

Charlemont Board of Health Meeting Minutes
24 August 2022

Zoom

Present: Doug Telling, Mae Tanner

Absent: Rob Lingle

Guests: Kurt Schellenberg, Randy Crochier

Called to order at 1808

1. Tanner moved and Telling seconded a motion to approve the minutes of 27 July 2022.

Tanner yes, Telling yes

2. Pre-rental inspection program:

No new items brought up for discussion. Telling stated that the board of health is supportive in participating in the program.

--Crochier noted that FRCOG would like to start the conversation regarding adoption; however, further discussion was tabled.

3. TAG funding:

It was determined through board member research that TAG funding is not applicable to any waste site cleanup in Charlemont.

Telling posed the question to Crochier as to whether waste site management is under board of health jurisdiction. Crochier responded in the negative, but noted the location of a site can be. ---

--Crochier further noted included that a waste site cleanup might fall under the brownfields group. Although there is more funding available if a site is considered a brownfield designation, it is a secondary program. A site must undergo a level 1 review to be considered for cleanup and be placed on the brownfield list. A meeting was held on 7 September in which a site, i.e., Stagecoach, could be place on this list.

--Telling inquired as to whether Brian Dupree's residence could be placed on the list as well and whether townspeople complaints are necessary to do so. Crochier responded that he will return communications as to what is needed for cleanup registry. Discussion will continue at next BOH meeting.

4. Possible rabies exposure: Rabid raccoon

Crochier noted that a report had come in about a veterinarian who had stabbed self with a scalpel upon examining a possible rabies infection of a raccoon's head, bringing the number of possible exposures to three total: the dog that came into contact/was in vicinity of suspected rabid raccoon, the owner of said dog, and the vet conducting the rabies test.

--It was further noted that the Town of Charlemont will be invoiced for the removal of the raccoon and subsequent testing/processing to determine the presence of rabies.

--Telling inquired as to whether or not rabies treatment can be stopped if the rabies test is negative. Crochier responded that it was assumed to be possible.

5. Health Agents' report:

- No new EEE or West Nile detected in humans as of this date.

- Housing issues (Schellenberg):
 - O'Dell property (2051/house & 2055/modular unit): During the 1st week of August, Schellenberg performed a full standard inspection (in lieu of Attorney General's Neighborhood Renewal program) and sent out remediation orders. A response from the O'Dell's property management company stated that they (the management) would not be addressing any repairs due to the property not being banked owned, although work to remove debris and board up the buildings (including the house, barn, and modular unit) onsite had been ordered. Schellenberg remarked that "something is stirring" regarding the property, meaning that movement on the property's status is finally the case.
 - Telling queried as to next steps.
 - Schellenberg responded that contact with Jim Hawkins regarding the removal of the barn needs to occur; communications to be forwarded to the BOH and cc Telling and Phoebe Walker.
 - Property management company (SP Services) code violations division to receive list of codes needing attention.
 - Telling inquired as to status of trailer occupancy (structure next to modular unit). Schellenberg responded that while he did not see anyone in or around the unit, he heard movement in the trailer but was not able to identify what made the sounds.
 - It was noted that there was a failure to attempt to repair electrical on property; thus, even with boarding completed & property secured, the property is still condemnable. Follow up to occur on or about 14 September to ascertain any progress; if none, BOH to hold condemnation hearing 28 Sept.
- Inspection of Reggae Fest (Schellenberg):
 - All in order except for one temporary food permit that was not posted.
- 119 Main Street (Crochier):
 - New inspection was requested by owner in response to August 2020 order that Unit 3 (2nd floor) windows needed repair. Once the necessary screens are installed, Crochier will conduct the inspection.
- The annual Hicks Family Farm food permit had been submitted; permit TBD.
- A beaver permit was submitted to trap on the Banks property on Zoar Rd. The permit was issued for "have a heart" trap to be used, followed by euthanization of animal.
- Crochier indicated that he will send the raccoon testing form to Tanner for situational awareness.

6. HealthConnect content review; no new items suggested by board or health agents.

No new business brought to board's attention; Tanner moved and Telling seconded a motion to adjourn.

Telling: yes; Tanner: yes.

Meeting adjourned at 1830.

These minutes are not official until signed.

Documents reviewed 24 August 2022:

- Agenda for 24 August 2022
- Minutes from 27 July 2022