

## Peru Board of Health meeting

Monday January 29, 2026 10:00 AM

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:01 AM
2. Roll call: Peggy White, Nannette Mone, Darryl Darby. Valerie Bird present.
3. State recording status: Nanette Mone. Peggy White as recording secretary.
4. The Minutes from the December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 meeting were reviewed a motion was made and seconded, all in favor of approving the minutes without any edits.
5. Health inspectors report: Update on 6 North Rd at the last housing court hearing the owner of the property was given until 2/11/26 to have electricity turned back on. At a 1/23/2026 reinspection, power had not been restored. The dwelling remains unsafe and uninhabitable and puts the residents and safety personnel at risk. Return date to Housing Court is February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026.
6. Public health emergency planning: PHEP (Public Health emergency planning) Coalition is meeting monthly currently the primary agenda is focused on organizational structure and trainings. Peggy and Darryl attended the Public Health Emergency Planning tabletop session which was very informative. Present were members from Pittsfield's fire department, police department, ambulance, Medical Reserve Corps, Red Cross, 911 and other health and public health officials. The need for awareness of town residents that might be in need of assistance during an emergency was addressed such as during a major power outage that puts people at risk who rely on electricity for medical devices. Also people with mobility and transportation challenges are helpful to be aware of. Peggy presented an initial draft of a letter that will go to the residents of Peru hopefully with the next tax bill that is requesting people to identify those needs but also for people that might have skills and resources that would be beneficial during emergency to also complete the survey. These skills and resources might include ATV's, snowmobiles chainsaws, snowplows or generators. Along the lines of emergency preparation Val did inform the board that as of November Board of Health members are required to obtain certain training including ICS 100 and NIMS 700 as well as the foundation course for public health officials. It was suggested that the board members complete at least six initial hours training prior to our next meeting. Darryl also has reached out to a Donald <sup>Tyron</sup> Tyron who is in charge of the 911 Dispatch center who is willing to answer any of our questions. The one gap in the letter that needs more research is what are other ways that town residents can register their needs for electricity dependent medical devices their transportation challenges. The goal is to add that to the letter before it is completed. Val and Darryl have been asked to research that information.

7. The annual report for the Peru Board of Health has been completed the board members reviewed it and no recommendations for additional editing this will sent to the town administrator.
8. Follow up with the budget there still remains some confusion regarding what was recommended to be called a line item in the budget of \$1500. Val stated this should be a revolving account that will also receive any of permit fees for alternative, seasonal and temporary housing. Val will clarify this situation. The budget has been turned in but if there needs to be any editing Val will notify the Finance Committee.
9. There is \$200 of grocery gift cards available for any emergency needs in town. Nanette did reach out to the fire department the Police Department and the town clerk regarding this so they will be aware.
10. The plan for a combined public health nursing education and musical event through the Council on Aging will not be possible as grant money for the music program has been earmarked for the combined Hinsdale/Peru Council on Aging to be used during a monthly luncheon. Peggy reached out to Sophie. Of the 3 possible dates she is available the board decided to plan the fall prevention program may 7<sup>th</sup> in the late afternoon. Sophie is also planning to do tabling with public health information and blood pressure monitoring at the transfer station in Peru ideally in the summer. Nanette will follow up with Sophie to confirm the date and to request a description of the fall prevention program and do the necessary outreach through Town Hall, the Electric board and the Berkshire Eagle. We will also notify the Peru Council on Aging of this event so they can also spread the word. There is a small amount of money from the rural grant/mini grant account which can be used for refreshments. Val is going to clarify the balance of that account.
11. The next meeting has been previously scheduled for March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 at 10:00AM. Items on the agenda include public health emergency planning, Follow up the clarification of the revolving account for our budget, Discuss 21D ticketing system being instituted in Peru and follow up planning for the fall prevention program.
12. A motion was made seconded in all in favor to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 11:51 AM.

Approved 3/23/26

Nanette Mone Nanette Mone

Peggy White Peggy White

Darryl Darby Darryl Darby

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Peggy White, Chair Peru BOH*