

PERU BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

Monday June 10, 2024, 10:00 AM

Town Hall Meeting Room, 3 E Main Rd

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM.
2. Roll call: present Nanette Mone, Peggy White, Darryl Darby and Valerie Bird, Health Agent. Attendees included Jim Kenney and Bonnie DiTomasso.
3. Nanette recording.
4. With regard to reorganization of the board, Nanette made a motion to remain the same as previously. Darryl seconded the motion and Peggy said that means she would remain the chair and Nanette would remain secretary. All in favor.
5. Peggy made a motion to move up item 7, the fee schedule, as Valerie could not stay long. All in favor. Several questions were raised about the amounts and Valerie said that the fees were justified due to the time the health agents have to spend. Nanette wondered how much of the alliance charges were covered by the fees, but Valerie could not say. There were other topics discussed such as waving the fee for the church event, beaver permits are the BOH jurisdiction due to the fact that they can affect septic systems, whether some fees should have a flat rate or have an hourly rate and that construction dumpsters need permits so that the board can be sure of proper disposal. Valerie said that the fee for residential camps covers all aspects of the inspection. Peggy made a motion that the board accept the 2023 fees suggested by the Berkshire Public Health Alliance with the caveat that the BOH can waive fees as decided. All in favor.
6. Health Inspector's report: Valerie sent out four letters to campers requesting pumping reports, but no one has responded. It was decided to send out second notices as the next step. Jim mentioned that enforcement is an issue. Bonnie thought the board should think about a ticketing system, but that has to be brought to annual town meeting. Nanette said such discussion has to be scheduled for another meeting. Peggy agreed. Valerie wondered how some of the lots have numbers when there is no house. She will clarify with the assessors. Bonnie wondered if it was through the fire for emergency response. Valerie said that she would have her summary next month; then she called and gave it. 32 North Road has made a lot of progress, but Peggy still wondered how the application process was going. Valerie will ask Dan Hassett.
7. With regard to the well regulation packet, Valerie will bring it to Terry to be sent out to the Central Registrar in Boston. Peggy said it should be sent certified as we don't want to lose the original document.
8. The minutes were reviewed and Peggy made a motion to approve those from 5/21/24 and 5/28/24. All in favor.
9. With regard to hogweed eradication process, Peggy asked Darryl if Justin had received word from the contractor yet as to this year's work. He texted Justin who replied that he had not yet heard. The contractor is committed to the 7-year process to get rid of the hogweed though.
10. Update on the joint meeting with the planning board and the BOH: Sam Haupt made it clear that the revision of the bylaws would not include the issue of campers. The BOH is considering writing a regulation; the board does have the authority. ^{VALERIE} Peggy has contacted Sandra Martin of the alliance. Sandra sent her a job aid to review. Sandra asks us to consider why the board would want to do that


and what our goals are. Peggy started an outline as a beginning to include the new alliance temporary housing codes. The board would need to clarify MGL laws on the subject and also clarify definitions in regard to the various types of housing. The board would also need to include a budget for enforcement. The board decided to take up the issue in August to give the members time to gather ideas and absorb information from Sandra.

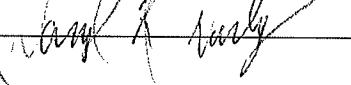
11. There was no further public comment.
12. Peggy, in the context of the health inspector's report, mentioned the problem there was with the permit eyes contract. There had been a flurry of emails indicating that the fee had not been paid and they said they would shut it down for Peru. Sandra and Lydia got involved and said they would pay if necessary. When Peggy gets emailed the bills, she sends them to Terry. No one is sure quite what happened, but going forward Peggy will email Full Circle Technology to have the invoices sent directly to Terry, our town administrator.
13. The next meeting is set for Monday July 8, 2024 at 10AM. The agenda will include the health inspector's report, hogweed follow-up, well regulation packet mailed off, review Sandra's job aid and input for developing regulations for campers and Dan's plan to move forward on abandoned dwellings. And public comment.
14. A motion was made to adjourn at 11:41 AM. All in favor.

Minutes respectfully submitted as draft by Nanette Mone 07/07/2024

Approved _____

Nanette Mone 

Peggy White 

Darryl Darby 

ATTACHMENT: PERU BOH MONTHLY LOG

Received July 8, 2024, Kim Leach, Town Clerk



Peru BOH Monthly Log

Board of Health and Local Health Department Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)

MAY 2024

Date	Issue/Work	Address	Contact Info	Fee Due	Fee Paid	Comments
5/2/24	Title 5	9 David Dr	Joe Trybus	\$100	Yes	Conditional pass. Tank and Dbox need replacement. Tank to be re-located.
5/14/24	Perc Test	203 Middlefield Rd	Bob Fornier / SK	\$225	Mailed	Voluntary perc – passing 22 MPI ESHGW at 30"
5/24/24	Perc Test	0 Strong Rd	Marc DelGrande	\$225	Yes	Passing new construction percs 5 & 18 MPI and ESHGW at 24"
5/28/24	DSCP	20 Strong Rd	Trinity Eng.	\$250	Yes	Under review
5/28/24	Septic Installer	15 Haskell Rd	Jay Jewell	\$100	Yes	Issued license. Inspected system issue C of C after designer letter rec'd.

BOH Inspector/Agent Valerie Bird Date Submitted 6/1/24