

TOWN HALL 3 EAST MAIN ROAD PERU, MA 01235

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES: May 11, 2026 @ 6:00 P.M.

Town Hall Meeting Room

Verne Leach, Chair Selectman
Edward Munch, Selectman
Samuel Haupt, Selectman
Terry Walker, Recording Secretary
Bruce Cullett, Police Chief
Justin Russell, Highway Superintendent

Public Attendees: Tina Barrington,

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: TA Walker recording, 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 5/4/2026: Selectman Leach motion to accept 5/4/2026 minutes pending changes, Selectman Munch second, 3-0.

Item 6: Update from Departments:

Police Department:

Chief Cullett mentioned that last Saturday's qualifications at the range on Curtin Road were postponed due to the weather. Qualifications for police departments will take place on Saturday, May 16, 2026.

Emergency Management Director:

EMD Cullett mentioned that he is still waiting for guidance on the funding for the EMPG grant. Hopefully skid plates can be purchased for the UTV. He will have more information by the end of the month.

Highway Department:

Superintendent Russell is working with BRPC on paving bids for South Road and Hickingbotham Road.

Town Administrator:

TA Walker mentioned that she will notify Doug Haskins, Sharon and George Gruele that the Partridgefield Trust Fund has a balance of \$27,747.55. Town Accountant Kinsherrf mentioned that the town must have a written trust agreement and the trust fund does not need appropriation from ATM to expend funds.

Tim Davis, 39 South Road, inquired about a camper permit. TA Walker gave his information to Brian Fahey and will contact Board of Health Agent, Valerie Bird since this is a BOH question.

Sam Haupt:

Sam will be attending a meeting with the Pilot Commission in Boston on May 20, 2026.

Treasurer:

Treasurer Wendling mentioned that the amount for an additional payment for the Fire Station should be \$9,364.00 not \$9,000.00. This additional payment will be taken from Free Cash and voted at ATM.

Item 7: Discussion and possible vote on fees for Fire Safety Inspector: Selectman Leach mentioned that at the last BOS meeting, Heather Brooks presented a fee schedule for the Fire Safety Inspector. Selectman Leach motion to approve updated fee schedule, Selectman Munch second, 3-0.

Item 8: Discussion and possible vote on designating the following positions to be Special Municipal Employee
Positions: Board of Health, Cemetery Commission, Conservation Commission, Emergency Management, Town Hall Building Advisory, Highway Department, Historical Commission, Parks and Recreation, Planning Board, Zoning Board, Cemetery Commission, Animal Control, Animal Inspector, Constable, Council on Aging, Town Administrator, Recording Secretary, Tax Collector, Tree Warden, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Assistant Town Clerk, Berkshire Regional Planning Commission, Building Maintenance, Transfer Attendants, Woodlands Partnership of Northwest Massachusetts, Animal Advisory and Board of Registrars:

Selectman Leach motion to designate Board of Health as a Special Municipal Employee, Haupt second, 3-0.

Selectman Leach motion to designate Cemetery Commission as a Special Municipal Employee, Munch second, 3-0.

Selectman Leach motion to designate Emergency Management as a Special Municipal Employee, Haupt second, 3-0.

Selectman Leach motion to designate Town Hall Build Advisory as a Special Municipal Employee, Munch second, 3-0.

Selectman Leach motion to designate Highway Department as a Special Municipal Employee, Munch second, 3-0.

Selectman Leach motion to designate Historical Commission as a Special Municipal Employee, Haupt second, 3-0.

Selectman Leach motion to designate Parks and Recreation as a Special Municipal Employee, Munch second, 3-0.

Selectman Leach motion to designate Planning Board as a Special Municipal Employee, Munch second, 3-0.

Selectman Leach motion to designate Zoning Board of Appeals as a Special Municipal Employee, Munch second, 3-0.

Haupt recuse

Selectman Munch motion to designate Animal Control Officer as a Special Municipal Employee, Haupt second, 2-0, Leach recuse.

Selectman Munch motion to designate Animal Inspector as a Special Municipal Employee, Haupt second, 2-0, Leach recuse.

