

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.

A total of 36 permits were issued

Job Code		
1	New Residential Homes	1
1A	Foundation only	0
2	Additions/Alterations-Residential	12
3	Accessory Buildings	1
4	Pools	1
5	Demolition	0
6	Other (Insulation)	4
7	Additions and Alterations Commercial	0
8	Garage Residential	1
9	Signs	0
10	Stoves	2
11	Fences	1
12	Commercial / New	0
	Solar	6
	Roof	7

Permit Fees Collected.....\$ 3897

The Tenth Edition Massachusetts State Base Code (Commercial Code) which is based on the **2020 International Building Code** (IBC) became effective July 1, 2025 and the Massachusetts Residential One and Two Family Building Code which is based on the **2020 International Residential Code** (IRC) became in effect on July 1 2025.

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

2025 Peru Cemetery Commission Annual Report

The Peru Cemetery Commission's current members are Darryl Darby, Cemetery Sexton, Gladys Wheeler and, recently appointed, Collette Davis. The members confirmed that Jim Kenney should remain as Chair of the Commission. There is one opening for a volunteer who would like to help with the Commission's work. The budget endorsed at the 2025 ATM was used purchase granite posts to define the perimeter of the South Thompson Burial Ground, to purchase a new flagpole for South Cemetery and reset the VERY large Brown headstone in North Cemetery.

The Commissioners have updated the 2024 Cemetery Rules and will seek Selectboard endorsement in early 2026. During the year, the Cemetery Rules were provided to families requesting burials so that expectations are understood. These Rules are posted to the town's webpage. Additionally, a form has been created to collect contact info from families requesting burials. This form will be used by the Cemetery Sexton and maintained in the Cemetery Commission's files at Town Hall.

Some additional accomplishments during 2024 are:

The owner of land adjacent to South Cemetery had offered the space as cemetery parking in exchange for a property tax waiver. The Commissioners agreed to not support the landowner's proposal using the rationale that the space is not needed for parking at South Cemetery and that tax waivers are outside the remit of the Cemetery Commission. The Selectboard is in agreement with this decision. The Cemetery Sexton, Darryl Darby, continues to work with families to arrange burials and to install headstones and corner markers for each burial plot.

Peru's Veteran's Graves Officer, Wally Morrison, continues to ensure that each veteran's grave is marked by an American flag.

Commission members have responded to various inquiries from the public regarding burials in Peru as well as continuing work to confirm who is and isn't buried in one of the town's cemeteries.

Headstone cleaning, resetting and repair is an on-going activity and anyone interested to watch, learn the process, or help can contact a member of the Selectboard or Cemetery Commission. This is fair-weather work so not typically done during inclement weather.

Anyone who would like to join the Cemetery Commission is invited to contact the Selectboard or one of the members of the Cemetery Commission.

Jim Kenney, Chair,
Peru Cemetery Commission

Conservation Commission Annual Report

For the year ending June 30, 2025 the Conservation Commission was involved in the following activities:

Three requests for Determinations of Applicability.

Three Determinations were issued.

One Request for an Extension of existing Order of Conditions which was favorably acted upon.

Three Forest Cutting Plans were submitted for review.

Additionally, the Commission conducted numerous site visits at the request of property owners, prospective property owners, and the Building Inspector to provide advice with respect to any wetland issues.

Two of our members were able to take advantage of MACC Scholarships to attend MACC training regarding the Essentials of being a Commission member at a reduced cost to the town.

Respectfully submitted, Mike Frederick, Chair

Darryl Darby

Jim Kenney

Brandon Mascolo

Peru Finance Committee Annual Report

The Peru Finance Committee began preparation of the FY 2025 budget in early January 2024 by meeting with Department Heads, evaluating proposed budgets and needs, vendor proposals, bids and estimates for FY 25.

Throughout the next four months of 2024 the FY 2025 Operating Budget for the Town of Peru was developed by the Finance Committee and Selectboard and a list of Capital Projects or Expenditures that utilize Free Cash were presented within the Annual Town Meeting Warrant on June 1, 2024.

The Finance Committee supported the following uses of free cash in FY25:

\$50,000 applied to lower tax rate.

\$50,000 for a Feasibility/Assessment Study for Town Hall

\$31,500 for Communication Equipment for Police Department.

\$17,500.30 for Highway Department Equipment sandblasting and painting and purchase of a plasma cutter.

\$15,000 to fund Interest on Loans account.

\$5,000 for IT/Computer Equipment

\$5,000 to fund consulting services to update Town Zoning Bylaws

\$3,100 for Software for Town Clerk

\$6,581 for Cemetery Improvements

\$1,500 for Bullet Proof Vest for Police Department

\$100,000 for Future Equipment Account

\$10,000 for Reserve Fund

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce W. Cullett, Chair

Peru Finance Committee

Peru (Volunteer) Fire Department

July 1st 2024 to June 30th 2025 we did a record 106 calls

Our department put in 200+ hours of training

Received \$ 10,500 in DFS grant which paid for 2 new portable radios.

We put an order in for our new rescue truck thru J.C Madigan

We welcomed on 13 new members and got them up to speed on CPR first responder and the basics of fire fighting and driver training.

If anyone is interested in becoming a member and helping out their community we are always looking for new members. stop by on a Tuesday night and fill out an application.

Medical call 49	Searches 1	Patient eval 1	Stand by 3
Storm damage/hazards 8	Mutual aid 5	Co activation 4	MVC 4
Fire alarms 1	Well-being check 1	Lift assist 3	
Brush fires 2	Medical alarms 2	Chimney fire 1	

The members of the Department would like to thank community members for their continued support.

