

Peru Board of Health meeting

Monday October 27, 2025 10:00 AM

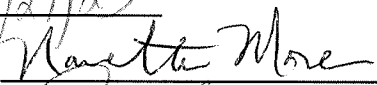
Community Room Peru Town Hall 3 East Main Road Peru MA 01235


1. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM
2. Roll call: Peggy White, Nannette Mone, Darryl Darby, Valerie Bird in attendance. Coralie Pelkey attending as a public attendee.
3. State recording status: Nanette Mone. Peggy White to perform the duty of recording secretary.
4. The minutes for September 25th Peru Board of Health meeting were reviewed a motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes and all voted in favor.
5. The plan was discussed for the Rural Equity Grant Allocation. Nanette discussed with Jaymie Zapata the use of the funds. It is at the town's discretion how these are to be allocated with the goal for addressing food insecurity in Peru. The plan is to continue to use the funds to purchase gift cards from Stop and Shop. This will be the final year for the rural equity grant. There were several options to consider having some of the gift cards reserved for emergency or for possibly use at Easter. This decision will be made once the final count for the families who will be receiving this community collection is tallied. It is also the intention that the Rural equity grant funds will be supplementing what the town residents contribute to the collection. The request was for cards in both \$100 and \$50 denominations. Also addressing food insecurity Val made a suggestion to consider in the future a community Thanksgiving meal. It was again discussed the benefits of listing food pantry resources on the town website, particularly in light of the expiring SNAP benefits.
6. Health inspectors report: Title 5 was performed at 88 E Windsor Road and there was a passing perc test done on unnumbered lot on Lafayette Drive. Val also addressed two housing complaints: 1. 9 Haskell Rd regarding Camping. A letter was sent to the owner regarding a requested inspection. the owner was present for the inspection. He has a camper, very small shed for tools and a composting toilet. He is closing the site for the Winter. The plan is to send him in the Spring a seasonal, Alternative and temporary housing permit application to be filled out, as is standard practice in town. 2. 84 Hickingbotham Rd. A letter Regarding an inspection was also sent and both residents were present. The concern was regarding harborage and the pet odor. On arrival the house was clean there are no pets currently. There is some structural work that is required. A standing shower with hand rails and seat would be helpful. Val gave them resources regarding Hilltown CDC, BCAC and BRPC aging in place grant that may help make these changes possible. The plan is to follow up in two months. 35 N Road a septic

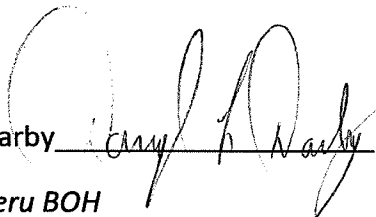
plan has not been received. 6 North Rd was the last checked two weeks ago, he is working on compliance. An inspection is scheduled for today to check on progress to address the violations. Val also wanted to notify the board that there are two new health inspectors Jen Sweet will be doing Title 5 inspections and James Massey will be doing housing and barn inspections primarily in Cheshire.

7. Darryl gave a follow up on the vaccine clinic which was very successful. 69 vaccines were given. The clinic for next year has already been scheduled for September 27th.
8. Sophie Carnes Jannen, Public health nurse will be attending the November Board of Health meeting. It was requested by the chair for the other members to start thinking of topics that might be of interest for educational programs. It was mentioned that Sophie has done programs regarding tick safety, hoarding and in the past they have offered programs on Smoking cessation and hypertension. Valerie suggested that possibly to have the educational program occur during the Peru Council on Aging meetings. Peggy has offered to reach out to Bonnie Ditomasso to invite her to our next meeting to discuss this.
9. The next meeting has been scheduled for November 24th at 10:00 AM. The agenda will include as mentioned above Sophie Carnes Jannes, follow up regarding the rural equity grant and the usual items of health inspector report, review of minutes roll call and state recording status.
10. A motion was made second and all in favor to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:13 AM.

Approved 11/24/25

Nanette Mone 

Peggy White 

Darryl Darby 

Minutes respectfully submitted by Peggy White, Chair Peru BOH

Received 11-25-25 , Kim Leach, Town Clerk