

TOWN HALL 3 EAST MAIN ROAD PERU, MA 01235

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES: May 20,2024 @ 6:00 P.M.

Town Hall Meeting Room

Verne Leach, Chair Selectman/ACO
Ed Munch, Selectman
Doug Haskins, Selectman/Fin Com
Justin Russell, Highway Superintendent
Bruce Cullett, Police Chief
Terry Walker, Town Administrator
James Kenney, Historical Commission

Public Attendees: Emma Sass, MVP, Keith Blake

Item 1: Call to order: 6:00 P.M.

Item 2: Roll Call: Chairman Leach present, Selectman Haskins present, Selectman Munch present

Item 3: State Recording status: Selectman Leach recording under exemption E

Item 4: Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Led by Selectman Leach

Item 5: Review and Approve BOS Meeting Minutes for 5/13/2024):

Selectman Leach motion to approve 5/13/2024 minutes pending changes, Selectman Munch second, 3-0.

Item 6: Update of Departments:

Police Chief Cullett nothing at this time.

Highway Superintendent Russell has rented a track Bobcat for Pierce Road which is funded by a shared grant with the Town of Middlefield.

Superintendent Russell presented a letter to the BOS addressed to MassDOT requesting Chapter 90 funding contract #50936-2024-001 be increased from approved total of \$620,216.00 to \$720,216.00. Selectman Munch motion to sign increase to Chapter 90 funds request, Selectman Leach second 3-0. Selectman Leach asked Superintendent Russell if residents could take wood on Curtin Road. Superintendent Russell mentioned that residents can take wood that was left on the roadside.

TA Walker mentioned that she had devoted many hours to the \$1,000,000 Massworks grant which takes between 150-200 hours to write and the Grant is due on June 5th. Also, everything is going smoothly in the TA's office.

Doug Haskins-Parks and Rec mentioned that a meeting could not be held last week because they did not have a quorum. Doug mentioned that he would like to have Arlette Haskins and Sharon Greule appointed to fill positions. Doug also mentioned that two people are up for reappointment and refused to come to the last meeting.

Item 7: Public Hearing for "Middlefield Road, Sunrise Village, Route 143 Safety Improvements Project" (MassWorks):

The Public Hearing was called to order; TA Walker read the public hearing notice, since there was no input from the audience, the Public Hearing was closed by the BOS.

Item 8: Discuss and Vote on Peru Cemetery Rules: Selectman Leach mentioned that an article for the updated Cemetery Rules was placed on the Annual Town Meeting warrant. Selectman Leach was notified by Town Council that the article should be removed. The Board of Selectmen have the authority to vote and accept updated cemetery rules. Selectman Munch reiterated that anytime cemetery rules change this does not have to go to ATM or STM because it is not a bylaw. Selectman Leach mentioned that this was consistent with the updated Board of Health revised regulations. The Board of Health is an elected board, and they can vote to accept Well Regulations. Selectman Leach motion to accept updated 2024 Cemetery Rules and Regulations, Selectman Munch second, 3-0.

Item 9: Discussion regarding an extension letter for the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Grant: Emma Sass, Regional Coordinator in the Berkshires, gave an overview on the MVP Grant. The Town of Peru received an MVP grant in 2023. The MVP grant was a planning grant was written for climate resiliency and determining priorities in implementing the action grant. The MVP grant will expire in June 2024 unless an extension is requested. Emma Sass provided the BOS with an amendment to the contract extending the grant for another year. Selectman Leach motion to sign MVP Grant extension, Selectmen Munch second, 3-0.

Item 10: Review and possible vote on public hearing for Eversource Pole Placement: Selectman Leach mentioned that they are still waiting on Curtin Road pole relocations. Selectman Leach motion to hold a Public Hearing for Strong Road, South Road and South Road extension, Selectman Munch second, 3-0. Chief Cullett questioned if the public hearing notice needed to be placed in the newspaper. Selectman Leach will have TA Walker contact Eversource to see if the Public Hearing notice needs to be published in the newspaper.

Item 11: Discuss and possible vote to re-appoint: Darryl Darby-Cemetery Sexton, Justin Russell-Highway Superintendent, Justin Russell -Tree Warden, Samuel Haupt-Woodland's partnership of Northwest Massachusetts, Doug Haskins-Zoning Board of Appeals, Darryl Darby- Conservation Commission, Kathy Borden- Cultural Council, Katie Boucher- Cultural Council and Susan Masino -Historical Commission, Selectman Leach motion to reappoint, Selectman Munch second, 3-0.

Item 12: Public Input: Keith Blake mentioned that a couch needs to be removed on North Road. Selectman Munch mentioned that updating business licenses is a priority. Chief Cullett believes there are 4 active businesses in town. It was noted that some towns utilize a computer printout on the website to renew business licenses. Selectman Leach will work with TA Walker to get an updated business list.

Item 13: Adjourn: Selectman Leach motion to adjourn the 5/20/2024 BOS Meeting, Selectman Munch second, 3-0. The 5/20/2024 BOS Meeting adjourned at 6:43 P.M.