Selectman Leach motion to designate Constable as a Special Municipal Employee, Munch second, 3-0

Selectman Leach motion to designate Council on Aging Director as a Special Municipal Employee, Munch second, 3-0.

Selectman Leach motion to designate Town Administrator as a Special Municipal Employee, Munch second, 3-0.

Selectman Leach motion to designate Recording Secretary as a Special Municipal Employee, Haupt second, 3-0.

Selectman Leach motion to designate Tax Collector as a Special Municipal Employee, Munch second, 3-0.

Selectman Leach motion to designate Tree Warden as a Special Municipal Employee, Munch second, 3-0.

Selectman Leach motion to designate Town Treasurer as a Special Municipal Employee, Munch second, 3-0.

Selectman Munch motion to designate Town Clerk as a Special Municipal Employee, Haupt second, 2-0, Leach recuse.

Selectman Leach motion to designate Asst. Town Clerk as a Special Municipal Employee, Munch second, 3-0.

Selectman Leach motion to designate Berkshire Regional Planning Commission as a Special Municipal Employee, Haupt second 3-0.

Selectman Leach motion to designate Building Maintenance as a Special Municipal Employee, Haupt second, 2-0. Munch recuse

Selectman Haupt motion to designate Transfer Attendants as a Special Municipal Employee, Leach & Munch recuse.

Selectman Leach motioned to designate Woodland Partnership of Northwest Massachusetts as a Special Municipal Employee, Munch second, 2-0. Haupt recuse

Selectman Leach motion to designate Animal Advisory Committee as a Special Municipal Employee, Haupt second, 3-0.

Selectman Leach motion to designate Board of Registrars as a Special Municipal Employee, Haupt second, 3-0.

Item 9: Discussion and possible vote on Transfer Station Permits and bag stickers. Selectman Leach felt that there shouldn't be any changes, Selectman Munch mentioned that everything should stay the same, and Selectman Haupt felt that the BOS could put the town on notice for increases for next year. Highway Superintendent Russell mentioned that the sales for permits and stickers for last year were around \$20,000, this year around \$9,400 and wonders why the decrease in sales. Selectman Leach motion to leave as is, Selectman Haupt second, 3-0. Tina Barrington mentioned that seniors on restricted income can not afford an increase. Tina was instructed to speak with the COA Director for possible assistance if fees are increased.

Item 10: Discussion and possible vote on articles and finalizing the Annual Town Meeting Warrant: Selectman Leach motion to finalize ATM Warrant pending changes, Selectman Munch second, 3-0.

Item 11: Discussion and possible vote to approve a letter to the State and House of Reps urging the Joint Committee on Was and Means to fully fund rural School Aid in FY27: Selectman Leach motion to approve letter, Selectman Munch second, 3-0.

Item 12: Review and Approve accounts payable, Treasury Warrants, Payroll warrants: V23-2026

Item 13: Public Input:

Doug Haskins mentioned that he will be getting quotes on a fence for the ball field. TA Walker mentioned that if the committee uses funds from the Partridgefield Trust fund this does not need to go to Annual Town Meeting. The committee votes on the expenditure, brings invoice to TA Walker and the invoice will be paid by the trust fund. TA Walker is researching the trust agreement, original vote establishing the trust fund and who in Town is given authority to expend these funds. Town Accountant Kinsherf mentioned that the Town typically has Trust Fund Commissioners or a board acting in that capacity. They would approve the expenses and submit them to the accounting department for payment.

Doug mentioned that a porta potty has been ordered from White Wolf for the ball field.

Bruce Cullett mentioned that the town should request Certificate of Insurance from individuals that manage the Little Leagues.

Item 14: Adjourn: Selectman Leach made a motion to adjourn the 5/11/2026 BOS Meeting, Selectman Munch second, Vote 3-0. The 5/11/2026 BOS Meeting adjourned at 7:14 P.M.

