

**PERU BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**

**Monday March 3, 2025 10:00 AM**

**Community Room**

**Peru Town Hall 3 E Main Rd**

**Peru, MA 01235**

**Agenda**

1. Call to order.
2. Roll call including Public Attendees.
3. State recording status.
4. Review and approve minutes from 1/27/25
5. Health Inspector's report including 55 E Windsor Rd. Reminder to follow up with 127 E Windsor Road in April.
6. Public Health surveys
7. Follow up re Select Board and Finance Committee re budget and line item account. Contract can not be signed until after ATM if approved. Who will follow up to be sure it is signed?
8. Emergency Planning and Peru CEMP. Do we meet with Bruce Cullett to discuss our role?
9. Hog weed 55 E Windsor Rd follow up with Terry.
10. Public comment
11. Schedule next meeting and set agenda
12. Adjourn

The list of matters is those reasonably anticipated by the board which may be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

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PERU BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

Monday March 3, 2025, 10:00 AM

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1. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM.
2. Roll call: present Nanette Mone, Peggy White, Darryl Darby and Valerie Bird, Health Agent.
3. Nanette recording.
4. A review by the town clerk found that the minutes from 4/16/2024 were not submitted. A lot was going on at that time with the well regulations and various close meetings, so that one got by. Peggy did the minutes from her notes. A motion was made to approve the 4/16/2024 minutes. All in favor. After a review, a motion was made to approve the minutes from 01/27/2025. All in favor.
5. Health Inspector's report: Valerie will be sending out permit applications for the season on April 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - A) Valerie will reach out to the conservation commission in regard to a culvert at Mr. Grandbois property.
  - B) Valerie is waiting to hear from the town administrator, Terry, regarding setting up an appointment for the Attorney General, Maja, to talk to the BOS about the receiverships.
  - C) at Valerie's request, Terry contacted Jennifer Orthman about the hogweed program. Jennifer said there is no grant at this time. She said to call back at the end of March and will let Terry know the status of the grant to eradicate hogweed. Peggy said that the town had agreed to take on the cost. That would require getting 3 bids, if there is no grant. Valerie will continue with Terry. Terry told Valerie it would be a health department expense. Nanette and Valerie both said we do not have an account for that; the BOS should do it. Valerie will go to town hall tonight and talk to Terry again.
  - D) We will look into situation at 127 E. Windsor Rd. next month, April.
  - E) 35 North Rd.: at a workshop of the MHOA (MA Health Officers Assoc), Valerie met Marc Thompson, who did a perc test at 35 North Rd. for Travis Drosehn. Then a septic design was supposed to be done. Mr. Thompson has heard nothing from Travis. Valerie saw Travis; he said he has contacted Mark Delgrande. Valerie texted Mr. Delgrande; his response was that he knows about Mr. Thompson, but that was all. Valerie is concerned that they are staying in the camper which is too small for the number of family members. She will clarify with Tim tonight at town hall. Travis told her that he is not working. He still doesn't own the house. The difficulty is that Mr. Becker has to get permits, not Travis. Valerie feels that they have had enough time since last summer to make some progress on the septic plan. Peggy asked if the BOH should give them a deadline. If there is still no compliance, then Valerie wants to move on condemning the house on several grounds, not the least of which is no running water and no heat. This means the house cannot be occupied. This can be reversed if the issues are remedied. She will ask Dan, housing specialist, to send a letter informing Mr. Becker of what he needs to do. He will be invited to the next BOH meeting to give him a chance before taking said action.
  - F) Eagle Eye Camp is the same as last year. It is technically not a camp. It provides grounds like a park. People must bring their own staff and water. Peggy asked if there was access to sanitation station. Valerie will send a follow-up email to them.
  - G) Valerie has been an inspector for 32 years; she has had a PHEP (Public Health Emergency Preparedness) phone which was paid by a grant. The grant is now cancelled and she pays for the phone herself. She just wanted to comment, as she is on call for emergencies.

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6. With regard to the public health surveys that the alliance emailed to the board, Valerie filled out the training survey assessment. Peggy did the community needs assessment one. There were some surveys that were more complicated and Laura from the alliance said they would fill those out for the board; that has been done. Peggy encouraged each member do the community needs one. Nanette said they have been given this information several times already. Peggy said they are probably re-evaluating.
7. With regard to the public health alliance contract: the selectmen cannot sign the contract until after the annual town meeting and if it is approved. Peggy wants to follow up with the finance committee to make sure they support it. The board needs to let them know how important the contract is to have the trained expertise of the agents and to make sure work in the town is done right. Improper work could reflect badly on the town. Also, the line item for the camp fees that the board has requested has to be approved at annual town meeting. Bruce has stated that the finance is willing to give the board seed monies to start the account. Peggy wants to attend a finance meeting to confirm that the board approves of the contract with the alliance.
8. Regarding emergency planning, Peggy said that Peru was the first town to submit the framework. Bruce is working on the Peru CEMP (Community Emergency Management Plan). The board decided to wait until he completes it before inviting him to a BOH meeting to discuss the plan.
9. The hogweed issue was discussed under the health inspector's report.
10. Under public comment, Peggy made several statements regarding recent cuts and cancellations that impact public health. Issues that were touched upon included the measles out breaks and how children can have severe respiratory issues. The meeting(s) to determine the next flu vaccine have been cancelled, which she said has to happen in a timely manner for the next season. Also, the MRNA for avian flu is not here yet. Peggy did a write up in the live wire regarding precautions to be taken. The government cancelled a contract with Moderna to do it. Also, there are "huge" cuts to NOA. This impacts weather reports and emergencies may not get reported timely.
11. After some discussion about giving Dan time to get a letter out to Mr. Becker, the next meeting was set for April 14, 2025. Also, we had to work within the availability of everyone. Thus, a backup date for the meeting is April 28, 2025. Peggy will let us know. The agenda includes health inspector's report, 35 North Rd., 127 E. Windsor Rd., the hogweed update from Terry, update on the governing board and any other item that comes to the attention of the board.
12. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 11:49 AM. All in favor.

Approved 04-14-25

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