

**Minutes from Board of Health Meeting Tues September 8, 2020 3:00 PM
Peru Town Pavilion
3 E Main Peru, MA 01235**

1. Call to order 3:00PM
2. Roll Call Nanette Mone, Darryl Darby, Peggy White and Ed Fahey present
3. State Recording Status: Peggy White
4. Minutes from the previous BOH meeting from 8/18 were reviewed. A motion and second were made and all in favor of approving the minutes with the addition of "After Nanette researched available cleaning services the Select Board has approved a cleaning service for routine and COVID emergency cleaning."

5. New Business

a) Ed Fahey sent a letter to Lauren Steele regarding the board's decision about the odor complaint, the board was sent via email a copy of the letter.

b) Update on online permitting, the online payment is still outstanding, the system is up and running. Training is available for the system to allow BOH members to get on and look at the activity only, Nanette is interested. Ed reviewed how other town's are involved with the system. Becket has been online for years and a staff person who communicates with the vendors, Windsor defers to the Health Inspector who reports to the board. Both Ed and Rebecca manage the system and monitor the activity and therefore can cover if one of them is out of town or unavailable. Ed will get more information regarding the training from Rebecca Slick.

c) Update on COVID notices : DPH will be conducting a Community Impact Study and will have a webinar to discuss. Nanette is interested in completing the survey. Peggy commented is is probably more geared to harder hit communities, Berkshire County remains low in case numbers and Peru has continued to have less than 5 cases. Nanette also mentioned that the guidelines for pick your own fruits and vegetables has been updated including limitations of 114 people per acre. Cotton masks are still available, and were and will be made available at the voting polls during elections. Consider having another give away at the transfer station.

6. Hog weed update: Jennifer Forman Orth has not followed up. Ed Fahey suggests we contact the new property owner at 55 E Windsor this winter and the remediation of hogweed on both the private property and in the town right of way across the street will be tabled for further discussion and follow up until January 2021. The letter to the property owner will include that the hogweed on town right of way will be taken care of so they may be more willing to have the hogweed on their property removed. Peggy still is concerned about not having any documentation, letter or pamphlet regarding the program. Motion was made, seconded and all in favor of tabling the hogweed issue as above.
7. Agent's Report: 8 Baumann Rd perc test performed for a voluntary upgrade of the system. The soil was too wet and the septic design will be based on the soil sample type, which is called the Alternate perc test policy. 3 Orpin Rd Title V inspection with a conditional pass with need for replacement of the D box. The property is being transferred to a relative. Update on 2 Weeks Rd: Hilltown CDC has notified Ed that the property owner still needs to submit 1 document. Ed suggests that he send a letter with a deadline for one month. The house is currently unoccupied but if the board declares the house uninhabitable it assures no one moves in or prevents future sale with a failed system declare the house uninhabitable. Motion made, seconded and all in favor to have Ed write a letter to the owner that he has until the end of the year to have a system installed but

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need to have a plan for disposal works submitted by November 1, 2020 or the home will be declared uninhabitable. 261 E Windsor Rd had original Oct 1, 2020 deadline and needed a letter written regarding no follow up for failed Title V from 2017. Perc test done 1/2018, application and design received but never installed. The owners have a 2 year window without breakout to repair the failed Title V which now is beyond the allowance. A letter was sent in March 2020. A motion was made, seconded and all in favor to send a follow up letter that an update on the plan is needed with proof by a signed contract by licensed installer by November 1, 2020 with a completion date before 12/31/20 or the house will be declared uninhabitable, 95 Middlefield Rd has an innovative system that needs maintenance by a certified inspector/contractor, owner let the contract lapse. Ed states a letter is needed to be sent to the owner to renew their maintenance contract. The contractor notified the inspector that the contract was not updated. Ed wants to clarify the mail system, he has noticed mail is in 3 places: the outside box, the box on his door and the box by Caleb's office. The slot on the door is for Tim. Mail for BOH may be going to the main Town Hall box. There is a key available with the town clerk for members to access the outside mail box. Ed is planing to start coming on Monday night to check the mail and talk to Assessors and Treasurer if needed.

8. Update on Town Hall Reopening. Nanette is attending the Select Board meetings to keep updated on the town hall reopening, will give update that the online permitting is up and running. Currently looking for contractors for the installation of the intercom system and half doors. Funds are still being clarified about what is covered. Nanette states FEMA is not allowing any permanent changes but important to have the projects completed whether the town has to pay or not. Plan is to order the sneeze guards later. Concern that the ventilation system needs to be updated but a engineer consulting study is pending for the Green Community Plan which includes HVAC. The employees have yet to complete the power point training. But again the BOH can only offer advice until complaint is made. Peggy would like to contact Caleb about the town obtaining a professional Zoom account with concerns that the public need access to board meetings through a more user friendly medium than FaceBook Live that has audio issues and Nanette will reinforce mentioning at the Select Board Meeting. Peggy has reached out to Leslie Drager but a plan is pending for a community flu vaccine clinic.
9. Next meeting Tues October 20,2020 at 4:30 PM. Items for the Agenda follow up letters Ed will be sending out. Location pending weather: either outside or return to FaceBook Live, possibly via Zoom.
10. A motion was made and seconded and all in favor to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 5:02PM

Minutes respectfully were submitted as a draft by Peggy White 9/14/2020

Approved _____

Nanette Mone _____

Peggy White _____

Darryl Darby _____