Articles used:

5/4/2026 minutes

Warrant: V23-2026

Fire Safety Inspector revised fee schedule

ATM Warrant

FY27 Work sheet

Letter to senate and house of representatives

Sign off sheet permit processing

Designation papers

Terry Walker

Recording Secretary

Verne Leach, Chairman



Samuel Haupt, Selectman



Edward Munch, Selectman



Date Approved: 5-18-26

Received 5/25/2026
Kim Leach, Town Clerk



(no subject)

1 message

Heather Brooks <hbrooks75.hb@gmail.com>
To: Heather Brooks <hbrooks75.hb@gmail.com>

Sun, May 3, 2026 at 22:05

Town of Peru, MA
Fire Safety Inspector
Fee Schedule Update Request Letter
Date: April 29, 2026

For: Select Board Meeting May 4, 2026

To whom it may concern,

I am requesting an update to the Fee Schedule for Fire Safety permits and inspections. The current and proposed fee schedules are outlined below.

Current Fee Schedule

- Smoke Alarm: \$40.00
- Propane Tank (Each): \$40.00
- Oil Tank Removal: \$40.00
- Oil Tank Install: \$40.00
- Commercial Dumpster: \$40.00
- Residential Dumpster: No charge
- Re-Inspection Fee: \$30.00

Proposed Updated Fee Schedule

- Smoke/CO Alarm Inspection: \$40.00
- Propane Tank Install (each): \$40.00
- Propane Tank Removal (each): \$40.00
- Oil Tank Install (each): \$40.00
- Oil Tank Removal (each): \$40.00
- Commercial Dumpster: \$40.00
- Residential Dumpster: NO CHARGE
- Camp/Large Area Multi-Building Safety Inspection: \$600.00
- Re-Inspection: \$30.00 per occurrence
- Other (including unlisted inspections/permits): \$40.00+

These updates are intended to clarify the fee schedule and ensure all inspections and permits are covered.

Contact:
Logan Brooks
Fire Safety Inspector, Peru, MA
1 E Main Rd, Peru, MA
Cell: (413) 347-0271
Email: perumedtraining@gmail.com

**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 6, 2026, at 6:00 PM for the Annual Town Meeting, then and there to take action on the following articles, namely:

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

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:

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the Central Berkshire Regional School District FY27 Assessment, or to take any other action relative thereto:

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| Net Operating Assessment | \$ 1,083,751.00 |
| Capital Assessment | <u>156,297.00</u> |
| Total Town of Peru Assessment | \$1,240,048.00 |

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

Article 4: Citizens Petition: Petition to the Town of Peru to change the position of Town Clerk as described under MGL c41 section 1 from an elected to an appointed position:

Article 5: Citizens Petition: The Board of Selectmen shall be required to schedule the Peru Annual Town Meeting no later than the second Saturday in May at 5:00 p.m.

Article 6: Citizens Petition: Petition the Town of Peru in accordance with MGL Ch. 32B section 20 to create an Other Post-Employment Benefits Fund for the current and future liabilities of the Town for group health insurance benefits for the retirees and their dependents which fund may be expended by a 2/3 vote of a Town Meeting, and designate a trustee or trustees, and further, to directs that such trustee or trustees adopt and file a declaration of trust and take all other actions as required by said section , or take any other action relative thereto:

Article 7: 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:

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| Selectboard | |
| Member | \$ 3,906.50 |
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| Town Clerk | \$15,450.00 |
| Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee in support of this article. | |

Article 8: 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 FY27, or to take any other action relative thereto:

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| Assessors' | |
| Lead Assessor | \$22,496.20 |
| Assessor #1 | 4,006.03 |
| Assessor | 2,732.81 |
| Treasurer | 16,068.00 |
| Tax Collector | 16,068.00 |
| Accounting Services | 35,100.00 |
| Animal Control Officer | 2,088.19 |
| Police Chief | 82,400.00 |
| Inspector of Animals | 1,037.46 |
| Veterans' Agent | 546.02 |
| Council on Aging Director | 1.00 |
| Fire Chief | 6,180.00 |
| Cemetery Sexton | 772.00 |
| Town Auditor | 1.00 |
| Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee in support of this article. | |

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the following accounts for FY27, or take any other action relative thereto:

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| Assessors' Salaries | \$ 29,235.04 |
| Selectmen's Salary | 11,719.49 |
| Tax Collector's Salary | 16,068.00 |
| Town Clerk's Salary | 15,450.00 |
| Treasurer's Salary | 16,068.00 |
| Accounting Services | 35,100.00 |
| Assessing Services | 25,000.00 |
| Animal Control Officer's Salary | 2,088.19 |
| Inspector of Animals Salary | 1,037.46 |
| Veterans' Agent Salary | 546.02 |

