

## PERU BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

Monday November 15, 2021, 10:00 AM


Community Room 3 E Main Rd


1. The meeting was called to order at 10:08 AM
2. Roll call: present Nanette Mone, Peggy White, Darryl Darby and Ed Fahey.
3. Nanette recording.
4. Review minutes from 10/18/21. A motion to approve was made, seconded and all were in favor.
5. Ed Fahey's report (October, attached) included a Title V completed, new construction, two voluntary upgrades, a well permit and follow-up on the complaint across from 29 North Road. The board agreed that Ed will contact the complainant to see where his well is located to determine if there is a health issue. The owner of the opposite property did not respond to a first letter requesting an inspection; another letter will be sent as an order with a time when Ed will be there to do the inspection.
6. Update on hogweed at 55 E. Windsor Road: Mr. Kevin Zhen has not contacted Peggy to set a date for him to sign the paperwork to get the process started. This is necessary to participate in the state eradication program offered by MDAR (Mass Dept of Agricultural Resources).
7. Update on the mold issue in the Community room: the Board of Selectmen received Peggy's email detailing the steps Ed recommended to get rid of the mold. The BOS has contacted a company that sells kits to do self- testing. The kits cost \$150.00 and will collect air samples in the various areas of the building. Bruce will advise the board of the results. On another note, the air scrubber seems to be effective in reducing the mold smell.
8. Update on the DEP testing program for PFA's: the state's program coordinator wants Peru to continue to reach out to the community with public notices because they hoped for at least 40 households to apply as so far only 4 have. Peggy explained that we do not have restaurants, cafes, banks or clinics to spread the word. She said we have done what is possible and expressed the concern that there is no remedy for those households if PFA's should be found and would be a financial burden, which people would be unwilling to bear. Further, the fire department has used the foam in question only once for an auto fire, so the chance of PFA's contaminating wells is small.
9. A copy of the October minutes was emailed to Sandra Martin for the purpose of the FDA food safety grant the Alliance is pursuing.
10. For the Harm Reductio Mobile Unit Program to serve Peru, Jennifer Kimball requires a formal acceptance. Having agreed at a previous meeting, a motion was made to allow a qualified and appropriate organization to operate a syringe services program in the town of Peru. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously. A copy of the minutes from this meeting, 11/15/21 will be sent with a letter to Mr. Cranston of the MA Dept of Public Health. In the small towns the mobile unit(s) will not be able to be discreet and persons needing help will likely prefer to go to Pittsfield for instance and that can lead to other services like testing for illness, counseling and other services. Transportation would then be an issue and hopefully the program can address that. The towns will be supplied with naloxone kits; first responders will be carrying kits and be trained in their use.
11. There is a question about whether Garnet Lake fits the description of a semi-public beach. Ed needs to check with an assessor to find out who owns the lake, before a determination can be made.


12. The board continued the discussion of well regulation for the town of Peru and will do so until agreement is reached to or not to proceed. Ed Fahey advocates adopting regulations because the state has well guidelines but not regulations and cannot be enforced. There would have to be a public hearing, summaries prepared and advice from town counsel. Peggy has emailed the several towns that have adopted well regulations. Peggy wants to proceed but Nanette disagrees and wants to contact the DEP to verify what can or cannot be enforced. She points out that the board and the inspector require well permits now and that the board itself has the authority. Nanette also mentioned a question of a severability clause issue and wants clarification as to its 'use. Darryl said that he wants to proceed with the discussion and the investigation into this.
13. Covid 19 update: the numbers of cases are on the rise.
14. Schedule next meeting for December 13, 2021 at 11AM in the community room. The agenda will include, among others, mold issue update, "harm reduction" program update; hogweed follow-up; Garnet Lake beach issue; continuing discussion of well regulations and health inspector's report.
15. Adjourn at 11:54 AM

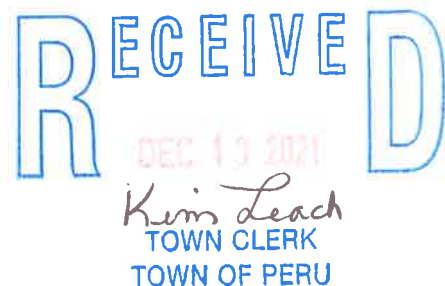
Minutes respectfully were submitted as a draft by Nanette Mone 12/11/2021

Approved 12-13-21

Nanette Mone 

Peggy White 

Darryl Darby 



Article attached: Ed Fahey's October 2021 log for Peru