

## PERU BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

Monday June 12, 2023, 10:00 AM

Community Room 3 E Main Rd

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:04 AM
2. Roll call: present Peggy White, Nanette Mone, Darryl Darby and Ed Fahey & Valerie Byrd Health Agents.
3. Nanette recording.
4. Reorganization of the board: Darryl was in favor of keeping it the same as last year. Nanette made no objection. A motion was made to maintain the same with Peggy as chair. All in favor. Peggy asked if Nanette would like to be the BOH rep. on the Alliance board of Governors. The next meeting is in September. The selectmen have to approve any appointment. Nanette said she would think about it; Peggy said she would put it on the agenda for the next meeting.
5. A motion was made to table item 5 until next meeting. All in favor.
6. Ed's report: a) Sandra Martin spoke with Eagle Eye Institute on 37 Curtin Rd. They finally accepted that it is a camp. They do occasionally have children staying overnight which is the definition of a residential camp. An application is in process. The Fire Dept inspection of smoke detectors and Building Inspector for COO are both needed. Originally Eagle Eye had applied for a tax rebate as a nonprofit and that triggered the inspection. b) Two perc tests were performed at 20 Strong Rd; both passed. This is new construction. Peggy asked if the conservation commission would have to be involved. Ed said it was not the parcel she thought it was. c) There is a trailer dumped on North Rd. The owner wants to live there and was referred to the BOH by the building inspector. Ed said that the owner was considering a composting toilet but still needs to contain gray water in order to get a permit. d) The signs are up at the Garnet Lake semi-public beach for the new year. Ed wants us to let him give the permit once he has inspected the beach and not wait for our next meeting. A motion was made to that effect. All in favor. e) Ed received 2 checks from the alliance, one for \$3,000.00 (for the mini grant items: CPR test units, tick removers, etc. as discussed previously) and one for \$900.00 (for the second gas card giveaway and the yoga teacher's last two sessions.) which is part of the Rural Heath Equity grant. The monies need to be earmarked for each grant. Peggy said we need to know the balance in the account. Peggy said that the board had agreed at a previous meeting that we would do three gas card giveaways. It was decided that Ed would get the checks from the office for Darryl to bring to Caryn. Once the checks are deposited the board will go ahead with the second date. f) Valerie Byrd will be doing office hours while Ed will be working on other things. He will still be "around" to help, particularly with the well regulations in process.
7. Mini grant update: The monies were spent on the items previously mentioned except for funds being held for the cost of legal notices. The alliance governing board extended the time limit until 2024 to spend the funds. This assures us of being able to use the monies when needed.
8. Rural Heath Equity Grant update: We have talked about the things we have done. Now what is next? Will the tai chi be an option. Nanette said that the attendance for the matter of balance classes was not enough perhaps to warrant the expenditure. Peggy said that there was enough interest in the seated yoga, so it might be ok. Peggy said it is a lot of work (all the pieces of arranging these sessions) and she would prefer to stand aside on this one. Nanette will talk again with Doreen Black

who wants to do 8 weeks whereas the board wants to do 4 weeks to assess interest; If good then we would extend the classes the other 4 weeks. If Doreen is amenable to this plan, then Nanette would take on the process.

9. Matter of Balance classes are finished.
10. Private well regulations update: Nanette had a question but it was resolved. Peggy asked if she was satisfied to go ahead with the final draft which now has to go to the town counsel. Nanette agreed. Peggy had notified the select board that she would be attending the May 31<sup>st</sup> meeting and requested that she "be on the agenda" regarding the well regulations. Vern said he did not get notified, but that the select meeting was not the place to get public input. Peggy did find out that we will not be able to access town counsel until fiscal 2024. Terry, our town administrator, will contact counsel. The approval process could take one or two months. The board does not think there will be much feedback or delay; the draft is largely based on the MA state model and what some towns have adopted, with some changes as the board decided upon. Peggy wanted to go to the Berkshire Eagle website to do a mockup of a legal notice to see what the price might actually be. Ed said that he had experience and would draft a sample notice for the board. Thank you, Ed. Peggy's concern is how are we going to prepare for the public meeting. Ed said that the board should have plenty of copies available in the usual places so that residents can read the draft ahead of time and come to the meeting with specific questions. He said no presentation is necessary; the draft of the regulations is sufficient. Peggy and Darryl attended a zoom meeting which was about running a public meeting. Peggy said that the script included an introductory statement that it is the duty of the BOH to protect the public health and that our authority derives from the state government. Ed said we want input from the residents. Yes, Darryl said before we vote. People could come to the meeting and say they don't want well regulations; or residents could ask questions but generally favor the idea.
11. The next meeting will be on July 10, 2023 at 10:00 AM, The agenda will include Rural Health Equity grant update, Review permit fee schedule, Date for second gas card give away, Proliferation of trailers in town, update on hogweed process and Governing board appointment.
12. Coincident to the permit fee update Peggy asked the members to look at the Berkshire Public Health Alliance and the Peru town website to review fees. Also, we should check what bylaws other towns have in place to deal with the trailers. Two residents approached Peggy with concerns on this issue.
13. A motion to adjourn was made at 11:31 AM. All in favor.

Minutes respectfully submitted as a draft by Nanette Mone 07/09/2023

Nanette Mone



Peggy White



Darryl Darby