Peru Fire Chief, Danny Cawthron , Peru Volunteer Fire Department

3 East Main Road Suite 109 , Peru, MA 01235 Phone: (413) 655-8811 Email: perufirechief@gmail.com

Board Of Health

The Peru Board of Health strives to provide high quality services to the Town of Peru. 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 Select board. 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 the Board of Health has to be ready to address a wide variety of questions and issues. 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. Some of these services include follow up on complaints, housing issues and inspections, research for tax payers and home owners, witnessing percolation tests, Title V inspections, septic plan review, inspection and approval, researching and issuing well permits, providing office hours for consultation and information. The Health inspector accepts and processes permit applications and payments. This year activities in Peru also included: 8 percolation tests, 8 Title 5 inspections, 3 well permits, 5 installer permits issued, 1 Recreational Camp for Children, 2 Pool permits, 9 Disposal Waste Construction Permits, 2 seasonal, alternative and temporary housing permits and 2 beach permits. Due to new Massachusetts Housing Code regulations a new category has been established that allows for temporary, seasonal and alternative housing situations which requires a permit that includes assessing for safe water, sanitation and safety for the residents. Several housing issues that posed a nuisance, or threat to sanitation and safety issues in town were addressed. Housing issues do not generate a fee. Total fees taken in 6200.00

These Services are required by Massachusetts General Law gives the Board of Health oversight of the following issues: Beaver Nuisances * Public Nuisances * Demolition Inspections * General Complaints * Private Wells * Public/Semi-public Pools * Flu Clinics * Public Beaches * Food Establishments * Septage Haulers * Garbage Haulers * Recreational Camps for Children * Septic System Review and Inspections * Housing Complaints and Inspections * Temporary Food Events * Monitoring Infectious Diseases. Some of the services do not require fees or permits.

The continued prevalence of COVID-19 has directed some of the duties of the Board of Health, to include providing free COVID home test kits to the residents of Peru. The Peru Board of Health was the recipient of funds from the rural equity grant from the Berkshire Public Health Alliance that allowed the purchase of grocery gift cards to augment the contributions to the holiday community collection to help ease food insecurity. The Peru Board of Health also has started define its public health role in emergency preparedness and management. We created a community emergency framework and have had conversation with the Emergency Management Director to start formulating a plan.

The role of the public health nurse includes the mandated reporting of contagious disease cases, contact tracing, conducting flu/COVID vaccine clinics and providing support and public education as deemed appropriate.

The current Sanitarian/Health Inspector is Valerie Bird who can be reached at inspectors@berkshireplanning.org. The Sanitarian/Inspector holds office hours 6-8PM the first and third Monday of the month and by appointment at Town Hall. Contact information can also be found on the town website at www.townofperuma.com/boardofhealth for residents who would like to request inspection, ask questions or file a complaint or inquire about public health related issues.

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy White, Chair
Nanette Mone
Darryl Darby

Highway Department Town Report

Greetings from the Highway Department. Last year was another busy and rewarding year for the Town and the Highway Department. Besides the routine road maintenance townwide, we were able to have another 1.5 miles of road reclaimed and paved. 1 mile of Curtain Rd and ½ mile of August Smith Rd. Curtain Rd had 8 storm water culverts replaced prior to the resurfacing project. Curtain Rd and August Smith Rd were Full Depth Reclaimed with a calcium stabilization. 1.5" dense grade was added to both roads during the reclaiming process to stabilize the gravel base. Both roads were repaved following MassDOT specifications.

The Highway Department continues to be aggressive with dead or dying trees around town. Ash trees infected with the Emerald Ash beetle and diseased Beech trees are rapidly becoming a hazard on every road along with other trees as well.

The Town was awarded its second \$1 Million Dollar Mass Works Safety Improvement Grant. The funds from this grant will be used to apply a rubberized chip seal preservation on Middlefield Rd, reclaim and pave Sunrise Village, and replace guardrails on Rt 143.

Thanks to the support of our residents, we were able to secure funding for a new 2026 Freightliner Plow truck at the Annual Town Meeting. This truck should be ready for delivery sometime in 2026.

Thank you for your continued support!

Respectfully submitted:

Justin Russell ~ Highway Superintendent

Peru Library
7/1/2024 - 6/30/2025

<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>
Town Appropriation \$21,243.00	Total payroll \$14,546.17
State Aid Grant <u>\$ 5037.84</u>	Patron materials \$ 3,520.88
Total \$26,280.84	
	Utilities, phone
	internet \$ 3512.71
	Insurance \$ 1095.00
	Accounting
	Services \$ 1879.73
	Misc <u>\$ 907.88</u>
	Total \$25,462.37

After twelve and a half years as director, Ruth Calaycay retired January 2025. We were honored to have her dedication and hard work as director. During her tenure Ruth applied for and received numerous grants for patron materials, organizing the historical documents and artifacts and upgrades to the building interior and fought tirelessly to try to find funding to improve the building. February 2025 we hired Osvaldo Macedo as the new director. The library joined CWMARS (Central and Western Massachusetts Automated Resource Sharing), a diverse multi type library consortium to provide resource sharing technology, at the end of FY 25. Peru Library was one a few remaining libraries that was not a member. Through FY 26, all of the libraries holdings will be scanned into the system and ready for patron use in FY 27. Currently there are over 100 Peru residents who hold cards from other libraries. Hopefully, with joining CWMARS, our circulation and patron visits will increase. Total circulation and patron visits were down slightly for FY 25. CWMARS membership will include access to Libby, access to over eight million items to be borrowed or delivered to our library and also access to the CWMARS mobile app to browse catalogues and place orders and use your Peru Library card at any other CWMARS member library.

The library is open to all to borrow books, magazines, movies, museum passes, puzzles and games.

Respectfully submitted,
Osvaldo Macedo (resigned December 2025), Kathleen Borden, Trustee Chair;
Sharon Greule, Trustee Treasurer; Dawn Warner, Trustee Secretary

Northern Berkshire Solid Waste Management District 2025 (1)

What is the Northern Berkshire Solid Waste Management District?

The NBSWMD was established in 1988 through legislation passed by the Massachusetts General Court. By forming the solid waste district, the small municipalities in Northern Berkshire County have been able to pool resources and obtain professional waste management services to conduct recycling and outreach education programs, hazardous and special recycling collections. The 14 member towns that comprise NBSWMD include Adams, Cheshire, Clarksburg, Dalton, Florida, Hancock, Hinsdale, Lanesborough, Monroe, New Ashford, Peru, Savoy, Windsor, and Williamstown.

Linda Cernik is the Program Director, and each town appoints a representative to serve on the NBSWMD Board. Board Officers for 2025 were: Joseph Szczepaniak Jr., Chair (Lanesborough); Doug McNally, Vice Chair (Windsor); and Barbara Belisle (Savoy), Treasurer.

