

Charlemont Board of Health Meeting

April 26, 2023

Zoom

Present: Doug Telling, Mae Tanner, Rob Lingle

Absent: none

Guests: Kurt Schellenberg, Randy Crochier

Called to order at 6:05 pm

--Lingle moved and Telling seconded a motion to approve the minutes of March 29, 2023.

Telling: yes Lingle: yes Tanner: yes

--Hearing on Body Art Regulations called to order at 6:15 pm

- Crochier thought they look good.

Tanner moved to close the hearing, Lingle seconded. Telling: yes Lingle: yes Tanner: yes

Lingle moved to accept the regulations as written. Telling seconded. Telling: yes Lingle: yes

Tanner: yes

Crochier explained the plan to migrate MAPHCO into a new PHEP organization

- Experience and tabletop exercise demonstrated the need for regionalization
- The COVID after action report recommended that FRCOG develop an emergency planning department separate from other planning activities

Recommendations:

- Plan for a regional organization with local flexibility
- Rewrite the principles of operation
- Coalition governance composed of public health professionals

Lingle wants to integrate other stakeholders into the public health work

Crochier agreed that all need to be involved in planning and operation. Currently there are nine Emergency Dispensing Sites in Franklin County. Not all of them are functional.

Lingle wants the co-operation and involvement of other stakeholders in the writing of the new procedures

Crochier stated that the Emergency Management Directors are part of this.

At the annual MAPHCO meeting on June 21 there will be a vote on these changes. Need 17 towns to endorse them.

Tanner asked what constitutes a public health official? How many are currently on the MAPHCO steering committee. Crochier replied zero. He stated that the current steering committee will be abandoned and replaced by professionals.

Tanner moved and Lingle seconded a motion to move to a new system. Telling: yes Lingle: yes Tanner: yes

Health Agent report

- Kurt Schellenberg completed the soil test. Awaits the results.
- Schellenberg is pursuing getting certified as a lead determiner
- Liz Jacobson-Carroll is learning the permitting system
- A new part-time position as a Public Health Inspector is being posted.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM

Minutes not official until signed

Documents Reviewed

4/26/23

- Agenda 4/26/23
- Minutes for 3/29/23
- Body Art regulations draft