

TOWN HALL 3 EAST MAIN ROAD PERU, MA 01235

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES: August 12, 2024 @ 6:00 P.M.

Town Hall Meeting Room

Verne Leach, Chair Selectman/ACO

Ed Munch, Selectman

Sam Haupt, Selectman

Justin Russell, Highway Superintendent

Public Attendees: None present

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

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

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

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

Item 5: Review and Approve BOS Meeting Minutes for 8/5/2024.

Item was tabled by agreement.

Item 6: Update of Departments:

- Highway Superintendent Russell provided a brief report on the status of August Smith Road and noted he had received two bids for dense grade products. (Discussed below)
- Mr. Haupt reported on behalf of the fire department that they were actively working on getting the two vehicles behind the fire dept. removed. Many requests have been made to Margaret Carnevale (DCR) to pick up the older red truck and the association will contact other DCR administration officials to hopefully get this accomplished soon. The green vehicle can be disposed of directly by the association. Mr. Russell asked about contacting Ice River Springs to get an additional donation of bottled water. Mr. Haupt said he would contact them in due course.

Item 7: Discussion and possible vote on bids received for Dense Grade Products: Mr. Leach reported that a diligent search was made of all mailboxes and that no emails had been received in response to the bid solicitation. As such, the Town received three formal bids, two of which were received by Mr. Russell. The bid packages were opened as follows:

- 1) Trew Stone, LLC of Sunderland, MA submitted a total cost of \$158,000.00 for 3000 tons of 1- & 1/2-inch dense grade and 1000 tons of ¾ inch dense grade.
- 2) John S. Lane/Peckham Industries submitted a total cost of \$99,500.00.
- 3) Tonlino & Sons submitted a total cost of \$88,200.

The Board discussed the bids received and Mr. Russell noted he was very comfortable with Tonlino as the Town has contracted with them previously and has been satisfied with their performance. Accordingly, Mr. Leach moved to award the bid to Tonlino & Sons, seconded by Mr. Munch. Voted 3-0 to approve.

Item 8: Interview Jonathan Mejias for the Board of Assessor position: The Select Board and Assessor Susan Koziara conducted the interview with Mr. Mejias. Important takeaways from the interview were that he has completed the Assessor's 101 course and received certification from the Massachusetts Department of Revenue. He is currently

engaged as a fellow in the Massachusetts Municipal Finance Fellowship Program and has hundreds of hours of exposure and experience with various aspects of municipal finance working in the City of Pittsfield including working in a number of municipal finance computer applications as well as literacy with other Microsoft applications. In Pittsfield, in addition to assigning tax classifications, verifying sales data, conducting property inspections, evaluating applications for exemptions or abatements, etc., he spent much of his time working at the front counter, managing any number of customer interactions in a positive manner and has an understanding and appreciation that many of these encounters may be emotionally charged. He feels capable of managing these conversations. He completed his associate's degree at Berkshire Community College, currently resides in Hinsdale and has reliable transportation to get himself to Peru.

Item 9: Discussion and possible vote to appoint Jonathon Mejias for the Board of Assessor Position: After excusing Mr. Mejias the Select Board and Ms. Koziara had a discussion regarding his qualifications after which Mr. Leach moved to appoint him seconded by Mr. Munch. Voted 3-0 to approve.

Item 10: Update on Community Center Mold Issue: The Board noted that Jay Jewell has been busy cleaning out the crawl space and other stored items, reserving useful items in the old police office. Otherwise, as had been noted by the air quality inspector, it would also be important to focus on dealing with the entrance to the town hall in order to keep the water out as much as possible. Mr. Haupt agreed to have ongoing conversations with Mr. Jewell regarding construction of an overhanging peaked roof with two sides v. a full extension of the door with a concrete base and manhole cover to access the well if needed. Gutters should also be considered on the front side of the building. Mr. Haupt will try to have a proposal from Mr. Jewell by the next meeting.