Services. In 2025, NBSWMD towns benefitted from the following services:

- Annual transfer station compliance inspections by a third-party Inspector from MassDEP pursuant to 310 CMR 19.018.
- Bid administration for the hauling and processing of waste and recyclables resulting in awarding of a three-year contract with Casella Waste Systems Inc.
- Coordination of special collections that are open to all 14 member towns.
- Management of transfer station recyclables including collection, hauling, and recycling of tires, electronic waste, universal waste, textiles, scrap metal, books, and swap shops.
- Outreach to local schools promoting the MassDEP "Green Team" educational program.
- Submittal of member-town MassDEP annual recycling and solid waste surveys, grant applications to the Sustainable Materials Recovery Program (SMRP) and all reporting.
- Facilitating waste reduction and reuse via textile collection.

Special Collections and Reuse Opportunities

- Hazardous Waste: Over 150 Residential households had the opportunity to attend A comprehensive household hazardous waste collection in April 2025 enabled residents to properly dispose of toxic cleaners, oil-based paints, oil, pesticides, and other products.
- Bulky Waste and Electronics: Collections were held in four communities to collect and recycle electronics, scrap metal, carpets, furniture and other miscellaneous materials.
- Shredding: Confidential paper shredding days were held in Cheshire, Williamstown and Dalton to offer residents a safe way to recycle secure documents. Donations that were collected from these events benefited the Town of Cheshire Food Pantry and Council on Aging, Town of Williamstown , Council on Aging, and Town of Dalton, Council on Aging.
- Compost bins: The district also offered member towns' residents subsidized home composting bins, allowing food waste, leaves, and brush to be composted at home.
- Northern Berkshire Solid Waste "year of giving donated to the following organizations through our 2025 events. Town of Adams Scholarship fund, Town of Cheshire Food Pantry, Town of Cheshire Council on Aging, Town of Dalton Council on Aging, Town of Williamstown Council on Aging, Town of Lanesboro Council on Aging and Town of Clarksburg Volunteer fire department. Total Donations \$4355.00
- Our Special collections can be located on our website www.nbswmd.com view our 2026 Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Calander of events.

Management, Administration and Community Assessments

Day -to-day program operations of the NBSWMD are managed by Program Director, Linda Cernik. Monthly Board meetings are a combination of in person, hybrid and remote. The NBSWMD has an annual operations budget that is approved by the district's Board of Commissioners, and town assessments based on the current census 2020. The combined assessments for all fourteen towns were \$135,630. The Assessments are for operating costs, special collections, subsidized home composting units, and six universal waste collections sites, All outreach and educational services, Inspectional services under 310.CMR.19.018, professional Waste management Services.

Northern Berkshire Solid Waste Management District 2025 (2)

Grant Funding Awarded to Towns

In 2026, NBSWMD member-towns received grants from the DEP Sustainable Materials Recovery Program (SMRP) totaling \$64,826 to further enhance recycling programming.

Waste Diversion through Recycling

During the past year, the NBSWMD member-towns collectively diverted 880 tons of Dual Stream recyclable materials to the Casella Waste Systems INC, Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) in Auburn MA, MRF.

NEW CY2025

Town of Dalton started food waste diversion program at their towns transfer station. With a grant obtained through Sustainable Materials Recovery Programs, under Equipment drop off the town was awarded \$6,000 grant. They have contracted with Tommy's Compost for the food pick up and composted at a local farm.

Town of Cheshire installed a paper compactor using some Grant funds Sustainable materials Recovery Program, under Recycling Dividends Grants funds. This will allow the town to reduce the number of hauls per year to our recycling facility. Paper/cardboard is sorted and bailed at the Cheshire Casella Waste Facility and then sent out to buyer. Prior to the compactor, the Transfer station attendants had to hand pack the container appx 2 tons before a swap out, now with the compactor the average 5 to 6 tons before swapping out. This helps reduce the number of hauls monthly, down to one per month.

Town of Peru obtained a grant through Sustainable Materials Recovery Grant program, under Equipment drop off for a Swap Shop. The value of the grant was \$6,000. This program helps divert items from the waste stream to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle of materials. Residents can donate, shop at No cost and enjoy Reuse.

Town of Savoy obtained a grant through Sustainable Materials Recovery Grant program, under Equipment drop off for a new Swap shop. The value of the grant was \$6,000. This program helps divert items from the waste stream to Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle materials. Residents can donate, shop at No cost and enjoy Reuse.

Town of Windsor started food waste diversion program at their towns transfer station. With a grant obtained through Sustainable Materials Recovery Programs, Recycling Dividends grant program the town purchased a Bear proof cage area for the storage of the Toters for the Food Collection. They have contracted Second Chance Composting Services.

Shared Services

Shared services are CHARM recycling materials that are prohibited from being disposed of in Household Trash. Waste ban regulations 310.CMR.19.017. These services can be located under recycling resources www.nbsmwd.com, for residential use only. YOU don't need a transfer station permit to access shared services, such as Universal Waste, Tire, Mattress and Box Spring hub, also to utilize our special events 2026, NO permit required. See All details on our website.

Thank you to the Town's Transfer Station Attendants, the heart of the Facility. For maintaining compliance, excellent customer service, and understanding the importance of the Board of Health, DPW, all the district's contracted haulers and processors, and all the district volunteers and the residents of all the member towns for your continued support of waste reduction, composting and recycling.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Cernik, NBSWMD Director of Programs
March 23, 2026

Planning Board & Zoning Board of Appeals

Through the end of calendar year 2025 the Planning Board saw very few requests for approval of Form A subdivision plans, meaning subdivisions of land that do not invoke the Subdivision Control Law because they meet the standard frontage and area requirements of the Zoning By-Law for the development of primarily single-family homes or involve the sale of non-conforming parcels to abutters.

The Board has been meeting regularly with a senior planner of the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission to assist us with updating our Zoning By-Laws. This process consists of reorganizing our existing By-Law, adding in amendments that were approved by the Town and the Office of the Attorney General since 2005, and the addition of new sections or elements. These new topics include the addition of Site Plan requirements, Variance language, the permitting of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU), Special Permit Findings, Mobile Home/Temporary Home Provisions, safety regulation of Residential Battery Storage Systems, and regulation of Short-term rentals. We plan to produce a hand-out for all interested town residents at the Annual Town Meeting for review, following which there will be numerous opportunities to receive public comments or answer questions regarding any areas of interest or concern throughout the process.

