

Charlemont Board of Health
March 23, 2016
Charlemont Town Hall

Present: Doug Telling Co-chair, Rob Lingle co-chair, Karen LaClair, Trice Hyer
Absent: Bill Harker
Guest: Greg Lewis

Meeting called to order at 6:15 pm

- Greg Lewis, Public Health Emergency Preparation Planner, presented on Avian Flu and how to limit possible exposure to it.
- Vectors are ducks and geese. Once they excrete the virus, it lasts a long time. Infects commercial and backyard turkeys and chickens. Symptom of infection is death. An infected flock must be destroyed. Commercial flocks are re-imbursed for all destroyed chickens. All chickens are quarantined with 20 kilometers.
- There are no cases of human infection and there are no new cases in the Midwest.
- The state has put together a large task force to address this. The state will address any infections found.
- Local public health agencies role is to inform chicken owners and reassure people that there is no evidence of human infection.

- Camile White from the Council of Aging requests that the Board take over payments to the Federated Church for the public nurse's visits. The annual payments are \$600. The COA is in a budget crunch and the nurse does not come on the days they meet. The Board will need to re-evalate budget requests.

Telling moved and Lingle seconded a motion to approach the select board and finance committee to increase budget request by an amount to be determined in order to pay for the nurse's Tuesday visits to the Federated Church.

Passed 4-0

- February 24, 2016 minutes approved through signature.
- Telling introduced an Environmental Impact Regulation. This would require a permit for businesses or institutions (such as school) present an environmental impact statement to the Board before starting work. An example of this is the introduction of pellet furnaces to Mohawk. Tabled until the next meeting.
- Received 3 Title V reports and 6 pump reports
- Received housing complaint for 151 W. Hawley Road
- Received document request from Earl Bowen. Carlene Hayden sent the requested documents.

LaClair Moved and Trice seconded a motion to adjourn. Passed unanimously with no abstentions.

Adjourned at 7:30 pm

Documents Reviewed
3/23/16

- Agenda for 3/23/16
- Minutes from 2/24/16
- Power point on Avian Flu
- 151 W. Hawley Rd complaint
- Letter from Camile White regarding town nurse