

Peru Board of health meeting
Monday August 11, 2025 10:00 AM
Community Room Peru Town Hall 3 East Main Road
Peru, MA 01235

1. Call to order
2. Roll call including public attendees
3. State recording status
4. Condemnation of 6 North Road
5. Follow up on 15 Kreutzer Road
6. Review and approve minutes from 5/19/25 and 6/30/25
7. Health inspectors report
8. Andy Ottoman, Senior Planner- Public Health Berkshire Public Health Alliance to discuss Opiate settlement Fund
9. Typing Minutes
10. Scheduling vaccine clinic
11. Public comment
12. Schedule next meeting and set agenda
13. Adjourn

A list of matters is reasonably anticipated by the board which may be discussed in other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the expense permitted by law.

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Kim A. Leach

Town Clerk

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1. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM
2. Roll Call: Peggy White, Nanette Mone, Darryl Darby, Valerie Bird and Coralie Pelkey and Bruce Cullett
3. State recording status Nanette Mone
4. A motion was made to delay the discussion of 6 N Road waiting the property owner to attend the meeting, the motion was seconded and all in favor.
5. Follow up 15 Kreutzer Rd. Valerie is still waiting for the Title 5 report. The perk test was performed on August 1st witnessed by Ed Fahey. A soil sample was taken as the lot was wet. The results are pending and they are waiting on a septic design which will be required to be an innovative alternative system. There are no pumping records. Plan is to follow up once the septic design is presented.
6. Condemnation of 6 North Road: The property sustained a fire in June of 2025 which resulted in the electric company cutting electrical power to the house. Initial inspection after the fire was performed by Tim Sears, Verne Leach and Valerie Bird. Valerie returned on 7/ 21/ 25 for an inspection which found the dwelling not habitable. On 7/22/25 An emergency order of condemnation in order to vacate due to finding an occupied residence unfit for human habitation and determination of immediate danger was Delivered by Valerie Byrd and Bruce Cullet. Mr Oakes the owner of the property was given resources regarding the Community Development Corporation but has not reached out to the health inspector, Valerie Bird regarding any plans to remedy the violations. The owner was aware of today's meeting but is not in attendance. The next step is to get approval from the select board to contact the town counsel to pursue Housing Court where the judge will determine a court order for further action. It was confirmed that the residents of this property could be forcibly removed depending on the action and decision by the Housing Court judge.
7. Meeting minutes including an edit for the March 3rd 2025 Board of Health meeting and the minutes for May 19th 2025 meeting Were reviewed and motions were made and seconded to approve the minutes, all in favor. Item 9 was discussed at this time The meeting minutes will typed by Peggy White going further as the town administrator at this present time is unable to provide the typing of our minutes.
8. Health inspectors report: There have been multiple complaints regarding the presence of someone camping at the end of Kreizer Road. Ed Fahey last week glanced from the road and felt it was more of a zoning issue and not a sanitation issue. He was not able to see a tent at that time but only a camper. Bruce Collett reports that there is a tent, dilapidated camper and a screen house. The current occupant camping on the property is the brother

of the property owner. Bruce has suggested any interaction will require a police escort. Val state she plans to send a letter to the owner including the regulations and required camping application. Will follow up pending response to the letter. Camping applications have been received my Mr Granbois and the owners of the campers also on Kreitzer Road. Val reviewed her log: Including a permit for a septic system installer, Septic disposal system construction or repair permits on 4 Causeway Road, 15 Kreutzer Road, 86 Hickingbotham Road, 18 Andes Road, unnumbered Lafayette Drive. Title 5 Inspection Witnessing for 18 Andes Road, 15 Kreitzer Road And 4 Causeway Rd . Soil percolation test for Birch Hill Road.

9. Darryl Darby will contact Leslie Drager Regarding scheduling the Vaccine clinic and to clarify whether they will be providing influenza and Covid vaccines. The preference will be for us to schedule a September clinic.
10. Public comment: Coralie Pelkey was present and wanted to discuss Mountain Market the plan is for Friday October 10th from 4 to 8:00 PM They will be serving the snack bar and baked bean dinner, Saturday October 11th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM serving beef Stew for lunch and the snack bar. At this point it is hoped that Florence Dodge will be the Servsafe. And all vendors will be notified that they must post if providing baked goods that these baked goods were made in a kitchen not inspected by the Board of Health.
11. Andy Ottoman, senior planner for public health at the Berkshire Public Health Alliance join the meeting to discuss the opiate settlement funds. Peru is eligible for \$4,344.21 As part of its municipal allocation that is stipulated that these funds must be used as a supplement to other funding for programming to address opiate addiction and overdose. Andy presented an overview of the various programs that available in Berkshire County. It is possible for these funds to be allocated to regional programs such as Andy has outlined. The Town of Hancock did vote to allocate their funds to the Berkshire Overdose and Addiction Collaborative. After Andy's presentation a motion was made seconded and all in favor of having the Opioid settlement funds for the town of Peru be allocated to the Berkshire Overdose and Addiction Collaborative. Nanette will attend the Select Board meeting tonight and relay the Board of Health vote on allocation of these funds to the regional program. She has a packet of information for each select board member. The next step is for the select board to vote to approve this allocation and if voted in favao, they will need to sign a formal letter which will be returned to Andy Ottoman. The community outreach workers are planning to reach out to rural communities and it was discussed at this meeting a possibility of attending Mountain Market and having a resource table present at that event Or the alternative would be a table set at the transfer station. Andy will follow up with Peggy White regarding any of these potential plans. Nanette also requested that in the next live wire submission address the issue of opiate addiction and community resources which Peggy has agreed to do.

12. The next meeting will be scheduled for September 22nd, 2025 at 10:00 AM. As Val Bird is now the inspector for four towns consistent meeting times would be helpful and for the rest of the calendar year the Board of Health will be meeting on the 4th Monday of the month at 10:00 AM. The agenda for our next meeting will include the health inspectors report, follow up on scheduling of the vaccine clinic, follow up on Mountain Market, follow up on opiate settlement funds, Discussion of rural equity funds and plans for distribution.
13. A motion was made seconded in all in favor to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 11:53 AM.

Approved _____

Nanette Mone

Peggy White

Darryl Darby

Minutes respectfully submitted by Peggy White, Chair Peru BOH

Attachment Articles used:

July 22nd, 2025 Emergency order of condemnation in order to vacate finding an occupied residence unfit for human habitation and determination of immediate danger Sent to Gerald Oakes Sr of 6 N Road

105 CMR 410.000 Inspection Form July 21st, 2025 for 6 North Road occupant Gerald Oakes, Sr

Order to Correct violations issued under the provisions of 105 Code Massachusetts regulations CMR 410.000 Minimum standards of fitness for human habitation state Sanitary Code Chapter II Sent to Gerald Oakes, Sr 6 North Road 7/21/25

Received 9-3-2025
Kim Leach, Town Clerl