Articles used:

Chapter 90 request to increase amount
Public Hearing MassWorks Grant
Cemetery Rules and Regulations
MVP Grant
Eversource pole placement
Appointment letters

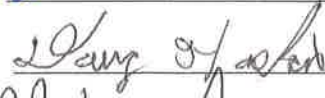
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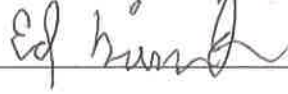
Verne Leach, Chairman



Doug Haskins, Selectman



Ed Munch, Selectman



Date Approved:

5-28-24

Received May 28, 2024 , Kim Leach, Town Clerk

*Town of Peru
Massachusetts*



Town of Peru, 3 East Main Road, Peru, Massachusetts 01235

Request to increase approved Chapter 90 Funds for various streets.

May 20th, 2024

To: David Stokes

Hi David!

I'd like to increase our funding on Contract# 50936-2024-001 from the approved total of \$620,216.00 to 720,216.00. We have an estimated total of 3,000 ton of 1.5" dense grade that will be used for base material during the FDR process and an Estimated total of 1,000 ton of ¾" dense grade that will be needed for road widening. I have estimated the cost to be around \$100,000.00 for the additional materials needed for the job. The dense grade will be put out to bid and advertised accordingly to the Chapter 90 program including Berkshire Eagle, News Paper, Combuys, and Central Register and posted at the Peru Town Hall as well as the Town of Peru website.

Thank you!

Signed By:

Selectboard members

Vern Leach

Douglas Haskins

Ed Munch

Highway Superintendent

Justin Russell

Accountant

Janice Boucher

Eric Kinsherf, CPA

Town of Peru

Peru, Massachusetts 01235



TOWN OF PERU

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

MIDDLEFIELD ROAD, SUNRISE VILLAGE, ROUTE 143

SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

The Board of Selectmen will conduct a Public Hearing on the proposed Safety Improvements Project on Monday, May 20, 2024 at 6:00 at the Town Hall, 3 East Main Road, Peru, MA

PURPOSE OF THE HEARING: To provide the public with an opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed safety improvement projects. All views and comments made at the hearing will be reviewed and considered. The funds for this project will be acquired from a MassWorks Grant.

PROPOSAL: The proposal for Middlefield Road would be sealing the entire length with rubberized chip seal for preservation. Route 143 removal of old guardrails and new guardrails will be installed. Sunrise Village would be a full depth reclamation with culvert and catch basin.

All work on this project will be performed within existing right of ways, and all abutters will be notified via the town website and Berkshire Eagle.

Board of Selectmen

Town of Peru



TOWN OF PERU, MASSACHUSETTS

CEMETERY RULES AND GUIDELINES

2024

CEMETERY RULES AND GUIDELINES

The Town of Peru Cemetery Commission, along with the Board of Selectmen, are committed to providing a serene, attractive and contemplative setting for families of those interred in the town's cemeteries. The cemeteries are open from dawn until dusk. The following rules exist for the benefit of the long-term maintenance of the cemeteries. The following rules exist to address 80% of cemetery-related circumstances. The remaining 20% will be addressed individually by the Cemetery Sexton, Cemetery Commission and Selectboard, in that order.

A copy of these rules will be provided at the time a burial plot is requested. These rules will also be posted to the town's website.

Persons visiting the cemetery are expected to conduct themselves in a courteous and respectful manner at all times. Driving is not permitted in the town's cemeteries. Access ways are for maintenance of the cemeteries and for burial purposes. No recreational activities are allowed in the cemeteries. Barbecues, picnics and the consumption of alcoholic beverages are not allowed. Firearms are only allowed in the cemetery for military and memorial services. Dogs, with the exception of guide dogs, are not allowed in the cemetery and must remain inside a vehicle at all times. No horses are permitted in the cemetery.

Special cases may arise in which the enforcement of a rule may impose an unnecessary hardship. In these cases, the Selectboard or Cemetery Commission is available to make exceptions or modifications to any of these rules. Decisions in such cases shall be temporary in nature and shall in no way permanently change the rules laid out in this document.

Damage to headstones or markers is not to be considered the responsibility of the Town of Peru.

The Town of Peru Cemetery Commission is available to advise and help with headstone cleaning and resetting and can be contacted through the town's webpage.

Cemetery Commission
Town of Peru
3 East Main Road
Peru MA 01235

RULES / GUIDELINES

Town cemeteries are open from sunrise to sunset.

