

**Community Room  
3 East Main Road  
Peru, Ma 01235Town of Peru**

**Minutes from Board of Health Meeting May 11, 2020**

1. Call to order 4:10 PM.
2. Roll call Ed Fahey, Peggy White and Nanette Mone present, Darryl Darby Present.
3. State Recording Status: Peggy White
4. Minutes from the March 30, 2020 BOH meeting were reviewed, motion made seconded and all in favor to approve the minutes.

Due to a technical difficulty in recording the meeting, the meeting was halted after the start of the discussion of the facial covering order and resumed at 4:40PM

5. Discuss Gov Baker mandate for facial covering when social distancing not maintained. All attending was given a copy of the order for review. Nanette gave a synopsis of the order. Mandate update placed on town website and Peru Live Wire. As BOH consider placing a sign at the transfer station as it is the one place where people can congregate. Ed Fahey offered this is a topic other towns are discussing. In some towns the attendant takes the recycling from the residents and dumps the recycling for them. Discussed that this may put attendant at increased risk. Attendant is the person onsite and needs to enforce the mask mandate and social distancing, unless medical exclusion. A sign offers a friendly reminder of the mandate. Best location for a sign would be at the fence at the entrance. D Topic was sidetracked to the water testing and may be best to wait until town hall is open again to the public. Darryl will call regarding how the water testing lab is currently operating. Bruce Cullett stepped into the meeting and felt Northern Berkshire Solid Waste makes signs and recommended email to Caleb and Justin. Bruce wanted Ed to be aware of the BOH inbox by Caleb's office and be sure the drawing of the Town Hall septic tank was received. Motion was made to place a sign at the transfer station Social Distancing or masks required, seconded and all in favor. In the mandate enforcement and fining is part of the order can be enforced by both BOH and police. Suggestion to get a report from the Attendant at the transfer Station how well the mandate is being followed. Nanette will inquire with the Attendant in 2-3 weeks. Masks were made for town employees. The town clerk is planning how to run the town election by following the mandate for social distancing and facial covering. Discussed adding \$500 as a line item to our current budget. Darryl is on the finance committee and will discuss at upcoming Financial Committee meeting and complete the financial form regarding our budget. Darryl called Jessie Pelkey Turin the meeting to clarify the process of adding the additional amount to our budget. Current budget includes fees for the Alliance and water testing annually only. There is state funding available but as a small town with less need than other towns with more commercial and congregate housing issues. A discussion about the opening plans per Gov Baker in a slow and data driven manner, as of this meeting much is still unknown and this is a difficult decision. Annual Town Meeting is a concern Select Bd is discussing options and waiting for State recommendations. One option is to postpone ATM and approve budget month by month. Town Election is still in plan with encouragement for towns people early voting and measures are in the works for maintaining a safe polling for poll workers and towns people. Nanette's position is up for reelection and is planning to run as a write in.
6. Ed Fahey's Report 12 Bonny Lane is all set, a new set of plans received, permit issued with

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the requirement for the special sand required for Elgin System which is part of the system

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as it was tested. The requirement for this special sand was explicitly outlined in a letter, both owner and the installer aware. 34 West Main the toilet in the workshop and the water softener line were both removed. Letter sent to the owner that in compliance and if the toilet in the workshop is to be used a perc test and full septic system would be required if allowed by zoning. Ed will send his activity log via email. 9 North Rd had required frequent pumping but was in need of a filter that was replaced by Justin Russell. Ed will continue to monitor if frequent pumping is still needed. Title V inspection for 34 West Main was received in the mail with a check for the permit fee that was processed and needs to be added to Ed's Activity Log. Activity Log will be kept by Ed on his computer and he recommends that if a bd member processes a check that Ed should be emailed and he will add to his Activity Log. Also make a copy of the check and add to the envelope with the plans, etc. Ed also writes on the Title V or septic plans that the check was received. If TitleV report or septic plans received without payment Ed needs to be notified as well. He does not accept payment in the field. Concern was expressed about the opening plans for summer camps Ed says some camps have planned to be closed for the season. Ed states day camps may be able to operate for local children, waiting for guidelines from the state. Nanette and Peggy has been listening to the Tuesday BOH webinar by DPH and Darryl plans to join tomorrow.

7. Next meeting to be determine on need.
8. Motion made, seconded and all in favor to adjourn the meeting at 5:52pm

*This meeting was recorded on Voice Record a Live recording was unable to be accessed due to technical difficulty.*

Minutes were respectfully submitted as a draft by Peggy White 5/15/2020

Approved 6-16-20

Nanette Mone

Peggy White

Darryl Darby