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| Council on Aging Director | 1.00 |
| Fire Chief | 6,180.00 |
| Police Chief | 82,400.00 |
| Cemetery Sexton Salary | 772.00 |
| Town Auditor | 1.00 |

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

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the following wage accounts for FY27, or to take any other action relative thereto:

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| Recording Secretary | \$ 5,304.50 |
| Elections & Registrar's Account | 8,340.00 |
| Assistant Town Clerk | 2,575.00 |
| Compactor Attendants | 9,446.25 |
| Town Administrator's Salary | 41,200.00 |

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

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the following accounts for FY27, or to take any other action relative thereto:

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| 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 | 2,595.00 |
| Town Report Expense | 2,000.00 |
| Treasurer | 1,500.00 |
| Treasurer Tax Title Expense | 6,000.00 |
| Board of Appeals Expense | 100.00 |
| U.S. Postal Expense | 5,000.00 |
| Health Department Expense | 16,402.00 |
| Hogweed Eradication | 750.00 |

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

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the following accounts for FY27, or to take any other action relative thereto:

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| Assessors' Annual Computer Support | \$ 2,400.00 |
| Computer Supplies & Maintenance IT | 22,450.00 |
| Treas./Acct. Annual Computer Support | 15,370.92 |
| Tax Collector's Annual Computer Support | 12,580.82 |
| Assessors' Tax Map Maintenance | 2,600.00 |
| Continuing Education | 3,000.00 |

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| Office Supplies | 2,000.00 |
| Assessor Utility Appraisal | 4,500.00 |

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

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the following accounts for FY27, or to take any other action relative thereto:

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| Conservation Commission Expense | \$ 500.00 |
| Interest on Loans | 17,000.00 |
| Legal Expense | 9,000.00 |
| Officers' Mileage | 1,500.00 |

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

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the following accounts for FY27, or to take any other action relative thereto:

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| Elderly Outreach | \$ 1.00 |
| Council on Aging Expense | 1.00 |
| Veterans Service | 6,000.00 |

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

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the following accounts for FY27, or to take any other action relative thereto:

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| Medicare – Town Share | \$ 6,900.00 |
| Health Ins/Life & Dental | 185,000.00 |
| Town Insurance - All | 43,553.00 |
| Mass. Unemployment Insurance | 600.00 |
| CHUBB Insurance | 7,381.00 |

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

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the following accounts for FY27, or to take any other action relative thereto:

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| Partridge Field Playground Trust | \$ 1,500.00 |
| Peru Library | 23,256.00 |
| Mowing: Cemeteries, Town Hall, Town Park and Town Green: | 7,300.00 |

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

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the following accounts for FY27, or to take any other action relative thereto:

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| Town Buildings' Maintenance | \$ 15,000.00 |
| Town Building Maint. Salary | 6,180.00 |
| Utilities – Electric | 15,000.00 |

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| Utilities – Heating | 21,000.00 |
| Utilities - Telephone | 1,800.00 |
| Internet Communication Lines | 7,250.00 |
| Town Website Design, Hosting, & Support | 1,500.00 |
| Town Hall Janitorial Services | 4,900.00 |
| Cemetery Expense | 500.00 |

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

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the following accounts for FY27 or to take any other action relative thereto:

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| Compactor | \$ 40,000.00 |
| Northern Berkshire Solid Waste District | 3,420.00 |

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

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the following accounts for FY27, or to take any other action relative thereto:

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| Berk. County Reg. Planning Comm. | 746.26 |
| Berk. County Retirement Assessment | 66,990.00 |
| Hinsdale Ambulance | 3,000.00 |
| Town Fire Station Mortgage Payment | 13,752.88 |
| Police Wages | 29,380.75 |
| Police Expenses | 8,539.00 |
| 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.

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the following accounts for FY27, or to take any other action relative thereto:

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| 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.

