

PERU BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Monday April 14, 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 3/3/25
5. 35 North Road: discuss follow up plan.
6. Health Inspector's report including 55 E Windsor Rd. Reminder to follow up with 127 E Windsor Road. Follow up from Town Administrator Terry Walker re hogweed contract and receivership for 55 E Windsor Rd
7. Budget follow up.
8. Emergency Planning and Peru CEMP. Still in formation stages.
9. Update Governing Board.
10. Public Health Update
11. Public comment
12. Schedule next meeting and set agenda
13. 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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Town Clerk

Peggy White Chair Peru Board of Health pwhiteperuboh@aol.com

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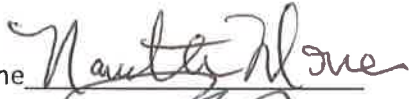
1. The meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM.
2. Roll call: present Nanette Mone, Peggy White, Darryl Darby, Valerie Bird, Health Agent and Jim Kenney as a member of the public.
3. Nanette recording.
4. Kim Leach, town clerk, told Peggy that going forward the minutes should contain the last names of persons. Names previously mentioned were Assistant Attorney General Maja Kazmierczak, Jennifer Forman Orth of the MA Agricultural Dept and Terry Walker, town administrator. A motion was made to approve the 3/03/2024 minutes. All in favor.
5. As regards 35 North Road, Dan Hassett didn't think the board should move to condemning the property at this time. Right now, no one is living there, so there is no issue. If this changes in the summer, then an application would be necessary and a site visit would be made to assess the situation vis a vis the house is not habitable and there are structures that could pose a danger to especially children if present.
6. Heath Inspector's report: A) Valerie contacted the attorney general's office; Maja will attend the June 9th BOS meeting and will make a presentation on the receivership program regarding abandoned houses. B) Peggy has been contacting Terry, town administrator, to make arrangements with the hogweed eradication contractor to treat the hogweed in the town right of way again this year. Peggy will keep Vern Leach, selectman, in the loop. The town will be able to pay for it this year, (there is no longer grant money) but the cost of future treatments will have to be approved at the annual town meeting. The process takes 7 years to get rid of the hogweed. C) As of last week, Valerie said that nothing had been done yet to secure the trailer at 127 E. Windsor Road. The owner said she is going to reach out to contractors with a view to demolition. The BOH still wants a board put in place to secure the premises by June meeting. D) 16 Strong Road has applied for a disposal work permit. E) Eagle Eye Camp is using porta potties for sanitation. F) Peggy said that Peru town hall has been taken off as a public water supply; it is a requirement that it must have served for 60 or more days to be considered a public supply. Peggy asked Valerie if we still need to have the water tested annually. She it was not necessary; the board could have it done every other year or five years. It was decided to have the water tested this year since it was budgeted. After that we will reconsider. G) Dan Hassett's role has changed to do more training of the inspectors. This is necessary to comply with the grant program the alliance has. Peggy did a bit of a pushback as the board had a number of housing issues that he was handling. Lydia said he will still be available for consulting and inspections. Valerie will step into the breach.
7. The budget for the alliance and the public health nurses won't be signed until after the annual town meeting. At that point, one of the board members will see that it is done timely.
8. Bruce Cullett, police chief, is still working on the emergency planning and the Peru CEMP. We decided to wait for him to contact the board with information.
9. Update from the governing board. There is a push to sign onto an initiative to reduce tobacco use. It is called NFG, nicotine free generation. Peggy said she made an executive decision not to join as Peru

does not have retail sales. One of the provisions of the NFG is that any one born after January 1, 2005 will be banned from buying tobacco products for life. While we agreed that reducing tobacco use is a worthy goal, it was agreed also that it is not right to take away peoples' rights.

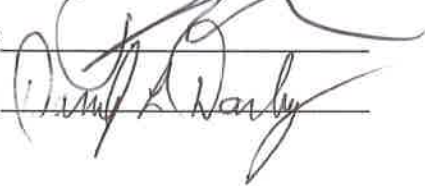
10. Public Health update. There is ongoing concern regarding the termination of funding for many health programs. A number of states have joined a suit to stop the loss. MA is determined to keep the committed portion of promised grants that fund vaccinations and the state lab for example. Also, there is ongoing concern about measles cases, now up to over 700., especially in New Mexico and Texas, where vaccinations are very low. Cases have shown up in near states as well. Measles is extremely contagious and can erase immunity to other diseases.
11. Public Comment. Jim Kenney spoke about the property between the Goyette and the Becker parcels. He did some research and found someone in town, Paul Solars, who is or might be related to Ms. Schibi who passed away. Valerie said it is a tax collector issue.
12. The next meeting will be May 19, 2025 at 10:00 AM. The agenda will include the health inspector's report, the budget update, water testing update, Garnet Lake, public comment and public health update.
13. A motion was made to adjourn at 11:35 AM. All in favor.

Approved 6/30/25

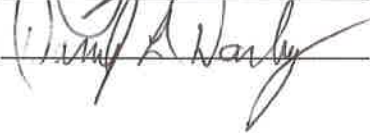
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