We invite any interested developer to make a pre-permitting planning presentation to the Town when a project is proposed in order to consider at a high level the potential impacts and benefits to the Town. If we have business, the Board meets on a designated posted evening of the month at 6:00 PM as requested for a plan review with the required statutory notice.

Respectfully submitted,



Sam Haupt, Chair
Peru Planning Board & Zoning Board of Appeals

Peru Police Department Annual Report Fiscal Year 2025

(July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025)

The Peru Police Department would like to thank the residents of Peru and the members of Town Government for their continued support. In July of 2024, Officer Shawn Boyne left the Peru Police Department to become the Chief of Police in neighboring Hinsdale, MA and in October of 2024, Officer Joseph Sniezek left the Department to return to the Massachusetts State Police. We wish them both well in their future endeavors and thank them for their service.

Our department answered 976 calls for service during fiscal year 2025. We provided mutual aid to surrounding communities and have worked jointly with Police and Sheriff's Departments in Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire Counties as well as the Massachusetts State Police, New York State Police, US ATF, US Homeland Security, Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency, and USPS Inspectors.

All members of our department completed 48 hours of mandatory in-service training as required by the Massachusetts Municipal Police Training Committee in FY25.

Our office hours are on Monday evenings from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. If you are unable to make it in person during those hours, please call our non-emergency number 413-655-8377 to make other arrangements with an on-call officer. We continue to process LTC and FID renewals by mail and via MIRCS Unified Gun Portal (formerly MIRCS Firearms Licensing Portal) by going to:
<https://mircsportal.chs.state.ma.us/mircs-portal/login.xhtml>

New LTC/FID applications may be submitted through the MIRCS portal, however, you must appear in person to complete the fingerprinting and interview requirements.

It is a privilege and an honor to serve the Town of Peru.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bruce W. Cullett
Chief of Police



Selectboard FY 2025 Report

On behalf of the Select Board I would like to thank the new appointees for stepping up, Jonathon Mejias on the Board of Assessors, Branden Mascolo as Spare Transfer Attendant, Brian Forgue as Recording Secretary, Terry Walker as Recording Secretary, Bonny DiTomasso as Council on Aging Director and Branden Mascolo as Temporary Finance Committee Member.

I would like to recognize and thank the members of the Boards, Committees, Commissions and other volunteer positions for Volunteering their time. the town could not run without them.

The entrance to the town hall was redone to fix a water problem, the Swap Shed was opened at the transfer station, The Town of Peru was designated as a Green Community,

The Board of Selectmen endorsed a letter to Governor Healy regarding Emergence Medical Service Study, Peru received a Grant for All Terrain vehicles for the Fire, Highway and the Police Departments to use for emergencies.

Permit eyes is up and running for the Building department, Permit eyes is an Online permitting tool for departments to communicate. The Select Board is anticipating that more homeowners and contractors will be applying for permits online; therefore, generating more revenue.

Respectfully submitted , Verne Leach-Select Board Chairman

Select Board Members :

Edward F. Munch Jr.

Samuel P. Haupt

Town Administrator: Terry Walker

FISCAL YEAR 2025
TAX COLLECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT
TAXES COLLECTED FOR THE PERIOD OF: 7/01/24 - 6/30/25

YEAR	REAL ESTATE \$\$	PERSONAL PROPERTY \$\$	MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE \$\$	FOREST PRODUCTS \$\$
2010	260.51			
2011	461.14			
2012	471.24			
2013	466.18			
2014	448.76			
2015	901.48			
2016	419.12			
2017	409.61			
2018	1011.67			
2019	999.76		96.77	
2020	1,198.76		191.81	
2021	2,198.96		3,633.31	
2022	15,139.80		1,475.05	
2023	6,866.19		2,031.59	
2024	40,731.02		30,267.56	
2025	1,844,082.94	181,087.42	108,586.47	
TOTALS	1,916,067.14	181,087.42	146,282.56	

TOTAL TAXES COLLECTED FY25 = \$2,243,437.12
TOTAL INTEREST COLLECTED FY25 = \$31,734.53
TOTAL COLLECTIONS FY25 \$2,275,171.65

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

**FISCAL YEAR 2025
TREASURY RECEIPTS
SUMMARY REPORT
07/01/24 - 06/30/25**

TR CODE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
1100.25	Personal Prop Taxes 2025	\$ 180,855.09
1200.02	Real Estate Taxes 2002	\$ 247.84
1200.03	Real Estate Taxes 2003	\$ 244.78
1200.04	Real Estate Taxes 2004	\$ 264.10
1200.05	Real Estate Taxes 2005	\$ 294.40
1200.06	Real Estate Taxes 2006	\$ 325.12
1200.07	Real Estate Taxes 2007	\$ 305.48
1200.08	Real Estate Taxes 2008	\$ 443.20
1200.10	Real Estate Taxes 2010	\$ 260.51
1200.11	Real Estate Taxes 2011	\$ 461.14
1200.12	Real Estate Taxes 2012	\$ 471.24
1200.13	Real Estate Taxes 2013	\$ 466.18
1200.14	Real Estate Taxes 2014	\$ 448.76
1200.15	Real Estate Taxes 2015	\$ 901.48
1200.16	Real Estate Taxes 2016	\$ 419.12
1200.17	Real Estate Taxes 2017	\$ 409.61
1200.18	Real Estate Taxes 2018	\$ 1,011.67
1200.19	Real Estate Taxes 2019	\$ 999.76
1200.20	Real Estate Taxes 2020	\$ 1,198.76
1200.21	Real Estate Taxes 2021	\$ 2,198.96
1200.22	Real Estate Taxes 2022	\$ 15,144.80
1200.23	Real Estate Taxes 2023	\$ 6,866.19
1200.24	Real Estate Taxes 2024	\$ 40,731.02
1200.25	Real Estate Taxes 2025	\$ 1,844,082.94
1300.07	Motor Vehicle 2007	\$ (23.13)
1300.19	Motor Vehicle 2019	\$ 96.77
1300.20	Motor Vehicle 2020	\$ 191.81
1300.21	Motor Vehicle 2021	\$ 3,633.31
1300.22	Motor Vehicle 2022	\$ 1,475.05
1300.23	Motor Vehicle 2023	\$ 2,031.59
1300.24	Motor Vehicle 2024	\$ 30,267.56
1300.25	Motor Vehicle 2025	\$ 108,586.47
1562.00	Tax Titles	\$ 2,866.38
1800.4171	Interest on Property Tax	\$ 29,224.82
1800.4172	Interest on MVE	\$ 2,509.71
1800.4173	Interest on Tax Titles	\$ 3,785.17
1800.4180	In Lieu of Taxes	\$ 2,712.14
1800.436	Municipal Building Rent	\$ 40.00
1800.4420	Town Share Building Insp	\$ 1,664.12
1800.4424	Compactor Fees/Permits	\$ 20,753.90
1800.4426	Town Share Elec/Wiring In	\$ 190.00
1800.4428	Town Share Smoke/Fire Dep	\$ 98.00
1800.4434	Town Share Plumbing & Gas	\$ 95.00
1800.4439	Other Licenses & Permits	\$ 200.00

