

PERU BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

Monday September 16, 2024, 10:00 AM

Community Room, 3 E Main Rd

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:04 AM.
2. Roll call: present Nanette Mone, Peggy White, Darryl Darby and Valerie Bird, Health Agent. Also present was Coralie Pelkey.
3. Nanette recording.
4. A motion was made to move item 10 forward, the update on Mountain Market. All in favor. The community room has been cleared for public use. Coralie had talked to Valerie and was told that Florence Dodge needed to present her serve safe certificate as Valerie did not have a copy. For those vendors that had food to sell, Coralie said she had made copies of a sign that states the food being sold was cooked in a kitchen that was not inspected by the BOH. Valerie said that the community room kitchen has already been inspected earlier this year, so that it did not need to be done again until next year. Coralie asked about selling pumpkin pies; Valerie said it would be ok but the pies had to be refrigerated. Mountain market will open on Friday 10/11/24 at 4PM and on Saturday 10/12/24 from 9AM until 3PM.
5. Health Inspector's report: Nanette asked if the letters that had been sent out to various persons had to be attached to the minutes. Valerie said it was not necessary since the records are being kept electronically including pictures. A) 139 South Rd has been cleaned up and the property sold. B) 20 Bonnie Lane trash has been cleaned up after Dan spoke to the owner. C) There has been no return card on the letter(s) sent to 20 South Rd. Ext. Multiple emails between, Sandra Martin, Valerie and Peggy concluded that even on a non-conforming outhouse, a title V would have to be done. It would have to have a days' capacity and not be in water. Darryl said he did not understand why anyone building a new house would want to use an outhouse. Before a certificate of occupancy could be issued owner would need a septic system. Valerie invited the owner to this meeting, but he has not come. If the owner does not get a title V, then it would be handed over to Dan to take to housing court. D) 35 North Road is not responding to Dan's letter. The next step is to condemn the property if permits are not pulled and an inspection of the house agreed to by Sept. 30, 2024. E) 55 E. Windsor Rd. has been deemed abandoned and is now in tax title. There is concern that the house might be uninhabitable due to high moisture inside. Also, nature is trying to reclaim it. F) 32 North Rd. has put the metal in a dumpster. Dan has to report on the 30-day and 60-day requirements. G) 29 North Rd has done a title V. H) the 15 Curtin Rd. property has not transferred owners. A letter was sent to the owner condemning the property. And, someone from Greenfield has expressed interest in it, with a view to tearing down the house and building new. I) Regarding Map 17, Lot 3 Kreutzer Rd., Valerie has gotten a complaint about 3 campers on the property. Valerie sent a letter about permitting. If the persons are not related, then it will be considered a campground. J) 7 Garnet Mountain Lane is done. K) Mike Fredericks, of the Conservation Committee, was concerned about 10 Spruce Dr. Valerie said it is not an issue; the owner is moving ahead with a new septic. L) 31 South Rd. Ext. passed title V and was sold. Now it will be sold again and require another title V to determine if septic is not in the water table.

6. Dan had asked Peggy to sign the letter condemning 15 Curtin Rd. Peggy did not feel comfortable doing that. After talking to Sandra, Peggy asks the board to make it formal that the inspectors sign their letters. A motion was made that going forward, inspectors sign any letters they send out. All in favor. Sandra told Peggy that the BOH has the authority to appoint inspectors. To date the BOS has said that they do the appointing. The BOH does not anticipate having to appoint anyone in the near future, but might decide to bring it to the BOS. Valerie said that the board is elected so does not answer to the BOS. Also, the town contracts with the alliance for services, but the inspectors are employees of the alliance.
7. With regard to regulations for temporary and alternative housing, Dan had spoken to Sandra and she said that there was no template for that. She said the board doesn't need to write regulations if the board says that it will follow the state housing codes; the application that she sent to Peggy contains all the signoffs. The board members agreed and expressed relief. There was a short talk about ADU's and the potential impact on the BOH, but no conclusions.
8. With regard to the mold issue in the community room, the report was received from Michael Feeney, Bureau of Environmental and Climate Health, DPH, recommending that the room is good to use. The BOS has seen that the space was cleaned up and the remedies done.
9. Regarding the vaccine clinic for 9/28/24, Darryl will contact the Berkshire Eagle to have the notice put in the paper at an appropriate time frame. He will open the community room for Leslie that morning. Peggy said covid vaccines are now available at pharmacies. Ed Munch has asked Peggy for more covid test kits. On the subject of the harm reduction van, Peggy spoke to the persons involved who said that it was not busy. Peggy thought that a more discreet location would attract people to use the service. She asked Logan from the fire dept if the van could use the area behind the fire station. He said yes.
10. Peggy told Nanette that she had done an excellent job with the minutes from the August meeting; it was a long and complicated discussion. In section 5, 20 South Rd. should be 20 South Rd. Ext. A motion was made to approve the minutes from 8/12/24 with that correction. All in favor.
11. There was no public comment. Peggy asked Darryl if he would attend the next governors' board meeting on 9/19/24 as she will be out of town. He will keep us posted.
12. The next meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2024. The agenda will include the health inspector's report, the hogweed issue, update on the governors' board meeting and any other matter brought to the board's attention.
13. A motion was made to adjourn at 11:29AM. All in favor.

Minutes respectfully submitted as draft by Nanette Mone 10/27/2024

Approved 10-28-24

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