OBTAINING CEMETERY PLOTS / CHARGES

1. All land occupied by the three cemeteries in the Town of Peru is to be owned in perpetuity by the Town of Peru. No deed, lease or title is given to plot holders.
2. All plots are assigned at the time of death. At the time of initial plot assignment, a maximum of 2 plots can be requested. Reserving of plots is not generally permitted without an impending burial.
3. Plots are free to residents of the Town of Peru. To be eligible for assignment of a plot the decedent must have been a legal human resident of the Town of Peru for 12 months.
4. Exception for non-residents: If the family of the deceased has assigned plots, the recently deceased non-resident may be buried in that plot with the consent of that family.
5. Grave sizes for single traditional casket burials will be 4 feet by 10 feet and can accommodate one casket and typically up to 4 sets of cremated remains. Six sets of cremated remains may be interred if small containers / urns are used and the specific locations are well marked. This assumes that the casket burial occurs first. If cremated remains are interred first, only 3-5 additional sets of cremated remains can be added. Cremated remains can be placed atop a previous full burial. However, a full burial will not be permitted once cremated remains have been interred. The interment of two bodies in one grave will not be allowed except in case of mother and infant or twin children. If a child (under 18 years of age) is the decedent, plots can be reserved for the parents.
6. For interment of cremated remains, a 4-foot by 5-foot plot can be requested. This size allows for the installation of a foundation for a headstone. A total of two sets of cremated remains may be interred in a 4-foot by 5-foot plot.
7. The costs for burials in the Town of Peru include fees:
 - To the Cemetery Sexton
 - For the opening of a grave for a traditional casket burial or the interment of cremated remains
8. The Cemetery Sexton, or their agent, must witness the interment of all remains.

BURIALS

1. A burial permit must be issued by the Town Clerk and provided to the Cemetery Sexton so that a burial in Peru can be arranged. Any questions as to the issuance of the permit will be taken up with the Cemetery Sexton by the Town Clerk.
2. The Cemetery Sexton will assign a plot and arrange for the opening of the grave. The Official Disposition, Removal or Transportation Burial Permit must be given to the Cemetery Sexton at the time of burial along with payment for the burial.
3. Corner stones will be purchased within a reasonable amount of time by the family to whom the plot is assigned to establish the outline of said plot.

4. There will be no interments after November 1 or before May 1, except with the approval of the Cemetery Sexton

PERPETUAL CARE

1. The Town of Peru maintains Center, North and South Cemeteries regarding lawn care, parking, signage and gates (where installed).
2. The smaller town cemeteries (South Road Extension, Ford Family and South Thompson Burial Ground) are on private property. The Cemetery Commission is available to help maintain those cemeteries and headstones on request.

MONUMENT, FOUNDATIONS, GRADING & IMPROVEMENTS

1. Markers and stones are purchased, installed and maintained by the plot owner. Markers are required for all burials. If the deceased's name is not added to an existing headstone, an additional flush marker for cremations to mark the interment location in the plot is required.
2. All excavations, including for headstone foundations, are to be performed by the contractor retained by the Town of Peru which reports directly to the Cemetery Sexton
3. Foundations should be placed at the top of each 4' x 10' plot to allow the remaining 8 feet for the burial of an external container, such as a burial vault. Each headstone foundation should be approximately 4 feet in depth from finished grade and will be installed by the company which provides the headstone / monument. The Sexton shall approve the foundation.
4. Headstones should be placed centered on the plot and at the head of the grave.
5. No wooden crosses or temporary grave markers are allowed. The placement of permanent flush markers, headstones and monuments should occur in a reasonable amount of time to mark graves and facilitate the location of burials.
6. Grave markers (flush markers, headstones and monuments) belong to families. Family members should consult with the Cemetery Commission before cleaning, repairing or resetting a headstone / marker. Headstone rubbings are not permitted. Neglected markers may be maintained by the Cemetery Commission.

FLOWERS, TREES AND SHRUBS

1. All flowers should be in front of and against the central family monument. This approach facilitates maintenance of the cemetery.
2. Planting of bulbs must be confined to plots.
3. No trees, bushes or shrubs are to be planted by persons other than town representatives.
4. The town has control over all plantings and has the right to trim / prune / remove them.
5. Summer grave decorations must be removed by November 1. Winter wreaths will be permitted commencing November 15 to April 1, at which time these should be removed. All plots will be cleaned up in the Spring by April 15
6. Funeral pieces will be removed after 7 days

FLAGS AND DECORTIONS

1. American flags will be placed on veterans' graves by the town prior to Memorial Day each year. Support for the care and respect for the flag during the remainder of the year is appreciated.
2. The following items are prohibited: fences, hedges, walls, rock gardens, curbing, enclosures, edgings, iron works, wire works, posts, boundary markers (apart from corner makers) and any glass items. Anything that could be destroyed or scattered by wind, weather or the force of cemetery equipment (e.g., mower, trimmer) will be removed. Similar articles left on plots that are inconsistent with the proper keeping of cemetery grounds will be removed without notice and disposed of.
3. The Town of Peru, the Highway Department and landscaping services will not be liable for any damage done to ornaments or personal items placed at a gravesite

THINGS TO KNOW

Veterans are eligible for burial assistance and families should check with their veterans' agent for details.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS ~ STANDARD CONTRACT FORM



This form is jointly issued and published by the Office of the Comptroller (CTR), the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (ANF), and the Operational Services Division (OSD) as the default contract for all Commonwealth Departments when another form is not prescribed by regulation or policy. The Commonwealth deems void any changes made on or by attachment (in the form of addendum, engagement letters, contract forms or invoice terms) to the terms in this published form or to the Standard Contract Form Instructions and Contractor Certifications, the Commonwealth Terms and Conditions for Human and Social Services or the Commonwealth IT Terms and Conditions which are incorporated by reference herein. Additional non-conflicting terms may be added by Attachment. Contractors are required to access published forms at CTR Forms: <https://www.macomptroller.org/forms>. Forms are also posted at OSD Forms: <https://www.mass.gov/lists/osd-forms>.