**FISCAL YEAR 2025
TREASURY RECEIPTS
SUMMARY REPORT
07/01/24 - 06/30/25**

TR CODE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
1800.4541	CS State Owned Land	\$ 86,551.00
1800.4613	CS Abatements to Vets, Blind, Surviving	\$ 8,950.00
1800.4616	CS Elderly Abatements	\$ 1,152.00
1800.4620	CS School Aid Chapter 70	\$ 91,030.00
1800.4621	CS Voc Trans Chapter 71	\$ 7,099.00
1800.4671	CS Unrestricted General Government Aid	\$ 140,624.00
1800.4695	Court Fines	\$ 192.74
1800.4820	Interest on Savings	\$ 7,504.64
1800.4835	3% Withholding on Police Detail	\$ 267.90
1800.4836	Police Detail Cruiser Fee	\$ 99.00
1800.4840	Misc. Revenues	\$ 2,539.07
1800.495	Refunds	\$ 2,631.66
2014.00	Temporary Loan - BAN	\$ 600,000.00
3053.00	FID.License-Police	\$ 5,350.00
3054.00	Div. Fisheries & Wildlife	\$ (300.00)
4000.00	State Aid to Libraries	\$ 5,037.84
4001.00	Bd. of Health Grant	\$ 3,700.00
4001.06	Emergency Mgt Grant	\$ 3,719.23
4008.00	C.O.A. Formula Grant	\$ 7,500.00
4009.00	Peru Recycling Grant Small Scale 2016	\$ 4,200.00
4012.00	Elections - State	\$ 3,247.89
4015.00	Opioid Settlement Fees	\$ 159.05
4016	DOT Fair Share FY24 Revenue	\$ 94,180.00
42010.00	Taxes	\$ 50,312.75
42020.00	Retirement	\$ 29,881.99
42030.00	Deferred Comp	\$ 14,091.40
42040.00	Insurance	\$ 34,528.88
5000.01	Health Insp REV 53 E 1/2	\$ 6,601.00
5000.02	Bldg.Insp. REV 53 E 1/2	\$ 14,977.06
5000.03	Elect.Insp. REV 53 E 1/2	\$ 1,710.00
5000.04	Gas & Plumb Insp REV 53 E	\$ 855.00
5000.05	Fire Insp REV 53 E 1/2	\$ 882.00
5000.07	Tax Title Collection Revolving	\$ 434.37
5000.08	250 Celebration Revolving	\$ 132.77
5001.00	Tax Coll's Fees	\$ 1,270.00
5001.01	Town Clerk's Fees	\$ 394.25
5003.00	Deputy Collector's Fees	\$ 209.00
5004.00	Police Detail	\$ 3,300.00
5005.02	Chapter 90 Highway	\$ 563,430.15
5007.00	Mohawk Trails Grant	\$ 44,750.50
5008	Green Communities Grant	\$ 22,205.00
600020.00	Stabilization Fund	\$ 6,440.22
600022.00	Partridgefld Plygrnd Trst	\$ 118.18
600024.00	Cemetery Trust Acct.	\$ 7.27

**FISCAL YEAR 2025
TREASURY RECEIPTS
SUMMARY REPORT
07/01/24 - 06/30/25**

TR CODE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
600026.00	Sunrise Solar Escrow Trust	\$ 18.68
600030.00	Conservation Trust Acct	\$ 18.76
6004.00	Air Pollution Control	\$ (249.00)
6010.00	MRV Non-Renewal	\$ (20.00)
6012.00	RTA Assessment	\$ (824.00)
7000.02	Dog Lic Rsrvd for Library	\$ 1,613.25
7000.03	Municipality Rides Disbursement	\$ 1.80
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$ 4,181,977.12

Treasurer's Report FY 2025

Long Term Debit

LOAN	OUTSTANDING JULY 1, 2024	NEW DEBIT ISSUED	RETIREMENTS	OUTSTANDING JUNE 30, 2025	INTEREST PAID IN FY 2025
HIGHWAY GARAGE	164,740.80		5,018.52	159,722.28	7,001.48
FIRESTATION	159,172.00		9,364.00	149,808.00	4,974.13

Short Term Debit

LOAN	OUTSTANDING JULY 1, 2024	NEW DEBIT ISSUED	RETIREMENTS	OUTSTANDING JUNE 30, 2025	INTEREST PAID IN FY 2025
SAN- STATE ANTICIPATION NOTE		600,000.00	600,000.00	0.00	8,825.83

Total interest paid on loans = \$20,801.44

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

Town Clerk Annual Report Fiscal Year 2025

Hello, The 2026 Annual Street Listing/Census was mailed out in January. If you have not received a Census Form in the mail, please contact the Town Clerk office and I will get one right out to you.

2025 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 as help to curb identity theft.

Deaths: Two people passed away. Our condolences go out to their loved ones.

Marriages: Two couples took out marriage intentions.

Births: There were 3 births , all 3 were females . Congratulations !

2020 Federal Census Population# 814 Registered Voters #643 Dog Licenses Issued #173

A Special Town Meeting took place on April 23,2025 with 9 Registered Voters attending and 1 Guest. The Annual Town Meeting was held June 7, 2025, with 34 Registered Voters and 9 Guests attending.

Peru Annual Town Local Election June 14, 2025, Results #80 Voters Turned Out to Vote

Select Board 3-Yr. Term
Verne L. Leach—71

Planning Board 5-Yr. Term
Samuel P. Haupt -76

Finance Committee 3-Yr. Term
Douglas A. Haskins- 76

Board of Health 3-Yr. Term
Darryl L. Darby -77

Constable 2-Yr. Term
Peggy L White -77

Moderator 1-Yr. Term
Allan Gordon—11 (write -in votes)

Election Workers and Board of Registrars: I sincerely thank you all , it's always a pleasure to work with you.

