

Minutes from Peru Board of Health
Wednesday October 14, 2020
Peru Town Pavilion
3E Main Rd
Peru, MA 01235

1. Call to order 2:00PM
2. Roll Call: Nanette Mone, Darryl Darby, Peggy White, Ed Fahey.
3. State Recording status: Peggy White.
4. After review a motion was made, seconded and all in favor to approve the minutes from the previous BOH meeting from September 8, 2020.
5. Letter approval process. After a recent letter was sent that mentioned the extend the BOH can carry compliance issues extends to demolition of a home, concerns were raised by Nanette. She does not want to approve the final draft of letters written by Ed via email despite the Board approving the letter being written as Darryl pointed out. The fact that home can be demolished was Nanette's concern. She contacted the building inspector regarding the lengthy process involved and Ed stated that the procedure though also lengthy is different for the board of health than the building inspector. Darryl feels property owners need to be notified of the full extent of the law so they are aware of consequences if they remain non-compliant. Peggy stated Ed was including in his letter the context of the pertinent law and Darryl felt people who have been non-compliant need to know the extent of actions that can be taken, as noted by Peggy when all documentation is necessary if a case ends up in housing court. Ed also stated there is a difference from an informational letter vs an order which is a legal document. Ed offered to bring a draft of anticipated letters he expect to write to meetings for final editing and approval. Any relevant law will be contained in the letter draft. All in favor of above letter writing process going forward. The letter for 261 W Windsor Rd does not need to be sent as the septic system has been installed. There are 2 letters pending regarding 2 Weeks Road and 95 Middlefield Rd, motions made, seconded and all in favor to send the letters with deadline extensions of 12/31 for 2 Weeks Rd and 11/15 for 95 Middlefield Rd. Ed will send a copy of the Title V law to Nanette.
6. Safer Halloween, as per the cdc and the Mass Dept of Public Health concerns have been raised about safe holiday celebrations. Peggy presented a copy of Pittsfield's and Dalton's recommendations to discourage traditional trick or treat. Motion was seconded and all in favor to sign a letter to the Select Board regarding discouraging traditional trick or treat and not posting hours for the Town of Peru for 2020. An alternative event will be held in Dalton.
7. Agent's Report: 8 Baumann Rd had a perc test that didn't perc and the soil sample is being processed at the lab, waiting on the design. 34 W Main had a passing perc test 17 minutes/inch for a separate system adjacent to the workshop, the design is pending. 17 Garnet Mt Lane had a passing TV. 4 David Dr passing perc test at 14 min/in, waiting for design. 29 Middlefield Rd postponed. 7 Bonny Lane is an inherited property with an old failed system, Berkshire Pittsfield Septic moving forward and permit paid and approved. 4 Causeway Dr TV passed. Ed restated that once a TV fails a property owner has 2 years to correct the system. Systems needing more immediate attention are those with (ie) breakout.
8. Update town hall opening: sneeze guards, intercom and half doors approved to be paid by CARES Act, orders are in place. The town planning to have a Zoom account for town boards to use moving forward. Ed is willing to initially be the Zoom meeting leader. Nanette will get the details.
9. Flu clinic is scheduled for 10/24 9-11:00 AM in the Community Room hopefully to be held outside, announcements have been placed in the Live Wire, town website, Town Clerk Face Book page and public service announcement to appear in the Berkshire Eagle.

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10. Next meeting to be determined by Ed based on his report. Ed will notify Nanette by Nov 2. Darryl will be out of town 11/14-11/21.
11. Motion made, seconded and all in favor to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 3:08PM.

Articles used: Dalton BOH Halloween Press Release, Peru BOH letter to Select BD re Halloween

Minutes respectfully were submitted as a draft by Peggy White 10/16/2020

Approved 12/1/20

Nanette Mone [Signature]

Peggy White _____

Darryl Darby _____