

TOWN HALL 3 EAST MAIN ROAD PERU, MA 01235

**FINANCE COMMITTEE/ BOARD OF SELECTMEN Joint Meeting:**

**April 28, 2026 @ 6:00 P.M.**

Town Hall Meeting Room

- Bruce Cullett, Chairman
- Doug Haskins, Fin Com Member
- Samuel Haupt, Board of Selectman
- Paul Hickling, Fin Com Member
- Branden Mascolo, Fin Com Member
- Verne Leach, Selectman
- Edward Munch, Selectman
- Justin Russell, Highway Superintendent

Public Attendees: Terry Walker, Recording Secretary, Mitch Lacker and Scott Krichner-Revolution IT

**Item 1: Call to order:** Fin Com Chairman Cullett called the joint meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Item 2: Roll Call: Finance Committee:** Chairman Cullett present, Doug Haskins present, Paul Hickling present, Branden Mascolo present

**Roll Call: Selectboard:** Selectman Leach present, Selectman Haupt present, Selectman Munch present

**Item 3: Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Selectman Leach

**Item 4: State recording status:** TA Walker recording and Selectman Leach recording for personal reasons under exemption E.

**Item 5: Review and Approve Joint Finance Committee/Selectboard meeting minutes from April 14, 2026:**

Fin Com Chairman Cullett motion to accept April 14, 2026, minutes pending changes, Fin Com member Hickling second, 4-0.

Selectman Leach motion to accept April 14, 2026, minutes pending changes, Selectman Munch second, 3-0.

**Item 6: Review, discuss and possibly vote on any FY27 Budget line items:**

**IT-** Mitch Lacker included projects where all systems would be sent to the cloud which would make it easier for people to work from home. There would also be another level of cyber security and working from home with the VPN would remain secure. MIIA has a grant for cyber resilience. The extra security would enable IT to recover and restore all data in the event of a cyber-attack.

**Tax Collector/Treasurer:**

Treasurer Wendling- level funded most of her budget. Interest On Loans account was increased due to a note which will be due in August. Health Insurance was calculated at the worst-case scenario \$206,365.54. which included 2 extra family plans. If one family plan is deducted the Health Insurance appropriation would be \$185,000.

Legal	\$9,000	
TA Salary	\$41,200	3%
Recording Secretary	\$5,304.50	3%
IT	\$22,450	
Website	\$1,500	

Assessor Sal	3%
Treasurer Sal	3%
Assistant Town clerk	3%
Internet	\$ 7,250
Fire Chief Sal	\$6,180 3%
Fire Station Mort	\$13,752.88
FD maintenance	level fund
Hogweed	\$ 750.
Snow Roads	\$ 90,500.
Compactor	?
Utilities Heat	\$21,000
Mowing	\$ 6,800
UMAS accounting software	\$15,000

**COA Director:**

Fin Com Chairman Cullett suggested removing COA Director Salary from town appropriation and utilizing the Formula grant to fund the COA Director's salary. Selectman Haupt felt that the COA Director Salary needed to be an appropriation because if an account does not exist you can not pay the salary. Fin Com member Haskins asked if the grant was pending. It was noted that the Formula Grant has a balance of around \$30,000. Selectman Leach mentioned that the COA Director Salary was an appropriation and it was voted by the BOS that it should be a 3% increase like everyone else. Selectman Munch asked why the salary was not approved at \$5,200 at last night's meeting. Fin Com Chairman was in favor of using grant funds to pay the COA Director salary and expand services that directly affect the town residents. Fin Com Chairman Cullett is baffled that the BOS do not want to expand services for the seniors with a grant. Selectman Haupt mentioned that the BOS had voted 2-0 to increase the COA Director salary by 3% like everyone else. Fin Com Chairman Cullett mentioned that when Bonny DiTomasso, COA Director, presented her budget to the Finance Committee it was a unanimous vote to increase the services, and her salary would be increased to \$5,200 per year. Selectman Leach reiterated that it had already been decided that the COA Director Salary would be a 3% raise. Fin Com Chairman Cullett asked Selectman Leach why he was against expanding services to the elderly. Selectman Leach mentioned that these are salaried positions and some of Bonny's hours are Shine which is a volunteer position. Fin Com Chairman Cullett mentioned that the BOS aren't aware of the tremendous asset Bonny is to the town. Fin Com Member Hickling and Selectman Munch want the expanded services placed on the ATM warrant at \$5,200 and it can always be lowered. TA Walker was instructed to contact Town Council and the Accountants on funding a position with a grant. The Finance Committee supports expanding COA services, the BOS not in favor

**Rec Comm member:** Doug Haskins mentioned that the quotes for a fence around the ballfield may cost around \$7,500 but he does not have a quote.

Fin Com Chairman Cullett motion to appropriate \$15,000 from Free Cash for the conversion from Statutory Accounting to UMAS Accounting, Fin Com member Hickling second, 4-0.

Selectboard Chairman Leach motion to appropriate \$15,000 from Free Cash for the conversion from Statutory Accounting to UMAS Accounting, Selectman Munch second, 3-0.

