

PLANNING PROJECT

Community Meeting

Tuesday March 15, 2022 at the
Hawlemont School
Gymnasium 6:30 pm

Come and help answer the
following questions:

What are Charlemont's
existing assets?

What would you like to see
improved?

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Election Positions Open for the 2022 Election

The positions listed below are up for election and will appear on the 2022 Annual Election ballot. To obtain nomination papers to collect signatures to run for office and have your name appear on the ballot, please contact Town Clerk Kathy Reynolds at 413-339-4335 x 7

Select Board (3 years) Moderator (1 year) Board of Assessors (3 years) Charlemont School Committee (3 years) Mohawk Trail School Committee (3 years) Mohawk Trail School Committee (2 years) Local Education Council (2 years) Tree Warden (1 year) Planning Board (3 years) Planning Board (2 years) Board of Health (3 years) Library Trustee (3 years) Parks and Rec (5 years) Constable (3 years)



Ambulance Department Update

The Ambulance Department has been actively recruiting the last few months and it has worked. The Ambulance department gained three new EMT's, as well as two new first responders. We would like to welcome the new staff to the department. The Ambulance has also received a gift from Berkshire East to do on-call hours for some nights and weekends. The ambulance is still looking for volunteers if anyone is interested.

Board of Health Updates

Nursing Services:

Nursing services reminder: Lisa White will be back at the Federated Church on the 2nd Tuesday from 10:30-12:00 and at the Good Neighbors food distribution on the 3rd Tuesday from 4-5:30. And be sure to meet our new nurse, Meg Ryan. Services offered; you might ask.

- Health screenings
- Flu and Covid vaccinations (make an appointment for Covid)
- Individualized help managing chronic health conditions
- Tools for medication self-management
- Mercury thermometer and sharps disposal and container exchange
- Home visits for those in need

To reach the nurses:

Lisa White: lwhite@frcog.org or 413-774-3167 x156

Meg Ryan: mryan@frcog.org or 413-774-3167 x158

Age Friendly Survey Reminder:

There is still time to fill out the age friendly survey it will be used to create an Age-Friendly Action Plan and to apply for grants to improve conditions for older people in our towns. This survey is for residents over 50 years old, as well as caregivers of older adults. To fill out the survey online, you can visit the following address Charlemont-ma.us. To request a printed copy, and for any other inquiries, please contact Meg Ryan, RN, Regional Public Health Nurse at FRCOG, (mryan@frcog.org, 413 774-3167 x 158),

Town Government Spotlight

Have you ever wondered how you can participate in town government? Check out our monthly featured town position highlight:

Planning Board

Role: The Planning Board grants special permits for residence new construction, renovations and additions, if required by the Building Inspector. Special permits are also required for all new businesses, change of use or any new commercial construction.

Number of members: 5, plus 1 associate member **Appointed or Elected?** Elected **Length of term(s):** 5 years or 3 years (associate member) **Meeting nights:** 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 6:00pm **Time commitment:** Depending on current slate of issues, 3-6 hours per week. Taking minutes and writing decisions on behalf of the board takes additional time. Planning board members need to be accessible, answering phone calls and emails in a timely fashion.