

PERU BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

Monday July 12, 2021, 10:00 AM

Community Room 3 E Main Rd

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:07 AM
2. Roll call: present Nanette Mone, Peggy White, Darryl Darby and Ed Fahey.
3. No one recording.
4. The minutes from the previous meeting 6/14/2021 were reviewed and a motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes, all in favor.
5. Ed Fahey's report tabled until next meeting as he did not bring it; will review at next meeting. Ed did report that Camp Danby permits were all issued. The incident of a staff member (from Mexico) who had tested positive was isolated and is now fine.
6. The Municipality Statement of Commitment was discussed. The purpose is to gain a grant to add services to the Berkshire Public Health Alliance such as a full-time nurse and a food safety inspector. The monies are to be spent only for the additional staff. Laura Kittross asked that the local boards of health sign this document to further the grant. The alliance is also in the position to help the LBOH's to follow regulations and pertinent responsibilities at a member's request. Laura has also stated that this is not a contract to continue their services. A motion was made to approve the signing of the letter, seconded and all in favor.
7. Hogweed update. Peggy reached out to Jennifer; she sent out letters last week regarding the state's eradication program. The Blakes did not get the letter but told Peggy that they are on board to kill the hogweed. On 6/9 two residents called Vern Leach to say that the hogweed is in full bloom. Jennifer needs OK from both owners to go forward.
8. The mobile blood unit was here on 7/7. We do not yet have an update from Katie Race. Peggy will talk to Leslie, BPHA nurse as flu season gets closer.
9. Covid 19 update. Vaccines continue to be readily available. As of this date, 3 are in the hospital with covid. 99.5 percent of covid deaths are now of the unvaccinated. A big incentive to get vaccinated is VAXMILLIONS drawing. Check online to register. MADPH is still investigating the need for a booster shot.
10. The water test was done on June 30th; the test came back positive for coliform bacteria in the fire dept well. For now, it should not be used for drinking and a sign is to be posted. Justin will be notified, measures taken, and a follow up test will be done. The water test at the community center is ok.
11. The Mass Dept of Environmental Protection is offering a free test for PFA's in private wells. There are 84 towns in MA that qualify. The biggest cause is the foam that firefighters use, but also such as lining in telfon pans and many other items. Landfills can also leach out the chemicals but in Peru we have not had our own, instead for many years used the Worthington one. We

have been using the compactor station for about 40 years. Postcards will be sent to residences in targeted areas. The threshold amount is 20 PPT; even if found a filter can be placed on the kitchen sink for little cost. 20 Households are needed for the study to succeed.

12. Kitchen inspection in the community room will be done in advance of its' use now that the town hall is reopened. Nanette will ask church group if they will be using the kitchen in October for their event and if Dawn Pelkey is still safe serve certified. A temporary permit will be needed. Also, we need to find out if any other group will be using the kitchen earlier so the inspection can be planned accordingly. Previous inspectors have been impressed by the kitchen; the real issue is that cooking cannot be done at home. It must be done in the kitchen.
13. Peggy will attend the selectmen meeting tonight and ask Caleb if he still wants to be the alternat for the governors' board of the alliance.
14. The next meeting will be August 9, 2021, at 10:00 AM. The items for the agenda include: update on the water testing and the status of the fire dept well, hogweed update, Ed Fahey's reports, kitchen use update, PPE's needed by the fire dept. To request an item to be added please contact Peggy White.
15. Motion made, seconded and all in favor to adjourn at 11:26 AM.

Minutes respectfully were submitted as a draft by Nanette Mone 7/21/2021

Approved _____

8-9-21

Nanette Mone _____

Peggy White _____

Darryl Darby _____



Two attachments