Fin Com Chairman Cullett motion to appropriate \$41,000 from Free Cash to reduce the tax rate, Fin Com member Hickling second, 3-1.

Selectboard Chairman Leach motion to appropriate \$41,000 from Free Cash to reduce the tax rate, Selectman Munch second, 3-0.

Fin Com Chairman Cullett motion to appropriate \$9,000 from Free Cash to pay an extra payment on the fire station mortgage, Fin Com member Hickling second, 3-1.

Selectman Haupt motion to appropriate \$9,000 from Free Cash to pay an extra payment on the fire station mortgage, Selectman Munch second, 3-0.

**Item 6: Review, discuss and possible vote on any FY26 Requests to Transfer Funds:**

Fin Com Chairman Cullett motion to approve \$ 2,946.83 to Utilities Heating account, Fin Com member Haskins second, 4-0.

Fin Com Chairman Cullett motion to approve \$2,291.67 to the Interest on Loans deficit, Fin Com member Hickling second, 4-0.

Fin Com Chairman suggested the BOS adopt a policy regarding moving owed taxes to tax title. Selectman Haupt agreed, stating that the accountants suggested adopting a reconciliation policy and the accountants are happy with the progress the town has made in reconciling the books. The next step is placing back taxes into tax title which will add to the town's Free Cash. Selectman Haupt felt that the town should have a strategy for ATM.

**Item 7: Public Input:** N/A

**Item 8: Adjourn:** Fin Com member Cullett made a motion to adjourn the 4/28/2026 Fin Com Meeting, Fin Com member Hickling second, vote 4-0. The 4/28/2026 Fin Com meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Selectman Leach made a motion to adjourn the 4/28/2026 joint meeting, Selectman Munch second, 3-0. The 4/28/2026 meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

**Articles used:**

- Minutes- April 14, 2026
- FY27 spreadsheet
- Expense Report
- Reserve Fund Transfers
- Health Insurance
- Land Stewardship-Hogweed
- Treasurer/Tax Collector budget
- IT 2027 budget

Respectfully Submitted,

*Terry Walker*  
*Recording Secretary*

Bruce Cullett, Chairman

  
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Doug Haskins, Fin Com Member

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Samuel Haupt, Fin Com Member

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Paul Hickling, Fin Com Member \_\_\_\_\_

Branden Moscolo, Fin Com Member \_\_\_\_\_



Date Approved: 5/26/26

Verne Leach, Selectman Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Edward Munch, Selectman \_\_\_\_\_

Samuel Haupt, Selectman \_\_\_\_\_

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Received 5-26-2026  
Kim Leach, Town Clerk

Line Item Number	Budget Item	FY 24 Allocation	FY 25 Proposed	FY 26 Proposed	FY 27 Proposed	Increase/(Decrease)	% change
10111.00	Legal	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,900.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ -	0%
10122.00	Town Administrator	\$ 30,900.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 40,000.00			
10122.01	Selectmen's Salary	\$ 10,725.00	\$ 11,046.75	\$ 11,378.15	\$ 11,719.49	\$ (40,000.00)	-100%
10122.02	Selectmen Expenses	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 341.34	3%
10122.06	Recording Secretary	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,150.00		\$ (5,150.00)	-100%
10123.00	Continuing Ed	\$ 6,530.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	0%
10124.00	IT	\$ 24,500.00	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 21,000		\$ (21,000.00)	-100%
10124.02	Website	\$ 1,930.00	\$ 1,930.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ (1,500.00)	-50%
10135.00	Accountant Services	\$ 31,800.00	\$ 31,800.00	\$ 35,100.00	\$ 35,100.00	\$ -	0%
10135.01	Town Auditor	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	100%
10141.00	Assessor Salary	\$ 24,691.00	\$ 25,431.00	\$ 28,380.63	\$ 29,323.05	\$ 942.42	3%
10141.01	Assessor Expenses	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	0%
10141.02	Assessor Services	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	0%
10141.04	Tax Map Maintenance	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 1,000.00	63%
10141.12	Assessor Computer	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ -	0%
10141.25	Assessor Utility Appraisal	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 1,000.00	29%
10145.00	Treasurer's Salary	\$ 12,730.80	\$ 13,112.72	\$ 15,600.00	\$ 16,050.00	\$ 450.00	3%
10145.02	Treasurer Expenses	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	0%
10145.03	Bank Charges	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -	0%
10145.04	Treasurer Tax Title Exp	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -	0%
10145.05	Annual Software	\$ 13,277.97	\$ 13,941.87	\$ 14,638.97		\$ (14,638.97)	-100%
10146.00	Tax Collector Salary	\$ 12,730.80	\$ 13,112.72	\$ 15,600.00	\$ 16,050.00	\$ 450.00	3%
10146.01	Tax Collector Expenses	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00		\$ (1,500.00)	-100%
10146.02	Tax Taking Charges	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,000.00		\$ (2,000.00)	-100%
10146.05	Tax Coll Computer Support	\$ 10,867.78	\$ 11,411.17	\$ 11,981.73		\$ (11,981.73)	-100%
10161.00	Town Clerk Salary	\$ 10,300.00	\$ 10,609.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 16,050.00	\$ 1,050.00	7%
10161.01	Town Clerk Expenses	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,595.00	\$ 595.00	30%
10161.02	Asst Town Clerk Salary	\$ 2,730.00	\$ 2,811.60	\$ 2,500.00		\$ (2,500.00)	-100%
10161.03	Election & Bd of Reg	\$ 5,850.00	\$ 5,850.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 8,340.00	\$ 4,840.00	138%
10171.00	Conservation Comm	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 100.00	25%
10172.00	BRPC	\$ 693.00	\$ 710.30	\$ 728.05	\$ 746.26	\$ 18.21	3%
10173.00	Board of Appeals	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -	0%
10175.00	Officer's Mileage	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	0%
10175.01	USPS	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 800.00	19%
10175.02	Office Supplies	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	0%
20212.00	Police Dept. Expenses	\$ 7,085.00	\$ 7,450.00	\$ 8,250.00	\$ 8,539.00	\$ 289.00	4%
20212.02	Police Wages	\$ 39,000.00	\$ 39,000.00	\$ 28,525.00	\$ 29,380.75	\$ 855.75	3%
20212.04	Police Cruiser Maint	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,850.00	\$ 3,850.00	\$ -	0%
20212.08	Police Chief Salary	\$ 67,500.00	\$ 69,525.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 82,400.00	\$ 2,400.00	3%
20217.00	Internet	\$ 6,700.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,200.00		\$ (7,200.00)	-100%
20212.13	Police CHUBB Insurance		\$ 8,300.00	\$ 7,358.00	\$ 7,381.00	\$ 23.00	0%
20218.00	Emergency Management			\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	0%
20220.00	Police Continuing Ed	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	0%