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the following accounts for FY27, or to take any other action relative thereto:

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| Gas & Fuel Account | \$ 33,000.00 |
| Maintain Hard Surface Roads | 28,000.00 |
| Material, Gravel Roads | 25,000.00 |
| Road Machinery Maintenance | 30,000.00 |
| Snow Roads, Public | 95,500.00 |
| Town Highways & Bridges | 20,000.00 |
| Town Highway Garage Mortgage Payment | 12,020.00 |

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| Highway Employee Wage Acct. | 120,000.00 |
| Highway Superintendent Salary | 81,954.52 |
| Highway Department Uniforms | 3,800.00 |
| Tree Removal | 25,000.00 |
| Temporary Summer Help | 8,000.00 |
| Highway Garage Maintenance | 3,000.00 |

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

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the vocational education and transportation accounts for FY27, or take any other action relative thereto:

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| Vocational School Tuition | \$203,031.00 |
| Vocational School Transportation | \$74,887.20 |

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

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from **Free Cash** the sum of Forty-Eight Thousand, Five Hundred Twenty-Nine Dollars and Eighty Three Cents, \$48,529.83 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.

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from **Free Cash** the sum of Ten Thousand Six Hundred Nine Dollars and Twenty-Five Cents, (\$10,609.25), or any other sum, to fund sandblasting and painting highway department plows, or take any other action relative thereto.

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

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from **Free Cash** the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$7,500.00), to purchase a new tractor mount 3-point hitch leaf blower, or any other action relative thereto.

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

Article 26: To see if the Town will transfer from **Free Cash** the sum of Four Thousand Five hundred and Zero Cents, (\$4,500.00) to replace floor drain grates for the highway garage, or any other relative thereto.

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

Article 27: To see if the Town will transfer from **Free Cash** the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$50,000.00) to the Future Equipment Account or take any other action relative thereto.

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

Article 28: To see if the Town will transfer from Free Cash the sum of Twenty-Two Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents, (\$22,000.00) for a Financial Town Audit for FY25, or take any other action relative thereto:

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

Article 29: To see if the Town will transfer from **Free Cash** the sum of Forty-One Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents, (\$41,000.00) to reduce the tax rate or take any other action relative thereto.

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

Article 30: To see if the Town will Transfer from **Free Cash** the sum of Five Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents, (\$5,000.00) to replace laptops, or take other action relative thereto.

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

Article 31: 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 FY27 or take any other action relative thereto.

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

Article 32: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from **Free Cash** the sum of Nine Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (~~\$9,000.00~~), or any other sum, to pay an additional Fire Station principal mortgage payment, or take any other action relative thereto.

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

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Article 33: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from **Free Cash** the sum of One Hundred and Four Dollars and Seventy Six Cents, (\$104.76), or any other sum, to pay a FY25 AT&T invoice, or take any other action relative thereto.

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

Article 34: 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:

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| 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.

Article 35: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Chapter 90 funds that are, or may become, available to the Town during FY27 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.

Article 36: 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.

Article XX: To see if the Town will vote to adopt as Article 39 of the Town's General By-laws the following noncriminal disposition bylaw in accordance with G.L. c. 40, § 21D, or to take any other action relative thereto:

Article 39. NONCRIMINAL DISPOSITION BY-LAW:

1. Any by-law of the Town of Peru, or rule or regulation of its officers, boards or departments, may in the discretion of the Town official who is the appropriate enforcing person, be enforced through noncriminal disposition as provided in G.L. c. 40, § 21D. The specific penalty for purposes of noncriminal disposition for each such violation, if not otherwise specified, shall be as follows:
 - First violation – warning
 - Second violation - \$50
 - Third violation - \$100
 - Fourth and subsequent violations - \$300
2. Each day a violation exists shall constitute a separate violation for purposes of this by-law.
3. The term “enforcing person” as used in this by-law shall mean: any Town of Peru police officer with respect to any offense; as well as the Fire Chief and Fire Inspector, Town Administrator, Highway Superintendent, Animal Control Officer/Inspector, Building Commissioner, Conservation Commission or its agent, Board of Health or its agent, Zoning Board of Appeals or its agent, and their designees, and such other officials as the Select Board may from time to time designate, each with respect to violation of by-laws, rules and regulations within their respective jurisdictions. If more than one official has jurisdiction in a given case, any such official may be an enforcing person with respect thereto.
4. Any particular fine specified in a by-law shall be included on a list maintained in the office of the Town Clerk.
5. The fines set forth in the notice of violation issued in accordance with this By-law shall be payable to the Town within 21 days of the date set forth on the notice or, if the person so notified seeks to contest the violation, such person may request a hearing before the Pittsfield District Court. The person so notified may also seek to resolve the matter locally by appealing the issuance of the notice, in writing, to the Town Administrator no later than 14 days following the date of the notice of violation. The Town Administrator or the Administrator's designee shall, no later than 20 days following the date of the notice of violation, decide the appeal, or hold a hearing to determine such additional facts as may be necessary. If the person so notified is dissatisfied with the Town Administrator's determination and resolution, they may contest the violation as set forth in the notice by seeking a hearing before the Pittsfield District Court in accordance with G.L. c. 40, § 21D. The Administrator's failure to make a determination within the time set forth herein shall