CONTRACTOR LEGAL NAME: Town of Peru (and d/b/a):	COMMONWEALTH DEPARTMENT NAME: Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs MMARS Department Code: ENV
Legal Address: (W-9, W-4): 3 East Main Rd, Peru, MA 01235	Business Mailing Address: 100 Cambridge St – Suite 900 Boston, MA 02114
Contract Manager: Terry Walker, Town Administer E-Mail: townadmin@peruma.com	Phone: 413-655-8312 x100 Fax: Contract Manager: Kara Runsten E-Mail: kara.runsten@mass.gov
Contractor Vendor Code: VC 6000191940	Phone: 617-312-1594 Fax:
Vendor Code Address ID (e.g. "AD001"): AD 001 (Note: The Address ID must be set up for EFT payments.)	MMARS Doc ID(s): CT-ENV-MVPPLANNINGPERUFY23 RRF/Procurement or Other ID Number: ENV 23 MVP 03
<p style="text-align: center;"><u> </u> NEW CONTRACT</p> PROCUREMENT OR EXCEPTION TYPE: (Check one option only) <input type="checkbox"/> Statewide Contract (OSD or an OSD-designated Department) <input type="checkbox"/> Collective Purchase (Attach OSD approval, scope, budget) <input type="checkbox"/> Department Procurement (includes all Grants - 815 CMR 2.00) (Solicitation Notice or RFR, and Response or other procurement supporting documentation) <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Contract (Attach justification for emergency, scope, budget) <input type="checkbox"/> Contract Employee (Attach Employment Status Form, scope, budget) <input type="checkbox"/> Other Procurement Exception (Attach authorizing language, legislation with specific exemption or earmark, and exception justification, scope and budget)	<p style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONTRACT AMENDMENT</p> Enter Current Contract End Date <i>Prior</i> to Amendment: <u>June 30, 2024</u> Enter Amendment Amount: \$ <u>no change</u> . (or "no change") AMENDMENT TYPE: (Check one option only. Attach details of amendment changes.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment to Date, Scope or Budget (Attach updated scope and budget) <input type="checkbox"/> Interim Contract (Attach justification for Interim Contract and updated scope/budget) <input type="checkbox"/> Contract Employee (Attach any updates to scope or budget) <input type="checkbox"/> Other Procurement Exception (Attach authorizing language/justification and updated scope and budget)
The Standard Contract Form Instructions and Contractor Certifications and the following Commonwealth Terms and Conditions document are incorporated by reference into this Contract and are legally binding: (Check ONE option): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>Commonwealth Terms and Conditions</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Commonwealth Terms and Conditions For Human and Social Services</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Commonwealth IT Terms and Conditions</u>	
COMPENSATION: (Check ONE option): The Department certifies that payments for authorized performance accepted in accordance with the terms of this Contract will be supported in the state accounting system by sufficient appropriations or other non-appropriated funds, subject to intercept for Commonwealth owed debts under 815 CMR 9.00. <input type="checkbox"/> Rate Contract. (No Maximum Obligation) Attach details of all rates, units, calculations, conditions or terms and any changes if rates or terms are being amended.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maximum Obligation Contract. Enter total maximum obligation for total duration of this contract (or <i>new</i> total if Contract is being amended). \$ <u>20,000.00</u>	
PROMPT PAYMENT DISCOUNTS (PPD): Commonwealth payments are issued through EFT 45 days from invoice receipt. Contractors requesting accelerated payments must identify a PPD as follows: Payment issued within 10 days <u> </u> % PPD; Payment issued within 15 days <u> </u> % PPD; Payment issued within 20 days <u> </u> % PPD; Payment issued within 30 days <u> </u> % PPD. If PPD percentages are left blank, identify reason: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agree to standard 45 day cycle <input type="checkbox"/> statutory/legal or Ready Payments (M.G.L. c. 29, § 23A); <input type="checkbox"/> only initial payment (subsequent payments scheduled to support standard EFT 45 day payment cycle. See Prompt Pay Discounts Policy.)	
BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF CONTRACT PERFORMANCE or REASON FOR AMENDMENT: (Enter the Contract title, purpose, fiscal year(s) and a detailed description of the scope of performance or what is being amended for a Contract Amendment. Attach all supporting documentation and justifications.) To complete a community resiliency planning process - extending the deadline to allow time for the town to complete the process.	
ANTICIPATED START DATE: (Complete ONE option only) The Department and Contractor certify for this Contract, or Contract Amendment, that Contract obligations: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1. may be incurred as of the Effective Date (latest signature date below) and no obligations have been incurred prior to the Effective Date. <input type="checkbox"/> 2. may be incurred as of <u> </u> , 20 <u> </u> , a date LATER than the Effective Date below and no obligations have been incurred prior to the Effective Date. <input type="checkbox"/> 3. were incurred as of <u> </u> , 20 <u> </u> , a date PRIOR to the Effective Date below, and the parties agree that payments for any obligations incurred prior to the Effective Date are authorized to be made either as settlement payments or as authorized reimbursement payments, and that the details and circumstances of all obligations under this Contract are attached and incorporated into this Contract. Acceptance of payments forever releases the Commonwealth from further claims related to these obligations.	
CONTRACT END DATE: Contract performance shall terminate as of <u>June 30, 2025</u> , with no new obligations being incurred after this date unless the Contract is properly amended, provided that the terms of this Contract and performance expectations and obligations shall survive its termination for the purpose of resolving any claim or dispute, for completing any negotiated terms and warranties, to allow any close out or transition performance, reporting, invoicing or final payments, or during any lapse between amendments.	
CERTIFICATIONS: Notwithstanding verbal or other representations by the parties, the "Effective Date" of this Contract or Amendment shall be the latest date that this Contract or Amendment has been executed by an authorized signatory of the Contractor, the Department, or a later Contract or Amendment Start Date specified above, subject to any required approvals. The Contractor certifies that they have accessed and reviewed all documents incorporated by reference as electronically published and the Contractor makes all certifications required under the Standard Contract Form Instructions and Contractor Certifications under the pains and penalties of perjury, and further agrees to provide any required documentation upon request to support compliance, and agrees that all terms governing performance of this Contract and doing business in Massachusetts are attached or incorporated by reference herein according to the following hierarchy of document precedence, the applicable Commonwealth Terms and Conditions, this Standard Contract Form, the Standard Contract Form Instructions and Contractor Certifications, the Request for Response (RFR) or other solicitation, the Contractor's Response (excluding any language stricken by a Department as unacceptable, and additional negotiated terms, provided that additional negotiated terms will take precedence over the relevant terms in the RFR and the Contractor's Response only if made using the process outlined in 801 CMR 21.07, incorporated herein, provided that any amended RFR or Response terms result in best value, lower costs, or a more cost effective Contract.	
AUTHORIZING SIGNATURE FOR THE CONTRACTOR: X: <u>[Signature]</u> Date: <u>5-20-24</u> (Signature and Date Must Be Captured At Time of Signature) Print Name: <u>VERNE LEACH</u> Print Title: <u>SELECT BOARD CHAIR</u>	AUTHORIZING SIGNATURE FOR THE COMMONWEALTH: X: <u>[Signature]</u> Date: <u>05/22/24</u> (Signature and Date Must Be Captured At Time of Signature) Print Name: <u>Lindsey McCauley</u> Print Title: <u>Deputy CFO - Strategy</u>