20222.00	Vol FD	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	0%
20222.01	Fire Chief Salary	\$ 2,525.00	\$ 2,600.50	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	(5,000.00)	-100%
20222.02	Fire Station Mortgage	\$ 1.00	\$ 14,338.13	\$ 14,045.50	\$ -	\$ -	(14,045.50)	-100%
20222.04	Firemen's Building Maint	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	-	0%
20222.11	Vol FD Insurance	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	-	0%
20224.00	Hinsdale Ambulance	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	-	0%
20226.00	Insp of Animals	\$ 950.00	\$ 978.50	\$ 1,007.25	\$ 1,037.46	\$ 30.21	-	3%
20292.00	Animal Control Salary	\$ 1,911.00	\$ 1,968.33	\$ 2,027.37	\$ 2,088.19	\$ 60.82	-	3%
20293.00	Animal Control Expense	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	-	0%
30000.01	CBRSD Operating/Transp	\$ 903,919.00	\$ 943,938.00	\$ 1,021,339.00	\$ 1,083,751.00	\$ 62,412.00	-	6%
30000.02	CBRSD Capital	\$ 102,405.00	\$ 117,707.00	\$ 160,437.00	\$ 156,297.00	\$ (4,140.00)	-	-3%
30000.04	Smith Vocational Tuition	\$ 180,684.00	\$ 208,470.00	\$ 216,930.00	\$ 203,031.00	\$ (13,899.00)	-	-6%
30000.05	Voc Sch Transportation	\$ 41,180.40	\$ 43,027.20	\$ 88,380.00	\$ 74,887.20	\$ (13,492.80)	-	-15%
30610.00	Peru Library	\$ 19,265.00	\$ 21,243.00	\$ 23,256.00	\$ 23,256.00	\$ -	-	0%
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40100.00	Road Superintendent Salary	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 77,250.00	\$ 79,567.50	\$ 81,954.52	\$ 2,387.02	-	3%
40103.00	Highway Employee Wages	\$ 107,000.00	\$ 110,210.00	\$ 113,516.30	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 6,483.70	-	6%
40103.05	Temp Summer Help	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ -	-	0%
40105.00	Highway Uniforms	\$ 3,700.00	\$ 3,700.00	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,800.00	\$ -	-	0%
40200.00	Maint Hard Road Surfaces	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 28,000.00	\$ -	-	0%
40204.00	Material Gravel Roads	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	-	0%
40206.00	Road Machinery Maint	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	-	20%
40208.00	Gas & Fuel	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 33,000.00	\$ -	-	0%
40210.00	Town Highway & Bridges	\$ 16,750.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	-	0%
40212.02	Highway Garage Mortgage	\$ 12,020.00	\$ 12,020.00	\$ 12,020.00	\$ 12,020.00	\$ -	-	0%
40213.24	Highway Build Maint	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	-	#DIV/0!
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40213.25	Hogweed Eradication	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	-	0%
40214.00	Tree Removal	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	-	0%
40423.00	Snow Roads Public	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 95,000.00	\$ 95,000.00	\$ -	-	0%
		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	0%
40500.00	Compactor	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 39,520.00	\$ -	\$ (39,520.00)	-	-100%
40502.00	Northern Berk Solid Waste	\$ 2,866.00	\$ 3,178.48	\$ 3,178.48	\$ 3,420.00	\$ 241.52	-	8%
40503.00	Health Dept	\$ 15,500.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 15,172.00	\$ 16,402.00	\$ 1,230.00	-	8%
40504.00	Compactor Attendant	\$ 7,950.00	\$ 8,188.50	\$ 9,171.12	\$ 9,446.25	\$ 275.13	-	3%
50300.00	Council On Aging Expenses	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	-	0%
50302.00	Elderly Outreach Program	\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00	\$ -	-	0%
50303.00	Council On Aging Salary	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,236.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ -	\$ (2,400.00)	-	-100%
50700.00	Cemetery Sexton Salary	\$ 500.00	\$ 515.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 772.00	\$ 22.00	-	3%
50700.01	Cemeteries	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	-	0%
50900.00	Veterans Agent Salary	\$ 500.00	\$ 515.00	\$ 530.12	\$ 546.02	\$ 15.90	-	3%
50902.00	Veterans Services	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -	-	0%
60002.04	Town Building Maintenance	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	-	25%
60002.05	Utilities Electric	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	-	0%

