

PERU BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Monday July 11, 2022 10:00AM

Community Room

Peru Town Hall 3 E Main Rd

Peru, MA 01235

Agenda

1. Call to order.
2. Roll call.
3. State recording status.
4. Garnet Lake ownership, owner in attendance.
5. Reorganization of the Board
6. Review and approve minutes from 5/2/22 BOH meeting.
7. Ed Fahey's report including follow up on 127 E Windsor Rd.
8. Follow up private well regulations, discuss scheduling separate meeting to discuss well regulations and procedure.
9. Follow up mold remediation in Community Room
10. Update re: Hogweed 55 E Windsor Rd and Select Board
11. COVID update, free test kits for Peru, Monkey Pox.
12. Follow up Governing Board June Meeting, Select Board needs to appoint Alternate, reached out to Jim via email.
13. Harm Reduction Services Mobile Van visit 7/13 1-3:00PM
14. 250th Celebration
15. Water testing, discuss BOH recommendations for fire house well.
16. Discuss the need for joint meeting with Planning Board re trailers parked on property.
17. Schedule next meeting, set agenda.
18. Adjourn

The list of matters is those reasonably anticipated by the board which may be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

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Posted July 2, 2022 @ 10:15am, *Kim Leach, Town Clerk*

Peggy White Chair Peru Board of Health pwhiteperuboh@aol.com

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1. The meeting was called to order at 10:04 AM
2. Roll call: present Nanette Mone, Peggy White, Darryl Darby and Ed Fahey.
3. Nanette recording.
4. Reorganization of the Board: Peggy started to make a motion to remain the same as last year. Nanette requested discussion before going to motion. She suggested that Darryl have the chance to be the chair. Darryl declined saying he was on many boards but appreciated the sentiment. Darryl is happy with the function last year. Peggy then stated the various things she does beyond the agenda. Peggy made a motion to keep roles the same. All in favor.
5. Review minutes from 5/2/2022. Peggy contested as misconstrued that Vern wanted annual testing for all wells. She said that Vern wanted the testing for all public business's and that I had misheard. Nanette said she was sure she heard correctly. The minutes were corrected to show what Vern intended. Peggy also questioned what Darryl said about the drilling of holes without a build date. Darryl didn't remember but Nanette was sure of the wording. Darryl conceded the point. Peggy made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. All in favor. *
6. Garnet Lake ownership update. Bob Baumann, treasurer, attended with Mark DelGrande on speakerphone. Ed Fahey reminded us about the letter sent to the association describing their beach as semi public and regulation requiring weekly testing. Bob said that they have been doing testing since 2009 when the lake was purchased. Tri Town Health has a certified lab and that is where the testing has been done. After further discussion it was agreed that the association could get a variance since only four families usually use the beach. Ed said that it would be all right if the water was tested before the season opened and every 30 days during the season. There also needs to be signage showing the opening and closing dates. Ed will send them an application so that they can send the test results to the Board. If by chance the test should show coliform bacteria, the beach would have to be closed and signage to that effect. Peggy made a motion to allow the association the variance (test before and @ 30 days during the season) and grant them a permit at no cost. ALL IN FAVOR.
7. Ed Fahey's report: 127 E. Windsor Road had not responded to the letter ordering compliance for a perc test by 7/1/2022 and new septic by 11/1/2022. Although the board knows the owners, it was decided that it is a safety issue with a gross failure of their septic system. Therefore, the board might have to take the next step which would be to seek condemnation of the home. After some further discussion it was decided to call the owner and make it clear that we must see some progress. Peggy spoke to the owner on speaker phone about applying to the Hilltown CDC as soon as possible, in fact that very day. Their original application was stopped pending the proof of insurance. Peggy stressed the need to email CDC a copy of their home insurance. We all spoke out in agreement. The owner said that a formal inspection has not been done so all the board has is hearsay. The owner agreed to give permission to Ed Fahey to conduct a field inspection. She will email Ed to make an appointment. (efahey@berkshireplanning.org) A motion was made that Ed does the field inspection at 127 E. Windsor Rd. and that the board

* VERN WAS PRESENT AND REQUESTED THE CORRECTION AS TO HIS STATEMENT

defer the condemnation process until the next meeting. All in favor. The owner was invited to come to our next meeting to show progress and get help with resources. Also, Peggy received an email from Kim Leach; she got a call from Mr. MacInnis of 20 Pierce Rd. He stated there were campers on the Dean property and it contaminated his well. Vern who was attending said that this was an issue that went back 6 to 8 years. Ed Fahey will check. Mr. MacInnis might have to get his water tested.