MVP Planning Grant Approved Providers

Last Name	First Name	Company	Job Title	Region	Email
Babcock	Meredyth	Wild & Scenic Westfield River Committee		B&H	westfieldriver@gmail.com
Caroline	Massa	Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC)	Senior Planner	B&H	cmassa@berkshireplanning.org
Farrell	Helena	Franklin Regional Council of Governments	Land Use Natural	B&H	hfarrell@frcog.org
Gaherty	Lauren	Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC)	Senior Planner	B&H	lgaherty@berkshireplanning.org
Gilmore	Justin	Berkshire Regional Planning Commission	Transportation Planner	B&H	jgilmore@berkshireplanning.org
Green	Paula	SWCA Environmental Consultants	Landscape Architect	B&H	Paula.Green@swca.com
Hayden	Sarah	Fuss & O'Neill	Water Resources	B&H	shayden@fando.com
Hope	Allison	Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC)	Planner	B&H	ahope@berkshireplanning.org
Lammers	CJ	CJC	Consultant	B&H	cjlam25@gmail.com
Larose	Alyssa	Franklin Regional Council of Governments	Planner	B&H	alarose@frcog.org
Loeffler	Rachel	The Berkshire Design Group	Landscape Architect	B&H	rachel@berkshiredesign.com
MacPhee	Kimberly	Franklin Regional Council of Governments	Land Use & Natural Resources	B&H	kmacphee@frcog.org
Maloy	Mark	Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC)	GIS, Data & IT Manager	B&H	mmaloy@berkshireplanning.org
McDonough	Margaret	Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC)	Planner	B&H	mmcdonough@berkshireplanning.org
Rhodes	Megan	Franklin Regional Council of Governments	Senior Transportation & Land Use	B&H	mrhodes@frcog.org
Small	Ezra	Umass Amherst	Campus Sustainability Manager	B&H	esmall@umass.edu
Starvish	Rosalie	GZA	Project	B&H	rosalie.starvish@gza.com

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Green	Paula	SWCA Environmental Consultants	Landscape Architect	B&H	Paula.Green@swca.com
Hayden	Sarah	Fuss & O'Neill	Water Resources	B&H	shayden@fando.com
Hope	Allison	Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC)	Planner	B&H	ahope@berkshireplanning.org
Lammers	CJ	CJC	Consultant	B&H	cjlam25@gmail.com
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Starvish	Rosalie	GZA	Project	B&H	rosalie.starvish@gza.com



ORDER FOR SOLELY OWNED POLE LOCATIONS

By the Select Board of Peru, Massachusetts.