60002.06	Utilities Heating	\$ 16,500.00	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	12%
60002.07	Utilities Telephone	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ -	0%
60002.25	Town Building Maint. Salary	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,180	\$ 180.00	
60002.4	Town Hall Cleaning	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 4,900.00	\$ 4,900.00	\$ 4,900.00	\$ -	0%
60004.10	Town Green Park Mowing	\$ 6,450.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,600.00	\$ (6,600.00)	\$ -	-100%
60006.00	Partridge Field Playground	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	0%
70750.00	Interest on Loans	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ (15,000.00)	\$ -	-100%
90206.00	Town Insurance	\$ 41,559.00	\$ 43,559.00	\$ 44,800.00	\$ 43,553.00	\$ (1,247.00)	-3%
90208.00	Town Report	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	0%
90912.00	BCRS Assessment	\$ 58,841.00	\$ 62,960.00	\$ 63,800.00	\$ 66,990.00	\$ 3,190.00	5%
90913.00	Mass Unemployment	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ -	0%
90915.00	Medicare	\$ 7,700.00	\$ 6,300.00	\$ 6,700.00	\$ 6,900.00	\$ 200.00	3%
90919.00	Health Insurance	\$ 132,120.96	\$ 142,450.56	\$ 151,431.36	\$ -	\$ (151,431.36)	-100%
95781.00	Reserve Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	TOTAL	\$ 2,507,489.71	\$ 2,656,746.33	\$ 2,899,870.53	\$ 2,629,507.19	\$ (270,363.34)	-9%

# Town of Peru

## All Departments Expenditure Report

From 07/01/2025 to 06/30/2026

01 - GENERAL FUND Account	Description	Carry Fwd	Orig Bud	Amended	Encumb	Expend	Unencum Bal	% Exp
10111.00	Legal Expense		\$9,000.00			\$6,634.12	\$2,365.88	73.71 %
10122.00	Town Administrator		\$40,000.00			\$33,846.12	\$6,153.88	84.61 %
10122.01	Selectmen's Salary		\$11,378.15			\$9,481.80	\$1,896.35	83.33 %
10122.02	Selectmen & Other Expense		\$2,500.00			\$1,753.01	\$746.99	70.12 %
10122.06	Administrative Comp							100.00 %
10122.07	Recording Secretary		\$5,150.00			\$2,600.00	\$2,550.00	50.48 %
10122.10	Peru Marketing Study					\$-10,000.00	\$10,000.00	100.00 %
10123.00	Continuing Education		\$3,000.00			\$1,663.76	\$1,336.24	55.45 %
10123.80	ENCFY25 - ADAMS / HOTEL 1620 ENCUMB							100.00 %
10124.00	Computer System Maintenance & Suppl		\$21,000.00			\$16,049.43	\$4,950.57	76.42 %
10124.02	Town Website		\$3,000.00			\$3,000.00		100.00 %
10124.90	ATM 6/23 A28 Permit Eyes							100.00 %
10124.92	ATM 6/25 A28 Upgrade Computers		\$4,800.00				\$4,800.00	0.00 %
10135.00	Accounting Officer's Sal							100.00 %
10135.01	Town Auditor's Salary		\$1.00				\$1.00	0.00 %
10135.03	Accounting Services		\$35,100.00			\$26,325.00	\$8,775.00	75.00 %
10141.00	Assessors' Salary		\$28,380.63			\$22,146.38	\$6,234.25	78.03 %
10141.01	Assessors' Expense		\$1,000.00			\$300.00	\$700.00	30.00 %
10141.04	Tax Map Maintenance		\$1,600.00	\$400.00				100.00 %
10141.12	Assessor's Annual Computer Support		\$2,400.00			\$2,120.00	\$280.00	88.33 %
10141.25	Assessor Utility Appraisal		\$3,500.00			\$3,500.00		100.00 %
10141.30	Assessment Services		\$25,000.00			\$25,000.00		100.00 %
10145.00	Treasurer's Salary		\$15,600.00			\$13,000.00	\$2,600.00	83.33 %
10145.02	Treasurer/Accountant Exp.		\$1,500.00			\$194.88	\$1,305.12	12.99 %
10145.03	Bank Service Charges		\$100.00				\$100.00	0.00 %
10145.04	Treasurer's Tax Title Exp		\$6,000.00			\$722.50	\$5,277.50	12.04 %
10145.05	Treas/Act Annual Software Support		\$14,638.87			\$14,638.87		100.00 %
10146.00	Tax Collector's Salary		\$15,600.00			\$13,000.00	\$2,600.00	83.33 %
10146.01	Tax Collector's Expense		\$1,500.00			\$733.06	\$766.94	48.87 %
10146.02	Tax Taking Charges		\$2,000.00				\$2,000.00	0.00 %
10146.05	Tax Coll Annual Computer Support		\$11,981.73			\$11,981.73		100.00 %