Election Warden Gladys Wheeler, **Election Clerk/Assistant Warden** Becky Scott.

Poll Workers; Sara Adams ,Beth Bigelow , Kathy Borden, Katie Boucher, Margaret Chieffo, Brenda Darby, Darryl Darby, George, Greule, Sharon Greule, Linda Kellogg, Terry Kellogg, James Kenney, Cathy MacPhail, Branden Mascolo, Nanette Mone, Irene Morrison, Amy Pharmer, Peggy White, and David Whiting

Board of Registrars; Tina Barrington, Scott Seely, JoAnn Gordon Assistant Board of Registrar Sharon Greule.

I'd like to express my gratitude to Gladys Wheeler my Assistant in the Town Clerk Office. Her dedication, attention to detail, reliability, and positive attitude make such a difference . I'm grateful to have her support—it doesn't go unnoticed.

I want to thank the residents for making my job enjoyable –it's a true privilege to serve you , your warmth and trust make my work meaningful and rewarding.

Respectfully Submitted by, *Kim A Leach*

Town Clerk
Burial Agent
Chief Elections Officer
Super Records Access Officer
Ex-officio Member Board of Registrars
Member of the Massachusetts Town Clerks Association
Phone: 413-655-8312 X 102 ~ E-mail: townclerk@townofperuma.com
Town Clerk Facebook Page www.facebook.com/PeruMassTownClerk

Town Clerk Report Fiscal Year 2025

Town Clerk Responsibilities

Serves as Custodian of official Town Records and public documents.

Maintains records, catalogs, and files all official and public documents in conformity with the Mass. General Laws.

Files all Boards and Committees meeting minutes.

Administers Oath of Office for all town officials. Administers oath of office as required to all elected officials, appointed members of boards and committees, and police and fire department personnel.

Attests to and maintains documentation on all elected and appointed Town officials, and letters of resignation.

Recording Officer. Records and certifies all official actions of Town Meeting legislation and appropriations, prepares, and sends newly voted bylaws to the Attorney General's Office for approval.

Maintains DLS (Division of Local Services) Gateway and Local Officials Directory.

Certifies town budget in order for Assessor's to set tax rate.

Receives and records all applications and final decisions of the Zoning Board of Appeals; issues statements of "no appeal". Files Zoning By-Law and Town By-Law changes accompanied with necessary documentation for Approval with the Attorney General; records and notifies appropriate officials of approval/disapproval.

Issues certificates of the votes taken at Town meeting as required by law or upon request.

Serves as Chief Elections Officer for the Town with full responsibility for the total administration of fair and impartial local, state, and federal elections and town meetings in accordance with the Secretary of State's office & local By-laws. Prepares election calendar, manages all on-site activity at the polling place, arranges for the physical setup of polls, trains poll workers, prepares tally sheets; oversees and reports official election results to the Secretary of State's Office, and is a member of the Board of Registrars. Responsible for the layout and printing of town ballots. Prepares, receives, and certifies nomination papers and initiative petitions. and provides necessary election calendar and candidate information.

Arranges for applications, mailing and return of absentee ballots for all elections.

Oversees all aspects of voter registrations and related functions using automated state voter registration system: Central Voter Registration System (CVR). Resolves voter issues.

Reports the official list of town officials elected and qualified to the Secretary of State's office after every local election and reports any changes in such offices as they occur.

Preserves and maintains archival information and issues certified copies of birth, death, and marriage records thereby providing a legal and historically accurate record of Town actions.

Serves as Registrar of Vital Statistics. Records and indexes all birth, marriage, and death certificates; and is responsible for maintenance, disposition, and preservation of municipal archival records and materials.

Reports monthly to the State Registry of Vital Records and Statistics, adhering to records management schedules and files amendments to birth, marriage and death certificates as required; corrects and amends certificates as directed by court action from Massachusetts and all other states

Serves as a Licensing Officer. Issues permits and certificates including marriage licenses, raffle and bazaar permits, burial permits, business certificates, dog licenses; ensuring that rabies vaccination is current.

As Census and Voter Registration Administrator, the Town Clerk is responsible for the State Central Voter Registry Information System (CVR) on a local level as well as all related census activity. Mails an annual census form to each household, enters the data in CVR, prepares and arranges for the printing of the Annual Street List.

Verifies and certifies residency upon request publicizes voter registration sessions, manages voter list, verifies, and certifies signatures of voters on petitions and nomination papers, manages, and maintains Absentee

Balloting lists for all Elections and certifies voter status. Attends training seminars or programs to maintain knowledge of changes in local, state or federal regulations/laws as well as the application of technology in support of department operations.

ORDER OF BUSINESS
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Berkshire, ss

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

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Peru, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 3 East Main Road Peru, MA for a Special Town Meeting on, Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., then and there to take action on the following articles, namely:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Town Clerk Kim Leach.

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

The elected Moderator has resigned. Allan Gordon was nominated to be Moderator for this meeting. His nomination was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to Transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$41,545.70 to fund the Vocational Transportation account for the remainder of the year or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written. Following discussion, the article was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$1,635.15 to the Utilities Account to pay Eversource invoices received in FY25 or take any other action relative thereto.

Eversource

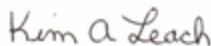
1. # 7200-251-5574, FY24/ April invoice \$299.91
2. # 7200-045-0204, FY24 / April invoice \$576.54
3. #7200-0450204 old account # 5413-777-1002, FY24 December Invoice \$504.37
4. #7200-074-3210, FY24 June invoice \$170.68
5. #7200-171-2263, FY25/ August invoice \$83.65

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written. Following discussion, the article was carried by unanimous voice vote.

*A Motion was made and seconded to dissolve the meeting and was carried by unanimous voice vote.
The meeting was dissolved at 6:18 pm.*

Nine registered voters and one guest attended the meeting.

ATTEST:



This is a true copy.

Kim Leach, Town Clerk Certified: April 25, 2025

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

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

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Peru, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet in the Town Fire Station, 11 East Main Road Peru, MA on Saturday, June 7, 2025, at 6:00 PM 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 p.m. by Town Clerk Kim Leach.