Notice having been given and a public hearing held, as provided by law, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

that the NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY DBA EVERSOURCE be and it is hereby granted a location for and permission to construct and maintain a line of poles wires and cables together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as said Company may deem necessary, in the public way hereinafter referred to as requested in petition of said Company dated the 3rd day of May, 2024.

All construction under this order shall be in accordance with the following conditions:

Poles shall be of sound timber, and reasonably straight, and shall be set substantially at the points indicated upon the plan marked **16741834-16747339** filed with and made a part of said petition. There may be attached to said poles not to exceed 18 wires and 2 cables and all of said wires and cables shall be placed at a height of not less than 18 feet from the ground.

The following is the public way along which the poles above referred to may be erected, and the number of poles which may be erected thereon under this order:

Location -- Strong Road, Peru. Install five (5) solely owned poles:

Eversource is requesting permission to install five (5) forty-foot utility poles to be numbered 29/6 thru 29/10 with anchoring along Strong Road, extending facilities from our last existing pole 29/5 to 20 Strong Road. The poles will alternate the road approximately twenty feet from the road centerline and spaced approximately one hundred fifty to one hundred sixty (150-160) feet apart.

Reason -- To extend facilities and provide power to homeowners.

Also that permission be and thereby is granted to said EVERSOURCE to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as it may desire for distribution purposes.

EVERSOURCE

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Reason – To extend facilities and provide power to homeowners.

Also that permission be and thereby is granted to said EVERSOURCE to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as it may desire for distribution purposes.

I hereby certify that the foregoing order was adopted at a meeting of the Select Board of Peru, Massachusetts held on the _____ day of _____, 2024.

Town Clerk

We hereby certify that on _____ 2024, at _____ o'clock __ M, at _____ a public hearing was held on the petition of the EVERSOURCE for permission to construct the line of poles, wires, cables, fixtures and connections described in the order herewith recorded, and that we mailed at least seven days before said hearing a written notice of the time and place of said hearing to each of the owners of real estate (as determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation) along the way upon which the Companies are permitted to construct the line of poles, wires, cables, fixtures and connections under said order. And that thereupon said order was duly adopted.

Select Board of Peru, Massachusetts

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a joint location order and certificate of hearing with notice adopted by the Select Board of Peru, Massachusetts, on the _____ day of _____ 2024, and recorded with the records of location orders of said city, Book _____, Page _____. This certified copy is made under the provisions of Chapter 166 of General Laws and any additions thereto or amendments thereof.

Attest:

