

PERU BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

Monday December 9, 2024, 10:00 AM

Community 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. Also present was Jim Kenney, as a member of the public.
3. Nanette recording.
4. A motion was made to approve the minutes from 10/28/2024. All in favor.
5. Health Inspector's report attached for November. Valerie gave Dan's update on pending housing issues: A) 15 Curtin Rd. was sold; new owner has the septic design OK and a building permit OK. B) 20 Bonnie Lane: There has been some cleanup, a dumpster is there, but will revisit after the snow leaves. C) 32 North Rd: a lot of work has been done; he has removed a trailer and a shed. Valerie spoke to Mr. Grandbois about his filing a tax abatement for the items he has gotten rid of. Peggy said it is reasonable to plan an inspection in the spring. D) 35 North Rd: the perc test has been done; electricity has been restored and Travis is waiting for a septic design. They are camping on the weekends and there is a porta-potty. They bring in their water. Access to the barn has been blocked. Valerie said that the structure is a building inspector issue. E) 55 E. Windsor Rd: Dan has not done anything yet. On 12/20/24, Valerie will bring this up, about a receivership, to the AG when she sees her on another issue. F) 156 South Rd: a letter was sent to Judith Avery. She did respond that someone is going secure the building, but the vehicles are not hers. G) 127 E. Windsor Rd: A letter was sent that they need to secure the house trailer that is near collapse. H) 20 South Rd. Ext: did a perc test that passed. The well is not usable. The out house is still there. The owner has left for the winter for Springfield. In the spring, he will need to see the conservation commission. The board will take up the issue when he returns. Valerie sent a letter to the owner of a lot on North Rd. designated as map 27, lot 44. She gave her 30 days (by 1/10/25) to remove camper/ trailer. The owner is from CT, so we may need to use the town attorney. Valerie will go to the finance committee about diverting fees to an account for the BOH to use for attorney costs. Jim said that the cemetery commission has an account and that they do get donations. Valerie mentioned that a potential buyer for Colleen O'Clare's property wants to put a house trailer (mobile home) there and that she spoke to him about needing a perc test. Also, there is a lot of wetlands there.
6. B&D Installers issue: Dan Gaylord is the owner. In September, Ed Fahey witnessed a Title V that was a conditional pass with a new tank & D box. The field was OK. In November the new owner asked Valerie if she should have received a COC (certificate of Compliance). Joe Tribus did the Title V and passed it. Valerie said that he was supposed to pull a permit and then go to the BOH for approval. Mr. Gaylord blamed his wife, but he didn't call for an inspection. He went back to replace a D box and again pulled no permit. 2 times no permits and 2 times no inspection. Ed Fahey said the BOH should fine him or refuse to renew his license. Valerie recommended not renewing for January 2025, but could renew for 2026. Valerie feels that Mr. Gaylord should not be working here in Peru. She mentioned several other jobs performed with unqualified workers. Richmond has refused to renew his license so Peru would be the 2nd town to do so. Darryl made a motion that the BOH not renew Mr. Gaylord's installer license for 2025. All in favor. He is supposed to do a Title V at 16 Bonnie Lane

but he couldn't find the tank. If he can't finish the job before January 2025, then the property owner will have to find a different installer. Valerie would like to make it a policy in Peru to pump the tank, at least below the filter, at Title V inspection. This would prevent sludge from getting into the filter. Peggy made a motion that Peru adopt a policy to require a tank is pumped at the time of Title V inspection. All in favor.

7. Mini grant account balance has to be checked. When Jesse Pelkey paid for some items with the FD credit card, the charges were supposed to be posted to the mini grant account. Jesse emailed the town accountant, but the board does not know what the accountant ended up doing. Peggy said to talk to either Caryn or Terry. Peggy said Laura Kittross had sent out an email stating that Peru will be reimbursed for the monies paid to Full Circle because they did not do the permit eyes upgrade. But a copy of the contract, the invoice and evidence of payment has to be submitted to get the refund. Valerie will talk to Caryn tonight about that and about the mini grant.
8. Then we segue into the issue of the rural equity grant. Both grants were combined into one account, so it becomes harder to determine what remains of each. The reason Peggy said is that Jamie Zappata asked her if the board wants funding again to purchase grocery gift cards to give to a number of families in town who need help: the church handles the distribution each year. Peggy started the process by filling out a proposal for some \$100.00 cards and some \$50.00 cards for the designated 13 families and will talk to Caryn about putting the monies into the account.
9. Governing Board update; Darryl attended an earlier meeting. The alliance is still looking for a social worker (Peggy said the job description is overwhelming) he reports. Also, the alliance has about \$500,000.00 available to use, most notably they will be in the position to order vaccines if it becomes necessary. There was a discussion about how adults influence kids to use alcohol more than peer pressure and what can be done about it. Peggy attended a later meeting. Dan and Sophie will be doing more presentations on hoarding in the spring when Sophie returns from maternity leave. She will also be doing some educational sessions. The SAPHE act was passed by the legislature. It establishes minimum public health standards for communities, unified data reporting and shared services, of which the alliance is a model. Peggy wants to discuss a "potential flood" of incorrect health information at the next meeting. Nanette said it sounds political. Peggy said it is not.
10. No additional public comment.
11. The next meeting will be January 27, 2025. Valerie wants time to resend letters if there was no reply to the first ones. The agenda will include the Health Inspector's report, the annual BOH report, the annual BOH budget, the BOH account balance and any other issue brought to the board's attention.
12. Minutes respectfully submitted as draft by Nanette Mone 01/26/2025.

Approved 01-27-2025

Nanette Mone 
Peggy White 
Darryl Darby 

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ATTACHMENT: HEALTH INSPECTOR'S NOVEMBER REPORT



November summary

1 message

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Septic Disposal System Construction or Repair	steve groat	16 bonny ln	DSCP-27-0131	\$ 100.00	11/29/2024	\$ 100.00	Peru
Septage Hauler	Berkshire Pittsfield Septic	800 Cheshire Road	SH-25-0281	\$ 100.00	11/27/2024	\$ 100.00	Peru
Septage Hauler	Sanitary Septic Service Inc	PO Box 247 PO Box 247 orebed rd	SH-25-0239	\$ 100.00	11/22/2024	\$ 100.00	Peru
Soil Percolation Testing		78 east main road		\$ 225.00	11/08/2024	\$ 225.00	Peru
Title 5 Inspection Witnessing		13 Haskell rd	TABLED	\$ 100.00	11/07/2024	\$ 100.00	Peru
Soil Percolation Testing		4 West Main Rd		\$ 225.00	11/07/2024	\$ 225.00	Peru