| Line Item Number | Budget Item | FY 24 Allocation | FY 25 Proposed | FY 26 Proposed | FY 27 Proposed | Increase/(Decrease) | % change |
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| 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 | \$ 41,200.00 | \$ 1,200.00 | 3% |
| 10122.01 | Selectmen's Salary | \$ 10,725.00 | \$ 11,046.75 | \$ 11,378.15 | \$ 11,719.49 | \$ 341.34 | 3% |
| 10122.02 | Selectmen Expenses | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ - | 0% |
| 10122.06 | Recording Secretary | \$ 5,500.00 | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 5,150.00 | \$ 5,304.50 | \$ 154.50 | 3% |
| 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 | \$ 21,000.00 | \$ 22,450.00 | \$ 1,450.00 | 7% |
| 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 | \$ 29,235.04 | \$ 854.41 | 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 | \$ 16,068.00 | \$ 468.00 | 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 | \$ 15,370.92 | \$ 731.95 | 5% |
| 10146.00 | Tax Collector Salary | \$ 12,730.80 | \$ 13,112.72 | \$ 15,600.00 | \$ 16,068.00 | \$ 468.00 | 3% |
| 10146.01 | Tax Collector Expenses | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ - | 0% |
| 10146.02 | Tax Taking Charges | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ - | 0% |
| 10146.05 | Tax Coll Computer Support | \$ 10,867.78 | \$ 11,411.17 | \$ 11,981.73 | \$ 12,580.82 | \$ 599.09 | 5% |
| 10161.00 | Town Clerk Salary | \$ 10,300.00 | \$ 10,609.00 | \$ 15,000.00 | \$ 15,450.00 | \$ 450.00 | 3% |
| 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 | \$ 2,575.00 | \$ 75.00 | 3% |
| 10161.03 | Election & Bd of Reg | \$ 5,850.00 | \$ 5,850.00 | \$ 3,500.00 | \$ 8,440.00 | \$ 4,940.00 | 141% |
| 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 | \$ 7,250.00 | \$ 50.00 | 1% |
| 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% |

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| 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 | \$ 6,180.00 | \$ 180.00 | \$ | \$ | \$ | 3% |
| 20222.02 | Fire Station Mortgage | \$ 1.00 | \$ 14,338.13 | \$ 14,045.50 | \$ 13,752.88 | \$ (292.62) | \$ | \$ | \$ | -2% |
| 20222.04 | Firemen's Building Maint | \$ 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 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | 0% |
| 20224.00 | Hinsdale Ambulance | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 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 | CBRS Operating/Transp | \$ 903,919.00 | \$ 943,938.00 | \$ 1,021,339.00 | \$ 1,083,751.00 | \$ 62,412.00 | \$ | \$ | \$ | 6% |
| 30000.02 | CBRS Capital | \$ 102,405.00 | \$ 117,707.00 | \$ 160,437.00 | \$ 156,297.00 | \$ (4,140.00) | \$ | \$ | \$ | -3% |
| 30000.04 | Smith/Taconic/McCann Tuiti | \$ 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% |
| | | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| 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! |
| | | | | | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| 40213.25 | Hogweed Eradication | | | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ 750.00 | \$ (750.00) | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| 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 | \$ 95,500.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ | \$ | \$ | 1% |
| | | | | | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| 40500.00 | Compactor | \$ 38,000.00 | \$ 38,000.00 | \$ 39,520.00 | \$ 40,000.00 | \$ 480.00 | \$ | \$ | \$ | 1% |
| 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 | \$ 1.00 | \$ (999.00) | \$ | \$ | \$ | -100% |
| 50302.00 | Elderly Outreach Program | \$ 650.00 | \$ 650.00 | \$ 650.00 | \$ 1.00 | \$ (649.00) | \$ | \$ | \$ | -100% |
| 50303.00 | Council On Aging Salary | \$ 1,200.00 | \$ 1,236.00 | \$ 2,400.00 | \$ 1.00 | \$ (2,399.00) | \$ | \$ | \$ | -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% |

