

PERU BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

Monday August 12, 2024, 10:00 AM

Town Hall Meeting Room, 3 E Main Rd

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:01 AM.
2. Roll call: present Nanette Mone, Peggy White, Darryl Darby and Valerie Bird, Health Agent. Also present were Dan Hassett, Jazu Stine, Jim Kenney, Bonnie DiTomasso, Charlie Goyette and, later, Coralie Pelkey.
3. Nanette recording.
4. A motion was made to move item 7 forward, the discussion with Dan Hassett. All in favor. A) The first issue was the property owned by Martin Becker at 35 North Road. Travis Drosehn has been doing work on the premises without permits. He intends to buy the property but he cannot take out the permits because he is not the current owner. Mr. Becker has not complied to date. Also, he has refused to let Dan, Valerie or Tim into the house to assess any damage there might be after the house had been partially burned in 2015. Dan has serious concerns about the structural integrity of the house with the fact that there are 4 children on the property when Mr. Drosehn is there. He says he is there only on weekends, but was seen during the week with the children. The issues include a building torn down with no permit, a barn that is falling down and has to be secured so the children cannot get in, there is a failed septic system; since no inspection was allowed, it is not known if there is potable water available and a camper is there but again no permit. After a lengthy discussion a motion was made by Peggy that Dan Hassett will send a certified letter to Martin Becker that he must pull the appropriate permits including the camper within 30 days with the condition that the health inspectors have access to the house. If he doesn't comply, the property will be condemned and the trailer will need to be removed. All in favor. B) Charlie attended again about concerns that Mr. Grandbois, owner of property at 32 North Rd., is not getting rid of the materials that the BOH required removed. He claimed that more stuff has been brought in and that the owner is just moving things around to make it seem that he is complying. Peggy said we had given Mr. Grandbois a grace period due to mud season, but he still has not filed an application for a permit. After further consideration, a motion was made that Dan Hassett will send Mr. Grandbois a certified letter that he has 30 days to comply with the removal of scrap metal, numerous lawn mowers and numbers of propane tanks and 60 days to remove the unusable trailer. Failure to comply will result in placing the property in receivership and the property will be cleaned up with Mr. Grandbois paying the cost. C) Valerie asked Dan to take over the issue with 55 E. Windsor Road. The owner is non responsive, the grounds are overgrown, the taxes have not been paid and the mail is stacked high in the mailbox, as the BOH does not have an alternative address. Valerie is thinking about a receivership in this case so the house can be made available for a family while it is still in good condition. No decision today. D) Peggy asked Dan about the potential regulations on campers. He will talk to Sandra Martin and she can give the board a sample to adopt or adapt; he said we need a fee schedule that makes sense. Peggy said enforcement would be an issue, that the BOH wants to stay focused on moveable temporary structures and that the planning board doesn't want to address the issue. It was decided to wait for the sample from Sandra and discuss it at a later time.

instance there occurred overdose situations or frequent falls. The idea is to provide a safer environment and to prevent recurring problems. The topic of summer heat emergencies and a pilot program for air conditioners to be installed had so many "moving parts" that Peggy said she doesn't see the need in Peru. Window changes would have to be made, the units would have to be removed timely and then there is the cost of electricity to run the A/C's. Peggy mentioned that the town password to the Emergency drill had expired again and has been reset again.


13. Public Comment: A) Dan announced that he and Sophie will be running a discussion on the topic of Hoarding at the Dalton library on Thursday 8/15/24 at 5:30 PM. B) Bonnie DiTomasso, who is our SHINE counselor, is promoting the Medicare Savings Program, which now only considers income (and not assets) to qualify for it. The program pays the Medicare premiums and offers other savings as well. Information is on the town website. C) Coralie wanted to know if there was any update on the community room and the mold issue. Peggy said that the report from the inspection was not available yet and to be ready to use the fire house if necessary. Also mentioned was a sign posted that the food prepared is basically "pot luck" and not inspected by the BOH. She asked for support to set up the tables etc. Peggy and Bonnie said they would help. D) Coralie asked if the safe serve certificate for Flo Dodge was still on file. Dawn, Jesse Pelkey's former wife, works weekends now and Coralie thought she would be unable to be at Mountain Market this year. Valerie will check.
14. The next meeting is set for September 23, 2024 at 9:30AM. The agenda includes follow up if any from Dan and Valerie on 35 North Rd., 32 North Rd., 15 Curtin Rd., 20 South Rd., 55 E. Windsor Rd., state inspection report on mold issue, the flu clinic, Health Inspector's report, mountain market status, public comment and other issues as might come to the chair's notice.
15. A motion was made to adjourn at 12:46 PM. All in favor.

Minutes respectfully submitted as draft by Nanette Mone 09/15/2024


Approved 09/16/2024

Nanette Mone 

Peggy White 

Darryl Darby 

ATTACHMENT: HEALTH INSPECTOR'S JULY REPORT

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Date Today at 3:35 PM

Septic Disposal System Construction or Repair	Dean White & Kimberly Slater	139 South Road	07/19/2024	\$ 150.00	Peru	Online Payment	2024071965057
Soil Percolation Testing		139 South Road	07/17/2024	\$ 225.00	Peru	Online Payment	2024071752898
Soil Percolation Testing		no postal address Lafayette Drive	07/09/2024	\$ 225.00	Peru	Online Payment	202407093327
Title 5 Inspection Witnessing	Dean White and Kim Slater	139 South Road	07/08/2024	\$ 100.00	Peru	Online Payment	202407081601331