Town Clerk

EVERSOURCE COPY

LEGEND

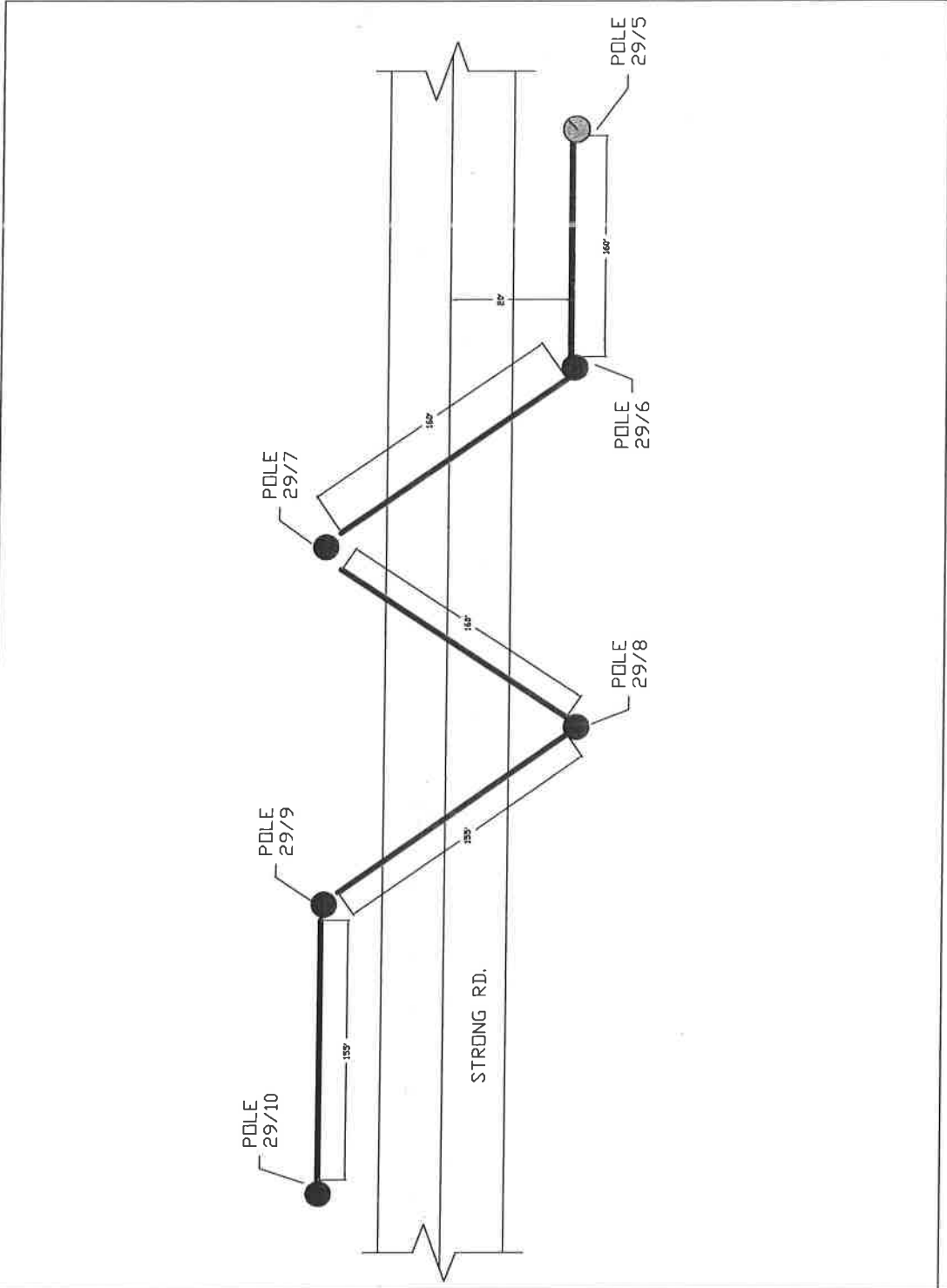
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PROPRIETARY INFORMATION:
 THE INFORMATION ON THIS MAP SHALL BE CONSIDERED PROPRIETARY TO EVERSOURCE AND THE USER (WHICH SHALL BE DEFINED AS ANY PERSON OR ENTITY WHO HAS RECEIVED THE MAP THROUGH SALE, PURCHASE, EXCHANGE, GIFT OR OTHERWISE) SHALL KEEP IT IN CONFIDENTIAL AND NOT DISCLOSE IT TO ANY THIRD PARTY WITHOUT PRIOR WRITTEN PERMISSION OF EVERSOURCE UTILITIES.

EVERSOURCE
 ENERGY

PETITION PROPOSAL
 STRONG RD
 PERU

DATE	REVISION	BY	CHKD	DATE	DESCRIPTION
01/25/20	1	JK	JK	01/25/20	ISSUE FOR PERMITS



PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION:

EVERSOURCE IS REQUESTING PERMISSION TO INSTALL (5) 40' UTILITY POLES, TO BE NUMBERED 29/6 THRU 29/10 WITH ANCHORING ALONG STRONG RD EXTENDING FACILITIES FROM OUR LAST EXISTING POLE (29/5) TO 20 STRONG RD. POLES WILL ALTERNATE THE ROAD APPROXIMATELY 20' FROM THE ROAD CENTERLINE AND SPACED APPROXIMATELY 150'-160' APART.

May 3, 2024

Verne Leach, Select Board Chair
Town of Peru
3 East Main Road
Suite #107
Peru, MA 01235

Dear Select Board Chair,

Under the provisions of Chapter 166 of General Laws and any additions thereto or amendments thereof, a public hearing IS NECESSARY on the attached petitions. Please schedule a public hearing at your earliest convenience.

A signed original of the Order should be returned to EVERSOURCE with your approval, disapproval or comments noted thereon. A signed original should also be retained for your files. Recording of the petition is not necessary. When adopted, please forward the Orders to the Town Clerk for recording.

Town Clerk, please return signed and recorded orders to:

Joanne Fox
Eversource
333 West St.
Pittsfield, MA 01201

NOTE: On questions pertaining to this order, please call Jesse Martin at 413-585-1735.

Sincerely,

Joanne Fox

Joanne Fox
District Representative

Enclosures

Ref: 16741834-16747339



PETITION FOR SOLELY OWNED POLE AND WIRE LOCATIONS

By the Select Board of Peru, Massachusetts

NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY DBA EVERSOURCE requests permission to relocate and/or install poles, wires, cables and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures along and across the following public way:

Location – Strong Road, Peru. Install five (5) solely owned poles:

Eversource is requesting permission to install five (5) forty-foot utility poles to be numbered 29/6 thru 29/10 with anchoring along Strong Road, extending facilities from our last existing pole 29/5 to 20 Strong Road. The poles will alternate the road approximately twenty feet from the road centerline and spaced approximately one hundred fifty to one hundred sixty (150-160) feet apart.

Reason – To extend facilities and provide power to homeowners.

Wherefore it prays that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, let it be granted a location for and permission to construct and maintain a pole, wires and cables, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as they may find necessary, said pole to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith and made a part hereof marked **16741834-16747339**.

Also for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as it may desire for distributing purposes.