Article 1: To choose a Moderator for the Annual Town Meeting if the elected Moderator is absent or take any other action relative thereto:

The duly elected Moderator resigned their position. The motion was made and seconded that Allan Gordon be chosen to be Moderator for the meeting. Allan Gordon accepted the role of Moderator and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Bruce Cullett, Chairman of the Finance Committee, made introductory comments regarding the FY 26 budget

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the several Town Officers, or take any other action relative thereto:

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written. The article was carried unanimously by voice vote.

Article 3: To see if the Town of Peru will vote to approve the Central Berkshire Regional School District Amended Regional Agreement as presented by the School Committee, which will be on file at the Peru Town Clerk's Office, Superintendent of Schools Office and the Peru Public Library, or take any other action relative thereto:

Board of Selectmen in support of this article.

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written. Following discussion, the article carried by a majority, raise of hands, 37 in favor, 11 opposed.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the Central Berkshire Regional School District FY26 Assessment, or to take any other action relative thereto:

Net Operating Assessment	\$ 1,021,339.00
Capital Assessment	<u>160,437.00</u>
Total Town of Peru Assessment	\$1,181,776.00

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee in support of this article.

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written. Following discussion, the article was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money to fix the salaries of all elected officers as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of M.G. L., for FY26 or take any other action relative thereto:

Selectboard	
Member	\$ 3,792.71
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Town Clerk	\$15,000.00
Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee in support of this article.	

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written. The article was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money to fix the salaries of the following appointed officers for FY26, or to take any other action relative thereto:

Assessors'	
Lead Assessor	21,840.00
Assessor #1	3,888.38
Assessor	2,652.25
Treasurer	15,600.00
Tax Collector	15,600.00
Accounting Services	35,100.00
Animal Control Officer	2,027.37
Police Chief	80,000.00
Inspector of Animals	1,007.25
Veterans' Agent	530.12
Council on Aging Director	2,400.00
Fire Chief	6,000.00
Cemetery Sexton	750.00
Town Auditor	1.00
Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee in support of this article.	

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written. Following discussion, the article was carried by majority voice vote.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the following accounts for FY26, or take any other action relative thereto:

Assessors' Salaries	\$ 28,380.63
Selectmen's Salary	11,378.15
Tax Collector's Salary	15,600.00
Town Clerk's Salary	15,000.00
Treasurer's Salary	15,600.00
Accounting Services	35,100.00
Assessing Services	25,000.00
Animal Control Officer's Salary	2,027.37
Inspector of Animals Salary	1,007.25

Veterans' Agent Salary	530.12
Council on Aging Director	2,400.00
Fire Chief	6,000.00
Police Chief	80,000.00
Cemetery Sexton Salary	750.00
Town Auditor	1.00

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee in support of this article.

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written. Following discussion, the article was carried by majority 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 for FY26, or to take any other action relative thereto:

Recording Secretary	\$ 5,150.00
Elections & Registrar's Account	3,500.00
Assistant Town Clerk	2,500.00
Compactor Attendants	9,171.12
Town Administrator's Salary	\$40,000.00

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee in support of this article.

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written. Following discussion, the article was carried by majority voice vote.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the following accounts for FY26, 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	2,000.00
Town Clerk's Expense	2,000.00
Town Report Expense	2,000.00
Treasurer/Accounting Expense	1,500.00
Treasurer Tax Title Expense	6,000.00
Board of Appeals Expense	100.00
U.S. Postal Expense	4,200.00
Health Department Expense	15,172.00
Hogweed Eradication	\$1,500.00

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee in support of this article.

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written. Following discussion, the article was carried by majority voice vote.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the following accounts for FY26, or to take any other action relative thereto:

Assessors' Annual Computer Support	\$ 2,400.00
Computer Supplies & Maintenance IT	21,000.00
Treas./Acct. Annual Computer Support	14,638.87
Tax Collector's Annual Computer Support	11,981.73
Assessors' Tax Map Maintenance	1,600.00
Continuing Education	3,000.00
Office Supplies	2,000.00
Assessor Utility Appraisal	3,500.00

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee in support of this article.

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written. Following discussion, the article was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the following accounts for FY26, or to take any other action relative thereto:

Conservation Commission Expense	\$ 400.00
Interest on Loans	15,000.00
Legal Expense	9,000.00
Officers' Mileage	1,500.00

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee in support of this article.

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written. Following discussion, the article was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the following accounts for FY26, or to take any other action relative thereto:

Elderly Outreach	\$ 650.00
Council on Aging Expense	1,000.00
Veterans Service	6,000.00

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee in support of this article.

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written. The article was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the following accounts for FY26, or to take any other action relative thereto:

Medicare – Town Share	\$ 6,700.00
Health Ins/Life & Dental	151,431.36
Town Insurance - All	44,800.00
Mass. Unemployment Insurance	600.00
CHUBB Insurance	7,358.00

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee in support of this article.

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written. Following discussion, the article was carried by majority voice vote

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the following accounts for FY26, or to take any other action relative thereto:

Partridge Field Playground Trust	\$ 1,500.00
Peru Library	23,256.00
Mowing: Cemeteries, Town Hall, Town Park and Town Green:	6,600.00

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee in support of this article.

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written. The article was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the following accounts for FY26, or to take any other action relative thereto:

Town Buildings' Maintenance	\$ 12,000.00
Town Building Maint. Salary	\$6,000.00
Utilities – Electric	15,000.00
Utilities – Heating	17,000.00
Utilities - Telephone	1,800.00
Internet Communication Lines	7,200.00
Town Website Design, Hosting, & Support	3,000.00
Town Hall Janitorial Services	4,900.00
Cemetery Expense	500.00

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee in support of this article.

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written. Following discussion, the article was carried by majority voice vote.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the following accounts for FY26 or to take any other action relative thereto:

Compactor	\$ 39,520.00
Northern Berkshire Solid Waste District	3,178.48

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee in support of this article.

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written. Following discussion, the article was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the following accounts for FY26, or to take any other action relative thereto:

Berk. County Reg. Planning Comm.	728.05
Berk. County Retirement Assessment	63,800.00
Hinsdale Ambulance	3,000.00
Town Fire Station Mortgage Payment	14,045.50
Police Wages	28,525.00
Police Expenses	8,250.00
Police Cruiser Maintenance	3,850.00
Police Continuing Education	3,000.00
Emergency Management Expenses	\$1,000.00

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee in support of this article.