# Town of Peru

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From 07/01/2025 to 06/30/2026

01 - GENERAL FUND	Account	Description	Carry Fwd	Orig Bud	Amended	Encumb	Expend	Unencum Bal	% Exp
	10161.00	Town Clerk's Salary		\$15,000.00			\$12,500.00	\$2,500.00	83.33 %
	10161.01	Town Clerk's Expense		\$2,000.00			\$941.93	\$1,058.07	47.09 %
	10161.02	Assistant Town Clerk's Salary		\$2,500.00			\$1,360.31	\$1,139.69	54.41 %
	10161.03	Elect. & Bd. of Reg. Expense		\$3,500.00				\$3,500.00	0.00 %
	10161.80	ENCFY25 - TOWN CLERK ENCUMBRANCES							100.00 %
	10171.00	Conservation Comm. Exp.		\$400.00			\$113.47	\$286.53	28.36 %
	10172.00	BC Reg. Planning Comm.		\$728.05			\$728.05		100.00 %
	10173.00	Board of Appeals Exp		\$100.00				\$100.00	0.00 %
	10173.90	ATM 6/24 A27 Zoning By-Law Update					\$-4,900.00	\$4,900.00	100.00 %
	10175.00	Officer's Mileage		\$1,500.00			\$559.70	\$940.30	37.31 %
	10175.01	U.S. Postal Expense		\$4,200.00			\$3,338.90	\$861.10	79.49 %
	10175.02	Office Supplies		\$2,000.00			\$782.25	\$1,217.75	39.11 %
	10175.82	ENCFY25 - OFFICE SUPPLIES ENCUMB							100.00 %
	20212.00	Police Expense		\$8,250.00			\$5,506.34	\$2,743.66	66.74 %
	20212.02	Police Wages		\$28,525.00			\$15,867.60	\$12,657.40	55.62 %
	20212.04	Police Cruiser Maintenance		\$3,850.00			\$851.25	\$2,998.75	22.11 %
	20212.08	Police Chief Salary		\$80,000.00			\$58,076.76	\$21,923.24	72.59 %
	20212.12	Police Cont Education		\$3,000.00			\$798.50	\$2,201.50	26.61 %
	20212.13	Police CHUBB Insurance		\$7,358.00			\$7,358.00		100.00 %
	20212.82	ENCFY25 - POLICE ENCUMBRANCES					\$-1,939.94	\$1,939.94	100.00 %
	20217.00	Internet Communication Lines		\$7,200.00			\$4,736.60	\$2,463.40	65.78 %
	20222.00	Vol Fire Dept Expense		\$25,000.00			\$24,435.69	\$564.31	97.74 %
	20222.01	Fire Chief/Forest Warden Salary		\$6,000.00			\$5,000.00	\$1,000.00	83.33 %
	20222.02	Fire Station Mort Pymt		\$14,045.50			\$14,045.50		100.00 %
	20222.04	Firemen's Building Mainte		\$2,000.00				\$2,000.00	0.00 %
	20222.11	Peru Vol Firemen's Insurance		\$6,000.00			\$5,548.00	\$452.00	92.46 %
	20222.80	ENCFY25 - FIRE ENCUMBRANCES							100.00 %
	20223.91	ATM 6/23 A35 Fire DCR Grant Match					\$-3,000.00	\$3,000.00	100.00 %
	20223.92	STM 12/23 A2 Fire Rescue Truck					\$-48,795.00	\$48,795.00	100.00 %
	20223.93	ATM 6/25 A26 Fire 3 Portable Radios		\$15,000.00			\$15,000.00		100.00 %
	20224.00	Hinsdale Ambulance		\$3,000.00			\$3,000.00		100.00 %

# Town of Peru

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From 07/01/2025 to 06/30/2026

