

Charlemont Board of Health Minutes  
BOH Minutes May 26, 2021  
Conference call

Present: Doug Telling, Rob Lingle

Absent: Bill Harker

Guest: Randy Crochier, Lisa Danek Burke, Patrick and Katie Banks, Maryellen and Philip Banks

Called to Order at 6:00 pm

--Crochier related his recent visit to Vacationland Campground. He said the leach field looks good and the project is moving along. He sees no problem from the point of view of the Board of Health in terms of moving forward. Telling and Lingle agree.

--Mosquito spraying opt out. Lingle states that he believes prevention is the best approach and he does not see the value of spraying. Telling will pass on an opt-out plan to the town administrator.

--Health agent report: Crochier noted that about 60% of Franklin County is vaccinated and 70% have had their first shot. FRCOG's clinics gave 10,000 shots and when combined with the Greenfield clinics, 25,000 shots. Danek Burke noted that eligibility for home bound vaccinations has expanded to anyone over 18 years old. She reported that there are many perc tests and Title V's requested now. She inspected Country Aire campground. Crochier noted that a second trailer has opened at Jerry Pratt's site and that Wells Provisions hopes to have their ice cream window open soon. He said that there will be a ServSafe class on Zoom on June 15, 17, and 22. The exam will be on the 24<sup>th</sup> along with a chokesaver class, which include Narcan training, among other things.

--Town hall: the employees like it closed and expressed a preference for a slow opening, as is happening in other towns. Crochier noted that Colrain is waiting to reopen. Question: should there still be masks after opening? Crochier noted that Gov Baker's emergency order expires on June 15. The town will need to rescind its emergency order too. Telling would like to see some access to the library, possibly one or two at a time by appointment and with masks. Lingle said that the plexiglass barriers may be a help or a hindrance. The evidence is mixed. Telling suggests the librarian escort on person at a time, by appointment. Lingle moved and Telling seconded a motion to open the town hall on June 15 and allow town employees, if they choose, to escort people into their offices, by appointment only. Passed 2-0

--Transfer station swap shop: Telling related a plan to reopen it with masks and one way traffic and one person at a time. No objections raised. He will relay this to the town administrator.

--Crochier will contact Roger King.

--Berkshire East leach field. Lingle noted this proposal and thought that it is a topic for DEP. Danek Burke noted that she reviewed the proposal and said the size brings it under DEP's jurisdiction. Crochier noted that DEP may not accept the existing perc tests.

--Telling moved and Lingle seconded a motion to adjourn. 2-0 in favor

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm

These minutes not official until signed.

Documents Reviewed  
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