

**Community Room Outside in parking lot
3 East Main Road**

**Peru, Ma 01235 Town of Peru
Minutes from Board of Health Meeting August 18, 2020 4:00PM**

- 1. Call to order 4:13PM**
- 2. Roll Call Nanette Mone, Darryl Darby, Peggy White and Ed Fahey**
- 3. State Recording Status: None**
- 4. Minutes from the previous BOH meeting from July 14, 2020 were reviewed. A motion and second were made and all in favor of approving the minutes.**
- 5. New Business**

a) Second letter of complaint regarding farm animal odor from Lauren Steele. The letter stated the odor was impacting his ability to be outside or have windows open in his house. Prior to the meeting Ed Fahey, Peggy White and Nanette Mone with Mr Steel present observed little odor outside Mr Steele's property. Ed Fahey reported he had also visited the property with Charlie Kaniecki and found little odor. Verne Leach was present for this part of the meeting as Animal Inspector and also had performed a visit and confirmed minimal odor. Verne clarified the Right to Farm Bylaw that the presence of farm animals falls under the agricultural aspect of the bylaw and animal owners have rights as long as the animals are well cared for which he confirms is the case. The Bylaw protects farmer's right to farm. There was an concern about well water contamination but the pigs have been moved and the well in concern is not hooked up or providing water for either property. Ed states there is nothing further we can do as a BOH as the smell has on multiple occasions been confirmed to be not overwhelming, which Ed stated the smell has to be overwhelming to be a public nuisance, therefore this becomes a civil matter between 2 neighbors at this time. Verne stated that most likely the pigs will be slaughtered and not present after the fall. A motion of After multiple observations by BOH members, Helath Inspectors and the animal Inspector the smell is not overwhelming and therefore is not a public nuisance. The motion was seconded and Peggy White and Darryl Darby voted in favor and Nanette abstained, motion was passed.

b) Update on online permitting: contract signing and training. The contract has been signed, the online payment process is being worked out. Permits applications are being process through the online system. Ed notifies the vendors of the online process. Nanette states training is available to BOH members and will be at not cost, date to be determined.

6. Old Business

a) Hogweed update: Ed talked to town counsel and as the hogweed along the road falls in the town right of way the town can approve the eradication. Peggy has had multiple emails with Jennifer Orth Forman and the process, cost and possibility of being taken care of this year is not clear. The Select Board felt the form sent by Jennifer was not comprehensive enough and Caleb want to talk with town counsel again. Jennifer needs to discuss this matter with her counsel as well. The hogweed on the private property Ed suggests should be a second issue and when a date is confirmed to handle the hogweed on the town right of way then we can send a letter to the private property owners. Ed will again talk with Karen Tonelli regarding Registry of Deeds regarding property owners as sending a courtesy letter to the property owners that have the land on town right of way should be informed of the plan. We will need to clarify the form, the involvement of the Select Bd, charges, when and appropriate paperwork. Peggy will reach out via email again to Jennifer. The possibility that this issue will again get tabled until next Spring was acknowledged.

b) Camp DanBee update a Zoom meeting with the BPHA Covid expert, Ed Fahey, Mark Toporoff from Camp DanBee and Peggy White discussed the upcoming Irish Step Dancing event, all participants will follow the current family camp guidelines, the cabins will stay separate for meals and all but the outdoor activities when all participants will keep socially distanced and wear masks. The event will have less than 40 participants and is ok'd to continue.

7. Agent Report: 2 Weeks Rd Hilltown CDC waiting for one more form to have the septic paid for. 261 E Windsor Rd failed TV 11/13/2017 an initial letter was sent on 3/20/20 stating the decided deadline of 10/1/20 which is longer than the standard 2 years after a failed TV to have the septic repaired. A plan had been submitted but never installed. Ed will send a follow up letter that the home could be determined uninhabitable if no repair to the system. 0 North Rd 4 new construction lots perc tested and design needs to be submitted. 8 Lafayette Dr is a design repair after TV failed, the design is asking for a 1 foot variance to ground water which moves the mound system 1 foot lower which is a common request and allowed for repaired systems. This is an extensive system due to a perc test of 30 minutes an inch. Motion and second made to approve the variance, Nanette and Darryl in favor and Peggy abstained as this property is a neighbor. Motion passed. 5 North Rd installed septic system and inspector signed off. Beaver permit granted to Gene Darby. 13 Ash Lane passed TV. 0 North Rd follow up concern regarding trailers, inspected by Ed and Charlie Kaniecki, the campers have and are using holding tanks, no sewage is being dumped, no trash present so no health issues. This could present a zoning issue and that is under the jurisdiction of the Building Inspector. 15 Causeway had a perc test 5 minute per inch as the cabin is seasonal and purchased for \$30,000 the owner wants a tight tank system but has communicated with Ed the plan is on hold until next year. The next step will be the owner writing a letter to the board requesting the tight tank system. 26 Haskell Rd an odor was noted and the owners requested inspection and it was noted the system was backing up, a standard septic repair was recommended and the design also recommended the 1 foot variance to ground water, motion made and seconded to allow the variance. 26 Andes Rd TV passed. 3 Orpin Rd conditional passing of TV needed a new D box.
8. Reopening Town Hall town hall remains closed to the public plans have been submitted and the approval is pending. Obtaining a professional Zoom Account for the town's boards and committees was discussed.
9. The next meeting will be September 8 at 3:00PM at the town pavillion.
10. Motion made, seconded and all in favor of adjourning the meeting, meeting adjourned at 5:48PM

Minutes respectfully were submitted as a draft by Peggy White 8/24/2020

Approved

Nanette Mone

Peggy White

Darryl Darby



* AFTER NANETTE RESEARCHED AVAILABLE CLEANING SERVICES
THE SELECT BOARD HAS APPROVED A CLEANING SERVICE FOR
ROUTINE AND EMERGENCY COVID CLEANING.