


PERU BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday March 19, 2024 10:00 AM

Community Room 3 E Main Rd

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:01 AM.
2. Roll call: present Peggy White, Nanette Mone, Darryl Darby and Valerie Bird Health Agent.
3. Nanette recording.
4. Peggy will prepare the minutes from this meeting as well as the meeting on 3/13/24 while Nanette check with the town administrator on recusals.
5. Well regulations continuing discussion on planning the time line for the public hearing and steps for official approval. Valerie will attend (Sat) a class on legal issues on public hearings and will send slides to the board. She said the notice needs to be posted only once at least 14 days before the hearing. Valerie said the board doesn't have to allow public comment. Peggy said will be able to comment and ask questions. We will not be engaging in long dialogues. Valerie said she is sure that people know that the state only has guidance and recommendations. Peggy said the board will open the meeting, explain why, establish ground rules and have power point. Peggy wondered about copies of the intended regulations and what is legally required. If copies are made and it is put on the town website, is that sufficient. Valerie said yes and that the copies need to be available at the town clerk's office upon request during her regular business hours. Nanette will get the copies to Kim and email the text of the public notice to Kim to be put on the website. Darryl will take care of getting the notice in the Berkshire Eagle and see Caryn about payment. The funds are available in the BOH account. People will be able to submit written questions. There will be a sign in sheet. Comments will be limited to two minutes. Darryl will enforce the time limit. The board will go over the public comments and vote at the meeting on Friday 5/24/2024.
6. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 16, 2024 at 10:00AM
7. The agenda will include the Health Inspector's report with the follow up on 32 North Road; annual water testing; hogweed follow up & tax status of 55 E. Windsor Road; follow up on Governing board & spring event; follow up on ethics commission on recusal; fee schedule; planning for well regulation public hearing on May 21, 2024 and setting the agenda for the next scheduled meeting on Friday May 24, 2024.
8. A motion was made to adjourn at 12:02PM. All I favor.

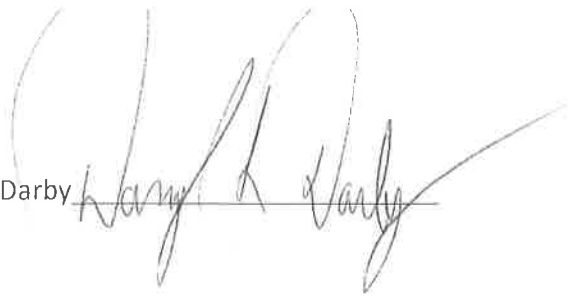
Minutes respectfully submitted as a draft by Nanette Mone 04/15/2024.

Nanette Mone 

Peggy White 

Peru Town Clerk  
Kim Leach  
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Darryl Darby

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Item 4. Follow up inspection and temporary housing permit for Robert Grandbois at 32 North Road

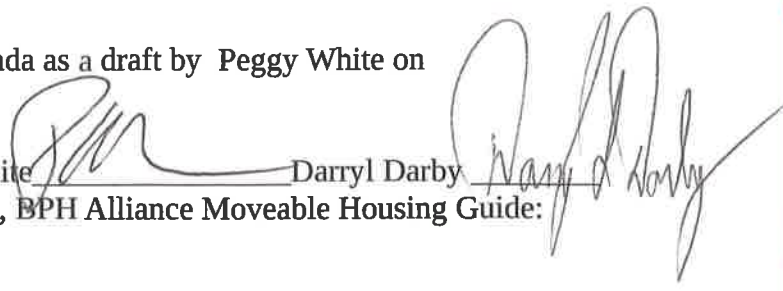
Nanette Mone had recused herself on this matter at the March 13, 2024 meeting and now feels she did not need to recuse herself. Calls have been placed by Nanette Mone and Peggy White to the Ethic Commission to clarify the process recusal and how to move forward with a rescinding of recusal. In the interim Nanette will not type the minutes for this section and not participate in any vote if required today.

2 members of the Conversation Commission are present as a members of the public and were notified they can not discuss conservation commission issues other than allowing Mr Grandbois to schedule a site visit.

An inspection was performed by Dan Hassett Housing Specialist/ Inspector Berkshire Public Health Alliance Valerie Bird and Peggy White as BOH Chair of the site on 3/14/32 with Mr Grandbois present. Since that visit the unregistered vehicles have been registered. (Valerie reported Mr Grandbois followed up at her office hours last night re the now registered vehicles and procedures for the application including having a discussion with the Building Inspector.) Photos were shown of the inspection that reveal piles of debris that per Dan's report may represent a public health nuisance and/or hazard that offer potential harborage for pests, one or more of the mobile housing units do not appear to have an approved water or sewer. There are several propane tanks that are partially full per Mr Grandbois. The report states the BOH may require the owner to clean up the lot, show unused vehicles have been drained of fluids and eliminate the piles/sources of harborage. See attached report. Dan explained one of the mobile housing units is a single wide mobile home that has propane for heating and cooking. Potable water is carried in. This unit will need to be secured. As this unit is not the primary housing for the owner it fits the category for seasonal temporary housing if used less than 6 months (nonsequential day) a year. For this category a full septic system is not needed and a tight tank can be recommended. Dan stated: his main concern is the material scrap on the property that needs to be removed and as the town has no bylaws re cement pad, no cement pad is needed but the unit will require a safer landing and tie down as per the building inspector. If he builds a deck it can not be attached to the mobile home unit. A seasonal housing unit used for 6 months can have the tanks pumped if not used in the winter. A question was raised about the time frame for completion of the recommendations as it is mud season Dan felt a realistic plan must be made. As long as there is evidence of progress the owner can be at the property while working on the completion of the application which includes sign offs including electrical, conservation commission, fire department and building inspector. Mr Grandbois states his plan is to move the mobile home to the flatter and drier are at the top of the property and install a tight tank there. An option is for a 90 day temporary housing permit to be granted with use of the current tanks for grey and black water. When a seasonal permit is granted the tight tank must be constructed and used. The board will now need to wait for Mr Grandbois to complete the application. He stated he has a good understanding of what is expected and of the need to show progress in the needed steps: secure mobile home via building inspector, clean up debris, remove propane tanks and provide better egress to the mobile home. Concern was expressed about re-collection of debris after initial cleanup and the board will monitor. Whether a temporary or seasonal permit is granted will be determined by the progress he shows and re-inspection before permit is given. Dan presented the Moveable home guide as a reference as a path to moving forward. No further action is required of the board until Mr Grandbois presents the application.

Minutes respectfully submitted for item 4 on the agenda as a draft by Peggy White on \_\_\_\_\_ approved 4/16/24

Nanette Mone \_\_\_\_\_ Peggy White \_\_\_\_\_ Darryl Darby \_\_\_\_\_  
articles used: BPH Alliance Housing complaint-Peru, BPH Alliance Moveable Housing Guide:  
Seasonal, Temporary, Alternative



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