Item 11: Review and approve Accounts Payable, Treasury Warrant: None

Item 13: Public Input: None

Item 14: Adjourn: Selectman Leach motion to adjourn the 8/12/2024 BOS Meeting, Selectman Haupt second, 3-0. The 8/12/2024 BOS Meeting adjourned at 6:36 P.M.

Articles used:

Resume for Jonathon Mejias
Appointment Letter
Dense Grade Bids

Respectfully submitted:

Sam Haupt

Verne Leach, Chairman

Sam Haupt, Selectman

Ed Munch, Selectman



Date Approved: 8/19/24

Received August 19, 2024 Kim Leach Town Clerk

Jonathon E. Mejias

Municipal Finance Fellow

Accounting student with a background in business management looking for a career in municipal finance.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Plucked Admissions – Co-Founder & COO

2013-2018

- Manage and track various internal processes. Devise, delegate, and execute action plans to improve internal processes. Resolve unexpected (or expected) operational issues. Communicate with investors, customers, and the media.

Hybrid-One Construction – Residential Construction Manager

2015-2019

- Oversee high value residential developments. Track project development. Schedule contractors. Enforce contracts and permit compliance. Assess project costs. Draft and present bids.

InSPAC – Project Manager

2019-2022

- Coordinate with professionals and develop employee training modules. Set benchmarks and maintain project timelines. Schedule and direct meetings. Oversee product quality control.

Hillcrest Educational Center – Developmental Professional

2022-

- Implement clinical treatment plans. Collect and report detailed clinical data. Crisis management training.

Massachusetts Municipal Finance Fellowship Program – Fellow

2024-

- 160 hours of training in Municipal Finance with DLS, MCTA and MMAAA
- 320 hours apprenticeship at the Pittsfield City Hall

EDUCATION

George Washington University Honors College – 2015

Berkshire Community College (Dean's List) – 2024

CERTIFICATIONS & AWARDS

Massachusetts' Municipal Finance Fellowship Certification – 2024

Assessor's 101 Certification – 2024

Computer Applications with Business Analytics – 2024

My Brother's Keeper Initiative – honorary member. – 2018

NY Tech Meet Up – keynote speaker on behalf of Plucked Admissions. – 2017

Startup USA – featured business (PBS) – 2017

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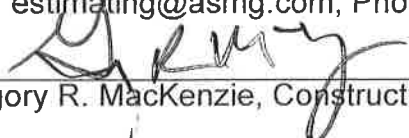
Bidder's name: Trew Stone, LLC

Description	Estimated QTY	Unit	Unit Price	Total
1 1/2" Dense Grade	3,000	Ton	\$ <u>39.50</u>	\$ <u>118,500.00</u>
3/4" Dense Grade	1,000	Ton	\$ <u>39.50</u>	\$ <u>39,500.00</u>

Total cost for all Products \$ 158,000.00

The Town of Peru is the awarding agency and reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids they deem in the Town's best interest.

Bidder: Trew Stone, LLC, PO Box 91, Sunderland, MA 01375
e-mail: estimating@asmg.com, Phone: (413) 665-4055



Gregory R. MacKenzie, Construction Manager

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Bidder's name: _____ **John S. Lane & Son/Peckham Industries** _____

Description	Estimated QTY	Unit	Unit Price	Total
1 1/2" Dense Grade	3,000	Ton	\$__25.00	\$____75,000__
3/4" Dense Grade	1,000	Ton	\$__24.50__	\$__24,500__

Total cost for all Products **\$__99,500__**

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Pricing is based on trailer dump (32+- tons) access to dump and run at yard stockpile. Gradations attached.

Thank you

Joe Salvon

413 246 5336 jsalv@peckham.com

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Bidder's name: Tonlino & Sons crushed stone

Description	Estimated QTY	Unit	Unit Price	Total
1 1/2" Dense Grade	3,000	Ton	\$21.90	\$65,700
3/4" Dense Grade	1,000	Ton	\$22.50	\$22,500

Total cost for all Products \$88,200

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