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written. Following discussion, the article was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the following accounts for FY26, or to take any other action relative thereto:

Peru Volunteer Fire Department Operating Expenses	\$ 25,000.00
Peru Volunteer Fire Department Insurances	6,000.00
Peru Volunteer Fire Department Building Maintenance	2,000.00

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee in support of this article.

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written. Following discussion, the article was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the following accounts for FY26, or to take any other action relative thereto:

Gas & Fuel Account	\$ 33,000.00
Maintain Hard Surface Roads	28,000.00
Material, Gravel Roads	25,000.00
Road Machinery Maintenance	25,000.00
Snow Roads, Private	500.00
Snow Roads, Public	95,000.00
Town Highways & Bridges	20,000.00
Town Highway Garage Mortgage Payment	12,020.00
Highway Employee Wage Acct.	113,516.30
Highway Superintendent Salary	79,567.50
Highway Department Uniforms	3,800.00
Tree Removal	25,000.00
Temporary Summer Help	8,000.00

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee in support of this article.

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written. Following discussion, the article was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the vocational education and transportation accounts for FY26, or take any other action relative thereto:

Vocational School Tuition	\$216,930.00
Vocational School Transportation	\$88,380.00

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee in support of this article.

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written. Following discussion, the article was carried by majority voice vote.

Article 21: To see if the Town will transfer from **Free Cash** the sum of Forty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Three Dollars and Ninety-Five Cents (\$41,783.95), or any other sums, for overage in Snow Roads, or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee in support of this article.

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written. Following discussion, the article was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from **Free Cash** the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars and Zero cents (\$50,000.00), or any other sum, to reduce the tax rate or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee in support of this article.

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written. the article was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from **Free Cash** the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$50,000.00), or any other sum, towards a 2026 Freightliner Plow Truck, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee in support of this article.

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written. Following discussion, the article was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Future Equipment Account the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$100,000.00), or any other sum, towards a 2026 Freightliner Plow Truck, the balance to be taken from Chapter 90, or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee in support of this article.

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written. Following discussion, the article was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Article 25: To see if the Town will transfer from **Free Cash** the sum of Twenty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$26,700.00), or any other sum, to repaint and seal the Salt Shed Roof, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee in support of this article.

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written. Following discussion, the article was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Article 26: To see if the Town will transfer from **Free Cash** the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$15,000.00), or any other sum, to purchase Three (3) portable radios for the Fire Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee in support of this article.

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written. The article carried by unanimous voice vote

Article 27: To see if the Town will transfer from **Free Cash** the sum of Five Thousand Two Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$5,200.00), or any other sum, to purchase a Snowplow for the Highway Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee in support of this article.

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written. Following discussion, the article was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Article 28: To see if the Town will Transfer from **Free Cash** the sum of Four Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$4,800.00), or any other sum, for Renatus Solutions to upgrade computers, or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee in support of this article.

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written. The article carried by unanimous voice vote.

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from **Free Cash** the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$10,000.00), or any other sum, to the Reserve Fund for FY26 or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee in support of this article.

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written. Following discussion, the article was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Article 30: To see if the town will vote to authorize the use of the following revolving funds for departmental operations which shall not exceed the noted sums for each fund, which shall be under the control of the Town Treasurer, which shall be accounted for separately, and to which shall be credited only the receipts received in connection with the departmental operations supported by the revolving fund: further to authorize the Town Treasurer to expend from such funds in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ of the Mass General Laws, provided however that said expenditures for the revolving fund shall not exceed the receipts for said fund:

Board of Health Fees	\$1,500.00
Firearms Licensing Fees-Police Department	\$3,000.00

Board of Selectman and Finance Committee in support of this article.

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written. Following discussion, the article was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to exclude, as provided for in Chapter 135 of the Acts of 2024, it's municipal administrative building and Town property from being defined as "prohibited areas under Chapter 269, Section 10 (k)(2)(i), thereby allowing possession of a firearm, loaded or unloaded, as defined in Section 121 of Chapter 140 in said buildings, or take any other action relative thereto".
Board of Selectmen in support of this article.

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written. Following discussion, a motion was made to vote on this article by secret ballot. The Moderator made the determination to use secret ballots. The article passes by the majority: 37 voted yes, 7 voted no.

Article 32: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Chapter 90 funds that are, or may become, available to the Town during FY26 for Roadway Projects and Repairs, and to authorize the Treasurer to borrow such amounts in anticipation of reimbursement by the Commonwealth or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written. The article carried by unanimous voice vote.

Article 33: 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.

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written. The article carried by unanimous voice vote.

Town Clerk, Kim Leach thanked the Peru Volunteer Fire Fighters for preparing the Fire Department Building for the meeting.

The meeting was dissolved at 7:51 pm.

48 Registered Voters and 5 Guests were in attendance

ATTEST:

This is a true copy.



Kim Leach
Town Clerk
Certified: June 11, 2025

About Peru

Incorporated in 1771, Peru, MA is located on the eastern edge of beautiful Berkshire County. Peru had a population of 814 at the 2020 census. The town has a rich rural character, and is perfect for those seeking a peaceful getaway in the country.

Our official website is designed to be user-friendly and provide the public with greater access to our municipal government.

Our History

Originally known as Northern Berkshire Township Number 2 and including all of Hinsdale and part of Middlefield, the town was first settled in 1767 and was officially incorporated as Partridgefield in 1771. Originally named for Oliver Partridge, one of the three purchasers of the town (along with Governor Francis Bernard), the name was officially changed to Peru in 1806, on the suggestion of the Rev. John Leland, "because it is like the Peru of South America, a mountain town, and if no gold or silver mines are under her rocks, she favors hard money and begins with a P."

(From Wikipedia https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peru,_Massachusetts)

The Berkshires town of Peru is a bedroom community for the mills in Dalton, Pittsfield of Berkshire county, and the Hampden county cities Springfield and West Springfield. With the highest town center in Massachusetts, more than half of Peru is woodlands, including the Dorothy Frances Rice Wildlife Sanctuary.

The only lake in Peru is the privately-owned Garnet Lake. Garnet Mountain Monument commemorates 15 soldiers who were killed in a plane crash on Garnet Mountain during World War II.