Your petitioners agree to reserve space for one crossarm at a suitable point on each of said poles for the fire and police telephone signal wires belonging to the municipality and used by it exclusively for municipal purposes.

EVERSOURCE, By: Jesse Martin
Jesse Martin
Field Engineering Designer

Dated this 3rd day of May, 2024

TOWN COPY



To the Town Clerk of
Peru, Massachusetts

Kindly review the attached petition for the location of pole(s), guys, wires and/or cutting/trimming in your town. A town hearing is needed. Approval and recording of the Order is required.

Please return one signed original copy of the Order to EVERSOURCE (return envelope enclosed) with your approval, disapproval, or comments. Please keep the town copy for your files. Recording of the petition is not necessary.

In addition, please fill in the attached abutter cards and mail to addressees so they will be notified of the upcoming hearing regarding this petition.

Please do not hesitate to call Jesse Martin (413) 585-1735 with questions regarding pole, wires or locations.

Thank you!

Joanne Fox

Joanne Fox
District Representative
Eversource
333 West St.
Pittsfield, MA 01201

(413) 499-9077
Ref #16741834-16747339



ORDER FOR SOLELY OWNED POLE LOCATIONS

By the Selectboard of Peru, Massachusetts.

Notice having been given and a public hearing held, as provided by law,
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

that the NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY DBA EVERSOURCE be and it is hereby granted a location for and permission to construct and maintain a line of poles wires and cables together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as said Company may deem necessary, in the public way hereinafter referred to as requested in petition of said Company dated the 26th day of April, 2024.

All construction under this order shall be in accordance with the following conditions:

Poles shall be of sound timber, and reasonably straight, and shall be set substantially at the points indicated upon the plan marked **16371034** filed with and made a part of said petition. There may be attached to said poles not to exceed 18 wires and 2 cables and all of said wires and cables shall be placed at a height of not less than 18 feet from the ground.

The following is the public way along which the poles above referred to may be erected, and the number of poles which may be erected thereon under this order:

Location – South Road & South Road Ext, Peru. Install a total of seven (7) solely owned poles.
The poles are shown as red dots in sketches.

South Road:

- 1) Install pole #26/B40 approximately one hundred forty (140) feet easterly from existing p#26/41.
- 2) Install pole #26/B39 approximately one hundred sixty-five (165) feet east from proposed p#26/B40.
- 3) Install pole #26/B38 approximately one hundred eighty (180) feet east from proposed p#26/B39.
- 4) Install pole #26/B37 approximately one hundred eighty (180) feet east from proposed p#26/B38.

South Road Ext:

- 5) Install pole #33/10 approximately two hundred five (205) feet southeasterly from existing p#33/11.
- 6) Install pole #33/9 approximately two hundred five (205) feet southwesterly from proposed p#33/10.
- 7) Install pole #33/8 approximately two hundred five (205) feet southeasterly from proposed p#33/9.

Reason – Overhead Reliability Project.

Also that permission be and thereby is granted to said EVERSOURCE to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as it may desire for distribution purposes.

I hereby certify that the foregoing order was adopted at a meeting of the Selectboard of Peru, Massachusetts held on the _____ day of _____, 2024.

Town Clerk

We hereby certify that on _____ 2024, at _____ o'clock __M, at _____ a public hearing was held on the petition of the EVERSOURCE for permission to construct the line of poles, wires, cables, fixtures and connections described in the order herewith recorded, and that we mailed at least seven days before said hearing a written notice of the time and place of said hearing to each of the owners of real estate (as determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation) along the way upon which the Companies are permitted to construct the line of poles, wires, cables, fixtures and connections under said order. And that thereupon said order was duly adopted.

Selectboard of Peru, Massachusetts

CERTIFICATE

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Town Clerk

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April 26, 2024

Verne Leach, Select Board Chair
Town of Peru
3 East Main Road
Suite #107
Peru, MA 01235

Dear Chairperson Leach,

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Joanne Fox
District Representative
EVERSOURCE
333 West St.
Pittsfield, MA 01201

NOTE: On questions pertaining to this order, please call Michael Anthony at (413) 212-7433.

Sincerely,

Joanne Fox

Joanne Fox
District Representative

Enclosures
16371034



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District Representative
Eversource

(413) 499-9077
Ref #16371034

EVERSOURCE ENERGY

CITY: PERU

STREET: SOUTH RD EXTENSION



PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION:

This project is part of an OH Reliability Improvement project. Eversource would like to extend the pole line on South Rd Extension in an effort to increase system reliability. This gives us the ability to back feed the power from an alternate location in case of an outage. Eversource would like to set 3 new solely owned 40' class 2 poles.

LEGEND

⊗ PROPOSED JOINT POLE

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⊗ EXISTING JOINT POLE

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□ MANHOLE

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⋯ U.G. CONDUIT

—P— U.G. PRIMARY CABLE

—S— U.G. SECONDARY CABLE

DRAWN BY: MICHAEL ANTHONY

W.D.#: 16371034
W.R.#:

PETITION #:
N/A

DISTANCES ARE APPROXIMATE
NOT TO SCALE