

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**  
**Town Community Room 3 EAST MAIN RD**  
**Tuesday, September 7, 2021 @ 6:00 PM**

Call to order

1. Roll Call
2. State recording status
3. Pledge Alliance to the Flag
4. Review and Approve BOS Meeting Minutes for 8-9-2021, & 8-16-2021, & 8-23-2021
5. Update of Departments.
6. Presentation of Green Communities Competitive Grants by Patrick Mahoney of Guardian Energy 6:30PM
7. Discussion & Vote regarding Municipal Police Training Committee permanent exemption petition for Officer Shawn Boyne of Peru Police Department pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 41, Section 96B
8. Discussion of property auction.
9. Discussion of Policy for Fill during road maintenance
10. Discussion of Town Hall Time Clock
11. Discussion of Spending remaining funds through the Covid Cares Act
12. Discussion of Posting of Fire Chief Position on Massachusetts Municipal Association job listings
13. Discussion and Vote for Town of Peru to remain a single precinct
14. Discussion of 250<sup>th</sup> Town of Peru Anniversary updates
15. Public Input
16. Review and Approve accounts payable, Treasury Warrant, Payroll Warrant
17. Adjourn

The list of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Board which may be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

Official posting: Peru Town website: [www.townofperuma.com](http://www.townofperuma.com) ; Additional Postings at Town Hall Bulletin Board, & Town Hall office.

Posted by Caleb Mitchell, Town Administrator on \_\_\_\_\_

TOWN HALL 3 EAST MAIN ROAD PERU, MA 01235

**SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES: September 7, 2021: 6:00 P.M.**

COMMUNITY CENTER

Verne Leach, Chair Selectman/ACO  
Bruce Cullett, Selectman/Chief of Police  
Doug Haskins, Selectman/Finance Committee  
Caleb Mitchell, Town Administrator  
Jesse Pelkey, Acting Fire Chief  
Justin Russell, Highway Superintendent  
Nanette Mone, BOH  
Jim Kenney, Historical Commission  
(See attached list of members of the public attending meeting)

**Call to order:** 6:00 P.M.

Item 1: **Roll Call:** Chairman Leach present, Selectman Cullett Present, Selectman Haskins Present

Item 2: **State Recording status:** Caleb Mitchell recording;

Item 3: **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Lead by Selectman Leach**

Item 4: **Review & Approve BOS Meeting Minutes for 8-9-21, 8-16-21, & 8-23-21: Continued to next scheduled meeting**

Item 5: **Updates of Departments**

**Jesse Pelkey, Acting Fire Chief:** Contacted Madson Overhead Doors regarding invoice for repair work; Shaker Lee did maintenance on the trucks, found valves on tanker that need repair, and will be doing pump testing; Reviewed Applications for permits on town website, provided copies to Select Board members.

**Justin Russell, Highway Superintendent:** Transfer station compactor OK, International came back covered by warranty, 550 came back from Marcotte, covered by warranty, will be working on gravel roads this week.

**Jim Kenney, Chair Historical Commission:** contacted by State historical commission regarding Eversource Transmission Line work. No concerns by the Historical Commission.

**Caleb Mitchell, Town Administrator:** Reports on completion of MTWP Grant application, which was notarized and signed and sent to the State.

**Nanette Mone, BOH:** Resolution recommending wearing masks inside the Town Hall

**Bruce Cullett, Police Chief:** IMC training today: Attended MPC meeting regarding police reform

Item 6: **Presentation of Green Communities Competitive Grants by Patrick Mahoney of Guardian Energy 6:30PM**

**Mr. Mahoney** informs town that Peru must spend all of the initial Grant Funding first to qualify for the competitive Grant funding. The Town can apply for up to an Additional \$200,000 after spending the initial grant funding. The Town is going to hire an Architect or Engineer to do an evaluation of the entire building.

Item 7: **Discuss and Vote regarding Municipal Police Training Committee permanent exemption petition for Officer**

**Shawn Boyne of Peru Police Department pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 41, Section 96B:** Police Chief, permanent exemption request for Officer Boyne, who is a Retired Connecticut State Trooper for 35 years. Leach motions to approve exemption, Haskins seconds, Vote 2-0, Cullett abstains.

Item 8: **Discussion of Property Auction** Discussion of different options for auction. Buyer responsible for all legal costs for transfer of property. A list of properties will be published.

Item 9: **Discussion of Policy for Fill during road maintenance:** T.A drafted fill policy for review.

Item 10: **Discussion of Town Hall Time Clock:** Members discuss whether it makes sense to start using time clock again since the COVID pandemic. T.A. recommends continuing to next scheduled meeting since employees affected would like to come to meeting to express their opinion. Members agree to continue.

Item 11: **Discussion of spending remaining funds through COVID Cares Act:** Nanette Mone, BOH mentioned HVAC air purifier system. T.A. mentioned that a list of what the Cares Act Funds can be spent on. T.A. suggested a review of the list. Discussion of using air purifiers in the Community Room. These are items that qualify for spending.

Item 12: **Discussion of Posting of Fire Chief Position on Massachusetts Municipal Association Job listings:** T.A. drafted a job listing to keep it under 100 words for the listing. A full job description can be requested, which is also already posted on the Town Website. Select Board members decided to post an interview with the Acting Fire Chief for the next scheduled meeting. Select Board members decide not to post the position on the Massachusetts Municipal Association site.

Item 13: **Discussion and Vote for Town of Peru to remain a single precinct:** Leach informs members that Town clerk hasn't received the map yet, and would like to have this item continued at this point.

Item 14: **Discussion of 250<sup>th</sup> Town of Peru Anniversary Updates:** Members of the 250<sup>th</sup> Committee mentioned several things they were discussing, and will be meeting again this coming Thursday. Discussion of moving old woodstove

Item 15: **Public Input:** Robin Wadsworth and William Tatro presented a complaint letter to the Select Board to sign. (See complaint documents) Wadsworth stated this was a complaint against the Assessors Office. Members signed receiving her complaint.

Item 16: **Review and Approve accounts payable, Treasury Warrants, Payroll Warrant:** Payroll Warrant 22-5P signed

Item 17: **Adjourn:** Leach made motion to adjourn the 9-7-2021 BOS Meeting, Haskins seconds. All agree **Vote 3-0. The 9-7-2021 BOS Meeting adjourned at 8:23P.M.**

**Articles used:**

Draft Fill Policy

Draft Fire Chief Job Posting

Payroll Warrant 22-5P

Warrant V05-22

Complaint document William Tatro & Robin Wadsworth

Respectfully Submitted

*Caleb Mitchell, Town Administrator*

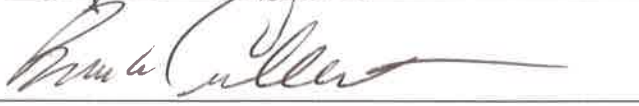
Verne Leach, Chairman



Doug Haskins, Selectman



Bruce Cullett, Selectman



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

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