

Charlemont Board of Health Meeting
January 25, 2023

Zoom

Present: Doug Telling, Rob Lingle, Mae Tanner

Absent: None

Guests: Randy Crochier, Kurt Schellenberg

Called to order at 6:00 pm

--Telling moved and Lingle seconded a motion to approve the minutes of October 26, 2022.

Telling Yes, Lingle yes

--32 Heath Stage Rd.

- Schellenberg reported a complaint from a neighbor regarding septic smell. Occupant is short on money. Had sold the house for \$1.00. Appears to be a scam. The new owner was notified by Schellenberg that he has 30 days to fix the problem.

--Schellenberg sent letters to those with short term rentals who still have not applied for a permit notifying them of the need to apply.

--2155 Rt 2 condemnation hearing opened at 6:15

- In May 2019, Crochier inspected the property.
- March 2022 Schellenberg and Crochier returned to inspect it. Contacted the wire inspector to disconnect power to the barn.
- November 2022 Schellenberg sent an order to the bank holding the mortgage through its property management company SPF to secure the property. SPF responded that the title is in the homeowner's name and refused to secure.
- January 2023 a notification of condemnation and a hearing sent to the Estate of Mike O'Dell and SPF.
- Crochier noted that the barn is falling down. And stated that the health agents are asking for condemnation of the whole property.

At 6:24, Telling moved and Tanner seconded a motion to close the hearing. Telling yes Tanner yes Lingle yes

- Crochier plans on bringing the person from the AG's office that handles receiverships to visit the property and see if they are interested.
- Lingle wondered about the status of the property. Has it gone through probate?
- Crochier noted that the ownership does not change the condition of the property.
- Lingle wondered if receivership would cost the town legal fees.
- Crochier replied that the town would if the town follows up. If the AG goes for receivership, they pay all legal fees. He thinks given the size of the property it is a good spot for investment.
- Lingle wondered about a taking of the property, but is ok with condemnation.

- Telling moved to condemn the 2155 Rt. 2 property. Lingle seconded. Telling yes Lingle yes Tanner yes
- Crochier said that he and Schellenberg will be up in the area on Friday and will placard it then.

--Telling noted that the neighbors to 8 Mountain Rd are complaining about the property and animals going to their yards from it.

--Tanner asked about the health agent position.

- Crochier noted that the FRCOG just received a grant for training health agents in the region. This will result in the hiring of one or two people, who can spend some of their time working for CPHS and the rest training. He expects a similar grant for housing in the future.

--Body Art Regulations

- A current business in town is interested in including a form of body art (micro blading) in their business. At present there are no regulations in town or at the state level.
- Gill is working on such regulations. Crochier will forward examples for the board to consider at its February meeting. He noted that this is a hazardous practice and there should be some biomedical and technique training.
- Telling thought this is a good idea worth pursuing.

--DLTA grants

- Telling recommended that we recommend to the select board the Aging and Dementia funding and Abandoned Housing
- Telling moved and Tanner seconded a motion to recommend to the select board the Aging and Dementia and Abandoned Housing funding. Telling yes Lingle yes Tanner yes
- Lingle noted that towns can apply separately up to \$10,000 directly to DEP.

--Manufactured Homes payments

- Telling reviewed the process. The owners of trailer parks are to give the Board of Health a list of residents and then pay the tax collector \$12 per trailer once a month. Not all are up to date on this.
- Crochier will research the regulation

--Budget

- Telling said he had been approached about lowering our \$750 request to maybe \$650. Over the past several years we have spent in the vicinity of \$600. He noted that the number fluctuates depending on tick test purchases.
- Telling moved and Tanner seconded a motion to submit a \$700 request. Telling yes Lingle yes Tanner yes.

--Telling, with Lingle joining in, thanked Tanner for her work on the Health Connect newsletter.

--Telling reported that he passed on 90 test kits to the Hawlemont nurse and distributed others to people who requested them.

Telling moved and Tanner seconded a motion to adjourn. Telling yes Lingle yes Tanner yes
Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

These minutes are not official until signed.

Documents reviewed January 25, 2023

- Agenda for 1/25/23
- Minutes for 10/26/22
- Condemnation notification letters