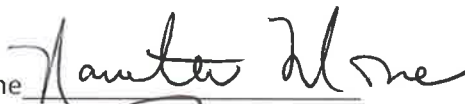
8. Peggy made a motion to move up item 14 since Vern was here to discuss the 250th celebration. All in favor. Vern said that water for the encampment will come from the community room; that people will be able to use the firehouse facilities and that there will also be porta-potties. He said that Ozzies was all set and that the ice-cream truck had its' permit. There was some discussion about the encampment people making chocolate (as in times ago) and giving out samples. Ed thought that if they had packaged chocolate to sell, they would then become a vendor. Ed will call Jessie about the fried dough the firehouse will be making.
9. Well regulation follow-up: Charlie K. is retiring and not willing to meet with us. After much discussion it was decided to wait until September to see if the State shall have made any progress on new regulations. Then a decision will have to be made whether to go with a basic plan or adopt the State guidelines or nothing. If we adopt regulations, then we will need to find out how to conduct a public hearing. If we want a basic plan several meetings will be needed to complete it.
10. Mold remediation in community room: Vern said the RFD is out for the building inspection and BOS hopes to hear soon if there will be upgrades to the building or if it will have to be torn down and start over. Thus, they will not be doing any unnecessary work. Peggy said there were simple items like putting the plexiglass back in the open window. After talking further, it was found that the rear door to the dirt area was sealed and that it was better to leave the glass off to promote circulation. A fan will be put in the storage area.
11. Hogweed update: Vern said that the area along the town right of way was being taken care of by LSI Land Stewardship Inc. Although there is some more hogweed on the property at least the bulk of it that presents a risk to people walking along the road will be gone.
12. Covid update: BA45 strain predominant and more contagious. Still losing 300 people a day in the country. Received free test kits and masks. Available at the transfer station, the library and town hall. Barbara Kradock from Wendell BOH asked for 200 to 400 masks if possible. We agreed to give the masks to her. Peggy gave 60 masks to a veterinary hospital. We are still encouraging getting vaccinated. Also, Peggy placed a summary of monkey pox symptoms and ways to avoid being infected in the Live Wire. Mention was made of a survey from the public health nurses asking the BOH what services we would find helpful for example a health fair a/o flu clinic.
13. Harm Reduction Mobile Van will be coming to Peru Wed. 7/13 1pm to 3 pm at the community room. It will come the 2nd Wed. of the month. Maybe people will come from surrounding towns. Peggy will reach out regarding the mobile health van. Nanette mentioned developing a survey of townsfolk to see what people need or want.
14. Water testing at the firehouse: The water had to be run a long time to clear silt, but it tested zero. The cover on the well was not sealed. Ed recommended that the water be tested at both the FH and the town garage once a month alternating between the two buildings. At the end of

the year there will be 12 data points. A motion was made to recommend getting a formal evaluation and a quote to seal the cover.

15. Governors Board Meeting update: the BOH cannot appoint an alternate; the selectboard must do it. Darryl volunteered to be the alternate. Peggy told Vern as he was still here. The quarterly meetings give a lot of information about services, grants, trainings and more. A drinking water seminar will be held by the DEP in late August or early Sept. Peru received its' share of the opiate settlement: \$2,400.00 and will decide how to use the funds. AND there will be a new 988 live line community-based crisis and suicide prevention line responding alongside police as staffing will at times require it.
16. Regarding the planning board and the issue of trailers on private property, it was tabled until later.
17. Schedule next meeting: August 15th at 10:00 AM
18. The agenda will include the following: Ed Fahey's report, review minutes from July 11th, Garnet Lake follow up, FH water testing follow up, harm reduction van visit, Peggy's report on public health fair/flu clinic, well regulation continuing discussion.
19. Motion to adjourn at 12:37 PM was approved by all.

Minutes respectfully were submitted as a draft by Nanette Mone 8/13/2022

Approved 8-15-22

Nanette Mone 

Peggy White 

Darryl Darby 

Two attachments: Ed Fahey's report and 988 line information