01 - GENERAL FUND	Description	Carry Fwd	Orig Bud	Amended	Encumb	Expend	Unencum Bal	% Exp
20226.00	Inspect. of Animals Sal.		\$1,007.25			\$839.40	\$167.85	83.33 %
20292.00	Animal Control Officer's Salary		\$2,027.37			\$1,689.50	\$337.87	83.33 %
20293.00	Animal Control Officer's Expense		\$1,000.00				\$1,000.00	0.00 %
30000.01	CBRSD Operating Expense		\$1,021,339.00			\$766,004.25	\$255,334.75	75.00 %
30000.02	CBRSD Capital Expense		\$160,437.00			\$120,327.75	\$40,109.25	75.00 %
30000.04	Vocational School Tuition		\$216,930.00			\$78,483.13	\$138,446.87	36.17 %
30000.05	Vocational School Transpor		\$88,380.00			\$50,771.20	\$37,608.80	57.44 %
30000.80	ENCFY25 - VOC TRANSPORT ENCUMBRANCE							100.00 %
30610.00	Peru Library		\$23,256.00			\$23,256.00		100.00 %
40100.00	Road supt. Salary		\$79,567.50			\$65,796.02	\$13,771.48	82.69 %
40103.00	Highway Employees Wages		\$113,516.30			\$84,226.86	\$29,289.44	74.19 %
40103.05	Temporary Summer Help		\$8,000.00			\$1,800.00	\$6,200.00	22.50 %
40105.00	Highway Employee Uniforms		\$3,800.00			\$1,908.02	\$1,891.98	50.21 %
40105.80	ENCFY25 - HWY UNIFORM ENCUMBRANCES							100.00 %
40200.00	Maint. Hard Surface Roads		\$28,000.00			\$7,790.12	\$20,209.88	27.82 %
40200.80	ENCFY25 - HWY MAINT HARD SURF							100.00 %
40204.00	Material Gravel Roads		\$25,000.00			\$15,590.19	\$9,409.81	62.36 %
40206.00	Road Machinery Maint.		\$25,000.00			\$19,582.11	\$5,417.89	78.32 %
40208.00	Gas & Fuel		\$33,000.00			\$23,714.68	\$9,285.32	71.86 %
40208.82	ENCFY25 - GAS & FUEL ENCUMBRANCES							100.00 %
40210.00	Town H & B (Gravel Rds)		\$20,000.00			\$13,062.73	\$6,937.27	65.31 %
40212.02	Highway Garage Mort Pymt		\$12,020.00			\$12,020.00		100.00 %
40212.05	Highway Truck Financing							100.00 %
40213.25	Future Equipment & Vehicle Purchase			\$-100,000.00				100.00 %
40213.40	Transfer Station Blacktop							100.00 %
40213.92	ATM 6/23 A26 Mini Excavator Repairs					\$-557.98	\$557.98	100.00 %
40213.94	ATM6/25A23/24 2026 FreightlinerPlow		\$50,000.00	\$100,000.00			\$150,000.00	0.00 %
40213.95	ATM 6/25 A25 Salt Shed Roof Repair		\$26,700.00				\$26,700.00	0.00 %

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01 - GENERAL FUND Account	Description	Carry Fwd	Orig Bud	Amended	Encumb	Expend	Unencum Bal	% Exp
40424.00	Snow Roads, Private		\$500.00				\$500.00	0.00 %
40500.00	Compactor		\$39,520.00			\$28,094.25	\$11,425.75	71.08 %
40500.81	ENCFY25 - COMPACTOR ENCUMBRANCE							
40502.00	North. Berk. Solid Waste		\$3,178.48			\$3,178.48		100.00 %
40503.00	Health Dept. Expenses		\$15,172.00			\$12,893.19	\$2,278.81	84.98 %
40503.01	Hogweed Eradication		\$1,500.00				\$1,500.00	0.00 %
40504.00	Compactor Attendant		\$9,171.12			\$6,883.03	\$2,288.09	75.05 %
50300.00	Council on Aging		\$1,000.00			\$1,000.00		100.00 %
50302.00	Elderly Outreach Program		\$650.00			\$405.36	\$244.64	62.36 %
50303.00	Council on Aging Director Salary		\$2,400.00			\$2,000.00	\$400.00	83.33 %
50700.00	Cemetery Sexton		\$750.00			\$650.08	\$99.92	86.67 %
50700.01	Cemeteries		\$500.00				\$500.00	0.00 %
50700.02	Flag Poles/Signage Cemetery					\$-602.00	\$602.00	100.00 %
50700.90	ATM 6/24 A29 Various Cem Items					\$-1,504.67	\$1,504.67	100.00 %
50900.00	Veterans Agent's Salary						\$530.12	0.00 %
50902.00	Veteran's Service		\$6,000.00			\$500.00	\$5,500.00	8.33 %
60002.00	Town Building Maint Salary		\$6,000.00			\$3,120.00	\$2,880.00	52.00 %
60002.04	Town Buildings Maint.		\$12,000.00			\$8,787.11	\$3,212.89	73.22 %
60002.05	Utilities - Electric		\$15,000.00			\$11,372.39	\$3,627.61	75.81 %
60002.06	Utilities - Heating		\$17,000.00			\$16,566.64	\$3,380.19	83.05 %
60002.07	Utilities - Telephone		\$1,800.00	\$2,946.83		\$1,231.42	\$568.58	68.41 %
60002.25	ADA Study Town Hall					\$-1,266.30	\$1,266.30	100.00 %
60002.40	Town Hall Cleaning		\$4,900.00			\$3,240.00	\$1,660.00	66.12 %
60002.90	ATM 6/24 A22 Town Hall Assess Study					\$-5,600.00	\$5,600.00	100.00 %
60004.10	Town Green,Park,Cemeteries mowing		\$6,600.00			\$3,300.00	\$3,300.00	50.00 %
60004.80	ENCFY25-Mowing Encumbrances							
60006.00	Partridgefield Playground		\$1,500.00				\$1,500.00	0.00 %
60006.90	ATM6/22A28 Part.Park Upgrade & Main					\$-2,622.71	\$2,622.71	100.00 %
60520.00	Emergency Mgmt Expenses		\$1,000.00			\$1,000.00		100.00 %
70750.00	Interest on Loans		\$15,000.00	\$2,291.67		\$17,291.67		100.00 %
8120.00	Reserved for Overlay					\$-91,101.49	\$91,101.49	100.00 %