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|----------|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|-----|
| 60002.06 | Utilities Heating | \$ 16,500.00 | \$ 19,000.00 | \$ 17,000.00 | \$ 21,000.00 | \$ 4,000.00 | 24% |
| 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 | \$7,300.00 | 700.00 | 11% |
| 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 | \$ 17,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 13% |
| 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 | \$ 185,000.00 | 33,568.64 | 22% |
| 95781.00 | Reserve Fund | \$ - | | | | - | |
| | TOTAL | \$ 2,507,489.71 | \$ 2,656,746.33 | \$ 2,899,870.53 | \$ 3,008,522.30 | \$ 108,651.77 | 4% |

Town of Peru

Peru, Massachusetts 01235



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Senate Vice Chair- Committee on Ways and Means
State House, Room 243
24 Beacon Street
Boston, MA 02133

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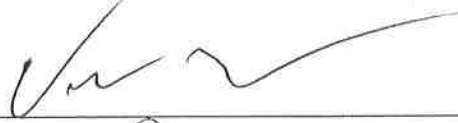
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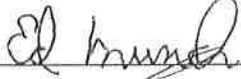
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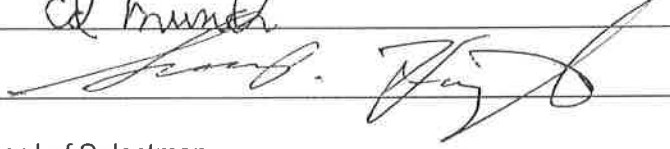
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Town of Peru- Board of Selectman

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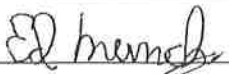
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Town of Peru- Board of Selectman

SIGN OFF SHEET

BEFORE PERMIT PROCESSING

Owner of Record _____ Address _____

Map:

Lot:

④ Tax Collector: YOU MAY PROCEED _____ YOU MAY NOT PROCEED: _____ Date: _____

TAX COLLECTOR Signature _____

Town Clerk: YOU MAY PROCEED _____ YOU MAY NOT PROCEED: _____ Date: _____

⑤ TOWN CLERK Signature _____

③ HEALTH DEPARTMENT Septic Approved Water Test Approved
Well Permit Approved

Health Department Agent _____

CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

Sie Review

Wetland Issues

Conservation Issues

① Conservation Comm Signature _____

⑥ Fire Chief: _____ Smoke Alarms Etc

② Highway Superintendant _____ Curb Cut

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Massachusetts



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The Select Board has voted to make the following positions Special Municipal Positions;

The Board of Health, Cemetery Commission, Conservation Commission, Emergency Management, Town Hall Building Advisory, Highway Department, Historical Commission, Parks and Recreation, Planning Board, Zoning Board, Cemetery Commission, Animal Control / Animal Inspector, Constable, Council on Aging, Town Administrator, Recording Secretary, Tax Collector, Tree Warden, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Assistant Town Clerk, Berkshire Regional Planning Commission, Building Maintenance, Transfer Attendants, Woodlands Partnership of Northwest Massachusetts, Animal Advisory and the Board of Registrars.

5-11-26

Verne L. Leach, Select Board Chair

Date

5/11/26

Samuel P. Haupt, Select Board Member

Date

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Edward F. Munch Jr., Select Board Member

Date

Kim A. Leach
Peru Town Clerk

Date