

PERU BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Monday August 15, 2022 10:00AM

Community Room

Peru Town Hall 3 E Main Rd

Peru, MA 01235

Agenda

1. Call to order.
2. Roll call.
3. State recording status.
4. Review and approve minutes from 7/11/22 BOH meeting.
5. Ed Fahey's report including follow up on 127 E Windsor Rd.
6. Reached out to Public Health nurses re health fair combined with flu clinic.
7. Follow up Garnet Lake ownership.
8. Follow up private well regulations, discuss scheduling separate meeting to discuss well regulations and procedure.
9. COVID update, free test kits for Peru, Monkey Pox.
10. Select Board needs to appoint Alternate, reached out to Jim via email.
11. Harm Reduction Services Mobile Van visit 2nd Wed through Oct 1-3:00PM
12. Water testing, discuss BOH recommendations for fire house well, Ed was to recommend monthly testing and getting a formal quote for sealing well.
13. Schedule next meeting, set agenda.
14. Adjourn

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

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Posted August 8, 2022 @ 12:21pm *Kim Leach , Town Clerk*

PERU BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

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1. The meeting was called to order at 10:01 AM
2. Roll call: present Nanette Mone, Peggy White, Darryl Darby and Ed Fahey, Health Agent.
3. Nanette recording.
4. Review and approve minutes from last meeting on 7/11/2022. Vern Leach attended and requested a correction to his statement regarding water testing; so notated. Peggy pointed out that after a motion, the statement "all in favor" was omitted; also notated. Motion made to approve minutes as amended. All in favor.
5. Ed 's report: (see attached) There were a number of Title V inspections; some passed; some failed. One installation was completed. 127 E. Windsor remains in process awaiting Hilltown CDC funding. A site visit was made at 37 Pierce Road to follow up on a complaint about camping on a neighboring property. Nothing could be seen from the road; the parcel is deep. A letter will be sent to the owner to ask them to communicate with the Board. At this point there is no evidence that a nuisance situation exists. And further, this is an ongoing dispute between these neighbors.
6. Peggy emailed nurse Leslie who will talk to Laura Kittross. We have not heard back, so Peggy will reach out again. If they don't want to do a combined health fair and flu clinic, Peggy doesn't want that to impede the flu clinic which the Board hopes to schedule for early October.
7. Garnet Lake update: Ed sent an application for a permit to the owners; it was filled out and returned timely. Also included was the water test for July (7/21). The next step is to post signage then Ed can go ahead and issue the permit. It is not necessary to post this year as long as the August water test is done.
8. Well regulation continuing discussion: On Sept. 8, 2022 there will be a seminar on public water supply and private wells. The Board agreed to attend as part of information gathering for the Sept. meeting. After talking back & forth about scheduling a separate meeting on this issue, Ed said that we were not there yet. The board needs first to decide whether to adopt regulations, either the model BOH version that is available or to draft regulations pertinent to Peru needs or to do nothing. If the board goes ahead with regulations, then Ed said that a draft needs to be done. After that the town attorney will have to approve the document. Then a public hearing will be held with copies of the draft readily available to the public. Peggy asked if Ed can help the board with that process and /or the Alliance. If enough people say no, then the board will decide based on those opinions. If people come to the meeting with specific concerns, the board will take that into consideration too. The Board of Health has the authority from the Mass general law to adopt the regulations without going to town meeting. Darryl said we should gather the information before trying to schedule a separate meeting.
9. Covid update: New CDC has a new guideline; you no longer have to quarantine if you are exposed but are asymptomatic, Children can go school under the same rule. It is still recommended that masks are worn indoors. Also, people are still encouraged to get vaccinated & boosted. There are still some test kits at the usual places in town. A monkey pox case has shown up in Pittsfield; the state count is 174. Most usually it starts with a rash that the suppurates. One needs to see a doctor

to get it diagnosed. Also, a vaccine is available but only to the most vulnerable as it is in short supply. There is a clinic in Springfield.

10. Darryl is "all set" as the alternate to the Alliance governor meetings. The BOS has officially voted to appoint Darryl.
11. Harm reduction van: Peggy took a tour of their services. The important message is that they will take any syringes, medical or otherwise. The van will be here through October on the second Wednesday 1 to 3 PM. There is a sign at town hall.
12. Water testing at the firehouse: Peggy thought that Ed was going to reach out to Jesse but he didn't get that. Ed said we will need to talk to the BOS because of the cost of the tests. Also, Darryl said that Jesse was going to meet with Henshaw (Well Drilling) to get an evaluation on fixing the well cover. A motion was made to strike the motion from the last meeting and table this until we find out what Henshaw will recommend. All in favor.
13. The governors board meeting will be on Sept. 15th. Peggy will give us an update at the Oct. meeting. Also, Peggy responded to Jaymie's email and will set up a 3-way call between them and Nanette to talk about the rural health equity grant. Laura has a survey regarding a separate grant issue.
14. The next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 12, 2022 at 10:00AM. The agenda will include Ed Fahey's report, 127 E. Windsor Rd., the flu clinic, firehouse well issue and Jesse's meeting with Henshaw, well regs. discussion, covid update, and governors board update.
15. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:53AM. All were in favor.

Minutes respectfully were submitted as a draft by Nanette Mone 09/11/2022

Approved

10/27/22

Nanette Mone

Peggy White

Darryl Darby

Article attached: Ed Fahey's July report

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