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From 07/01/2025 to 06/30/2026

Account	Description	Carry Fwd	Orig Bud	Amended	Encumb	Expend	Unencum Bal	% Exp
01 - GENERAL FUND								
90206.00	Town Insurance ALL		\$44,800.00			\$43,365.00	\$1,435.00	96.79 %
90208.00	Town Report Expense		\$2,000.00				\$2,000.00	0.00 %
90912.00	BC Retirement Assessment		\$63,800.00			\$63,800.00		100.00 %
90913.00	Mass Unemployment Ins./DUA		\$600.00			\$210.71	\$389.29	35.11 %
90913.82	ENCFY25- UNEMPLOYMENT ENCUMBRANCE							
90915.00	Medicare Town Share		\$6,700.00			\$4,858.30	\$1,841.70	72.51 %
90919.00	Health Insurance		\$151,431.36			\$90,983.02	\$60,448.34	60.08 %
95781.00	Reserve Fund		\$10,000.00	\$-5,638.50			\$4,361.50	0.00 %
- Total			\$3,012,070.43			\$1,869,573.93	\$1,142,496.50	62.06 %
01 - GENERAL FUND Total			\$3,012,070.43			\$1,869,573.93	\$1,142,496.50	62.06 %

# Town of Peru

## All Departments Expenditure Report

From 07/01/2025 to 06/30/2026

85 - Payroll Agency Fund Account	Description	Carry Fwd	Orig Bud	Amended	Encumb	Expend	Unencum Bal	% Exp
52010.00	Taxes With Payable					\$39,843.04	\$-39,843.04	100.00 %
52020.00	Retirement With Payable					\$23,527.63	\$-23,527.63	100.00 %
52030.00	Deferred Comp With Payable					\$9,061.78	\$-9,061.78	100.00 %
52040.00	Insurance Witholding Payable					\$25,218.55	\$-25,218.55	100.00 %
- Total						\$97,651.00	\$-97,651.00	100.00 %
<b>85 - Payroll Agency Fund Total</b>								
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$3,012,070.43</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,967,224.93</b>	<b>\$1,044,845.50</b>	<b>65.31 %</b>

# Town of Peru

Peru, Massachusetts 01235



## Request For Transfer From the Reserve Fund (To be submitted in triplicate)

Date: 4/28/26

Finance Committee:

Request is hereby made for the following transfer from the Reserve Fund in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 6, of the Massachusetts General Laws.

1. Amount requested: \$ 2946.83
2. To be transferred to: 60002.06 Utilities Heating  
From RF 95781 Name of appropriation and account #
3. Present balance in appropriation: \$ 433.36
4. The amount requested will be used for: (give specific purpose)  
Heating two buildings
5. This expenditure is extraordinary and/or unforeseen for the following reasons:  
more propane used - colder temps

Jenny Walker  
Officer or Department Head

### Action of Finance Committee

Date of Meeting 4/28/2026 Number present and voting 4

Transfer voted in the sum of 2946.83 Transfer disapproved [ ]

[Signature]  
Chairman, Finance Committee

[Signature]

[Signature]

# Town of Peru

Peru, Massachusetts 01235



## Request For Transfer From the Reserve Fund (To be submitted in triplicate)

Date: 4/28/26

Finance Committee:

Request is hereby made for the following transfer from the Reserve Fund in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 6, of the Massachusetts General Laws.

