

Charlemont Board of Health Minutes

August 23, 2023

Zoom

Present: Doug Telling, Rob Lingle, Mae Tanner

Absent: none

Guests: Randy Crochier, Kurt Schellenberg, Charlotte Dewey, Scott Randall, Roger King

Called to order at 6:12 pm

--Tanner moved and Lingle seconded a motion to approve the minutes of 8/23/23. Lingle yes, Tanner yes, Telling yes

Hearing in Charlemont Inn

Telling called the hearing to order and turned it over to Charlotte Dewey

- She does not know of reports of water issues in the area covered by the recent condemnation. Water leaks are in the condemned parts of the Inn.
- Regarding the breaking of the plastic. The fire department did not like the plastic but said they can live with it. She does not see why the breaking of it in 2019 would be a problem since there has been no serving out of the kitchen and adjacent rooms since 2019.
- She has a couple of possible buyers one of whom has a food truck and would like to use the kitchen area.
- She requests that the condemnation be lifted for that area.
- After the vandalism in September of 2022 earlier she has a 24-hour security system.
- She has reactivated the public water supply.

There being no one else requesting to testify, Lingle moved that we close the hearing, Tanner seconded. Lingle yes, Tanner yes, Telling yes Hearing adjourned at 6:27 pm

Telling moved that we wait to discuss what the Board wants to do until the October meeting. Tanner seconded. Lingle yes, Tanner yes, Telling yes

Telling told Ms. Dewey that if a sale is imminent, such as a buy/sell agreement, we will move up our discussion and possibly reinspect. Crochier will send her guidance as to what she will need to do to get the kitchen approved.

--Lingle moved and Telling seconded a motion to appoint Telling as representative and Tanner alternate to the Oversight board. Lingle yes, Tanner yes, Telling yes

--With Kathy Reynolds retiring as town clerk, the Board needs to decide who will be the burial agent. Tanner moved and Lingle seconded a motion to keep the town clerk as the burial agent. Lingle yes, Tanner yes, Telling yes

--Roger King requests that we expedite the permit for his septic repair. He has a price from Charlie Deane to install it. Crochier replied that we will try to expedite it as best we can. He

noted that Deane will need to get an installer's license for Charlemont. King would like to inspect the septic tank at the time of installation of the system. Crochier noted that it is best practice to use a new tank, but will consider the request once he sees the plan. There is a \$100 fee for the inspection. He is not committing to a yes or no answer at present.

--Lingle addressed the issue of who should take phone messages. He is willing to do it for now, but wants to consult with Sarah Reynolds first. But he thinks the secretary to the boards should do it. He'll let us know what is decided.

--Telling reported on a visit to the Kelleher property on Heath Stage Rd in response to a complaint about a white powder on the walls in one room. The powder is on all walls, but not behind pictures and not on any other wood surface. It has been there for three years. Crochier will address this.

#### Health Agent Report

1. King had visited Crochier in his office.
2. 48 Potter Rd extension: septic installed without a permit for the installer who installed using a plan that had been rejected. Crochier will work with the engineer to see if the system can be modified to conform to the plan.
3. Crochier and his associates will address the question of when a food truck becomes a temporary food system.
4. Crochier, Tanner, and Schellenberg inspected the Inn earlier in the day and reported that it is not useable at present.

--Lingle mentioned that Dengue Fever is now in New York State. He thinks it should be on the DPH's agenda soon.

Tanner moved and Telling seconded a motion to adjourn. Lingle yes, Tanner yes, Telling yes

Adjourned at 7:25 pm

These minutes not official until signed

Documents reviewed:

- Agenda 9/7/23
- Minutes 8/23/23