

PERU BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Monday October 18, 2021, 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. Review and approve minutes from 9/13/21 BOH meeting.
5. Ed Fahey's report
6. Update status of Mold in Community Room
7. Update on Hog weed on E Windsor Rd
8. DEP testing program for PFAs
9. FDA Food Safety Grant
10. Harm Reduction Mobile Unit Program and Letter
11. Discussion regarding criteria for semi-public beach, what are the requirements and if Garnet Lake falls into definition.
12. Initiate discussion regarding Private well regulation for the Town of Peru.
13. COVID Update, mask, and vaccine mandates
14. Schedule next meeting, set agenda.
15. 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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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. A motion was made to move item 9 for earlier consideration, was seconded and all were in favor. This regards the FDA food safety grant with Sandra Martin from the Berkshire Public Health Alliance participating remotely. Sandra explained and clarified the salient points of the FDA program which begins with standard three that uses risk-based inspections of food establishments. The impact on Peru is minimal, but does involve Camp Danby which according to the program is considered high risk and should be inspected more than once a season. Also, this summer food trucks will be utilized for the 250th celebration and those will need to be subject to inspection. The Alliance will receive a grant to hire a dedicated food inspector. The other towns in their group will be and will be asked to participate in the FDA program too. Peggy made a motion that we adopt standard three which is risk-based (food) inspections of the FDA Food Safety Grant Program and that we decide to be a level one town (within the Alliance). The motion was seconded and all were in favor.
5. The minutes from the previous meeting 9/13/2021 were reviewed and a motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes, all in favor.
6. Ed Fahey's report was read off his September log and is attached. As regards the request for a well permit at 118 Curtin Road, the issue is on hold because Ed Fahey found no file or sketch on the location of the septic system. He did not have a good phone number for the property owner nor could he get one from the well driller. A well permit cannot be issued without a septic plan. Also, Ed will check to see if a Title V was done two years ago at 55 E. Windsor Road. Finally, Ed received a complaint letter addressed to the board of health from Charles Goyette of 29 North Road. It involves old lumber piled at the edge of a swamp area on the property across from him. Ed will check it out and report to us at the next meeting.
7. Update on hogweed at 55 E. Windsor Road: After our last meeting, Peggy spoke to Kevin Zhen; he will contact her when he is at the property next. Then Ed and Peggy will bring the letter which he has to sign as he is the property owner. This is necessary to participate in the state eradication program offered by MDAR (Mass Dept of Agricultural Resources).
8. Update on the mold issue in the Community room: After our last meeting, Peggy sent an email to the Board of Selectmen detailing the steps Ed recommended to get rid of the mold. Nanette read the email out at the BOS meeting. She reported that they would take the first step and have the cleaning company remove the mold from the walls. A copy of the email will be attached. At this BOH meeting we discussed and agreed that the BOS pursue testing for mold type and an analysis of the air quality in the Community Room and the whole building. Peggy will send a letter to the BOS to that effect.
9. Update on the DEP testing program for PFA's: we will continue to reach out to the community with public notices on the town website and in the Live Wire for anyone interested.

10. The potential for the Harm Reductio Mobile Unit Program to serve Peru was discussed. The board was in favor and will be addressing this again at the next meeting.
11. Ed Fahey defined for us what a semi-public beach is according to state regulations. There is a question about whether Garnet Lake fits the description as there is common access and common use. Also, the Lake association offers a fee. Ed will send an email to the assessor to clarify who owns the lake.
12. The board initiated a discussion of well regulation for the town of Peru. The board will follow up at the next meeting. Ed Fahey said that 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 said that the BOH can adopt well regulations apart from the BOS. Nanette disagrees with that view and believes the issue should go to town meeting. There needs to be a lot of research before any conclusion can be arrived at. Darryl mentioned that Peru has many abandoned wells from years ago; we will be looking into that too. This is a process that will take a number of months.
13. Covid 19 update: the board discussed a potential vaccine mandate for Peru town employees. After consideration it was decided not to act at this time.
14. Schedule next meeting for November 15, 2021 at 10AM in the community room. The agenda will include, among others, mold issue update; Jennifer Kimball & her opiate "harm reduction" measures & mobile unit; hogweed follow-up; Garnet Lake beach issue; continuing discussion of well regulations; Charles Goyette's complaint letter and covid updates.
15. Adjourn at 12:24 PM

Minutes respectfully were submitted as a draft by Nanette Mone 11/07/2021

Approved _____ 11-15-21

Nanette Mone Nanette Mone

Peggy White [Signature]

Darryl Darby [Signature]

Articles attached: Charles Goyette's letter dated 9/27/2021, Peggy's email to BOS dated 9/13/2021, Ed Fahey's September 2021 log for Peru and an email from Sandra Martin's email to BOH dated 9/10/2021