1. Amount requested: \$ 2,291.67
2. To be transferred to: 70750.00 Interest on Loans  
From RF 95781  
Name of appropriation and account #
3. Present balance in appropriation: \$ -2,291.67
4. The amount requested will be used for: (give specific purpose)  
deficit in account
5. This expenditure is extraordinary and/or unforeseen for the following reasons:  
Borrowing large projects

Jerry Walker  
Officer or Department Head

### Action of Finance Committee

Date of Meeting 4/28/2026 Number present and voting 4

Transfer voted in the sum of 2291.67 Transfer disapproved [ ]

[Signature]  
Chairman, Finance Committee

[Signature]  
[Signature]

[Signature]

**BERKSHIRE HEALTH GROUP**

**FY27 APPROVED FUNDING RATES**

<b>Health Plan</b>	<b>Approved Rates* Effective 7/1/26</b>		<b>% Increase</b>
	<i>Individual</i>	<i>Family</i>	
Network Blue HMO	\$ 1,076	2,882	8.75%
Access HMO Blue N.E. Saver (HSA-qualified plan)	\$ 915	2,449	8.75%
Blue Choice POS*	\$ -	-	-
Blue Care Elect PPO	\$ 1,271	3,414	8.75%
Blue Care Elect PPO Saver (HSA-qualified plan)	\$ 1,604	4,303	8.75%
Blue Care Elect PPO Saver (HSA-qualified plan)	\$ 1,364	3,658	8.75%

**Note:** BCBSMA does not offer an HSA-qualified POS plan

<b>Dental Plan</b>	<b>Approved Rates** Effective 7/1/26</b>		<b>% increase</b>
	<i>Individual</i>	<i>Family</i>	
Dental Blue Freedom PPO	\$ 35.00	96.00	6.01% ind and 6.67% fam

\*\* All BHG governmental units will use the same approved dental plan design with the exception of So. Berkshire RSD which may stay with its current plan design or change to the new universal plan design.



# LAND STEWARDSHIP

April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Terry Walker, Town Administrator  
Town of Peru  
3 East Main Road  
Peru, MA 01235

## **PROPOSAL: FY 2027 Invasive Plant Management Services, Town of Peru, Peru, MA**

Outlined below is an estimated budget for services associated with managing giant hogweed (*Heracleum mantegazzianum*) within the Town of Peru. We managed two sites (45 North Road and 55 East Windsor Road) in Peru between 2021-2023 through a contract with The Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources. Under this contract/proposal with the Town, we will resume management activities.

### **Treatment Methods, Schedule, and Cost**

2027

- Task 1. Follow-up treatment. June. We will conduct a follow-up herbicide application.  
\$750.00

**TOTAL COST: \$750.00**

To retain the services listed above, please return a signed copy of this proposal

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Signature

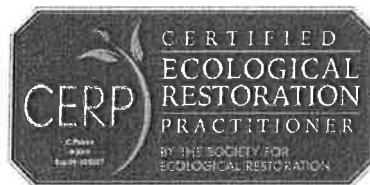
Date

If you have any questions, please call me at 413-863-6333 or email me at [chris@landstewardshipinc.com](mailto:chris@landstewardshipinc.com).

Sincerely,

*Chris Polatin*

Chris Polatin, MS, CERP  
President & Restoration Ecologist



INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Town of Peru Department Heads  
 FROM: Board of Selectmen  
 SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2027 Yearly Budget  
 DATE: 8-Nov-25

Please submit your Preliminary Budget for FY27 no later than January 12, 2026  
 using the format shown below. Please submit electronically to:  
[townadmin@townofperuma.com](mailto:townadmin@townofperuma.com)

Account Number	Account name	FY26 Budget	FY27 Budget request	
10145.00	Treasurer Salary	\$ 15,600.00	\$ 16,068.00	3% COLA
10145.02	Treas/Act Exp	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	
10145.03	Bank Service Charge	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	
10145.04	Treas Tax Title Exp	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	
10145.05	Treas/Acct Software	\$ 14,638.87	\$ 15,370.92	
10146.00	Tax Collector Salary	\$ 15,600.00	\$ 16,068.00	3% COLA
10146.01	Tax Collector Exp	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	
10146.02	Tax Taking Charges	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	
10146.05	Tax Coll Annual Sprt	\$ 11,981.73	\$ 12,580.82	
70750.00	Interest on Loans	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 17,500.00	Road work????
90913.00	Mass Unemp/DUA	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	
90912.00	BC Retirement Asmt	\$ 63,800.00	\$ 66,990.00	
90919.00	Health/Dntl/Life Ins	\$ 151,431.36		waiting on #s

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Caryn E. Wendling

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 24-Apr-26

Should your department require a major purchase in FY27, please submit separately along with description, justification and estimated cost.

Thank you,  
 Peru Board of Selectmen

FY27

## Town of Peru YR 2026 Budget

Vendor	Purpose	Bill Schedule	Budget
Office 365	E-mail, OneDrive and Sharepoint	Monthly	\$450.00
Revolution IT	IT Support, Monitoring, Anti-virus, Backup	Yearly / Billed Monthly	\$22,000.00
Fortinet	Firewall Renewal / Replacement (January 25)	Every 3 years (FY27) Good until 12-6-2027	\$0.00
Revolution IT	Replace PC / Laptops	Every 4-5 years	\$5,000.00
Multic	CJIS Security Requirements		\$0.00
			<b>\$27,450.00</b>