

Charlemont Board of Health Meeting
February 22, 2023

Zoom

Present: Doug Telling, Mae Tanner

Absent: Rob Lingle

Guests: Randy Crochier, Kurt Schellenberg, Jon Mirin

Called to order at 6:05 pm

Jon Mirin joined the meeting. Tanner recused.

1. Mirin stated that the Piti Theater group wants to convert a barn into a theater and has questions about porta-potties. He would like to use porta-potties until a septic can go in around June 2024. Can he use composting toilets?
2. Crochier recommended that they work with DEP about a public water supply well. On composting toilets, they need a plan for a full septic and reserve area. With composting toilet, the leach field only needs to be half the regular size (as shown in the plan). Porto-potties are usually for short term use. Need to provide an end date for their use.
3. Mirin: will provide bottled water until the well goes in.
4. Crochier asked about water for sanitation purposes. A conversation with DEP should be their first move. Telling noted that the plan for the project suggests that eventually there will need to be a PWS for the facilities.

Tanner moved and Telling seconded a motion to approve the minutes from January 25, 2023.
Telling yes Tanner yes.

Crochier reported on a couple of housing issues:

- 174 Main St complaint by the landlord; 2nd exit blocked off, burners on the stove not working. Crochier had written up orders to correct directed at the landlord and tenant. He went to Housing Court. The two parties agreed to a resolution with the tenant leaving by April 1, 2023. Crochier will not enforce the orders, assuming this agreement is followed, but requires that the apartment be inspected before re-rented.
- 104 Main St. Previously condemned. The daughter of the owners would like the condemnation lifted. Crochier stated that he told her that to do that the house needs to be cleaned up and holes sealed. When the daughter reports this has been done, he will do a comprehensive inspection.

Telling reported that the issue at 119 Main St, apt. 4 has been resolved as a new propane stove has been hooked up and is working.

Crochier reports that the new leach field at Berkshire east is installed and operational. The West lodge is connected to it. However, the repairs to the old system have not been completed and there are no flow meters installed. The COC is contingent on this work being completed, so it has not been issued. He recommended that the town not accept the leach field until the COC has been issued.

Body Art: Telling thought that the Greenfield regulations hit the right notes. Tanner thought that the more comprehensive the regulation, the better. Crochier recommended a hearing in March on regulations. He will forward the Easthampton regulations and we can fold them into Greenfield's.

Opioid settlement funds:

- Tanner recommended training for police/fire/EMT personnel. Also training for town officials so that all are clear on the problem.
- Telling would like to see funds used to provide Narcan.
- Tanner liked the Navigator role in the emergency room at Bay State Franklin
- Telling would like Narcan training, Fentanyl strips, and naloboxes, if viable
- Telling asked about how dollars are pooled. What is the process? He will speak to Phoebe Walker for clarification on this.
- Telling is authorized to write up a memo to the Select Board on this.

Health Agent report:

- The HA's have been working on food inspections.
- Schellenberg has a soil evaluation class.
- Regarding 2155 Main St: The AG's office is interested in this property for the receivership program. Possible interest by Habit For Humanity?
- The personnel for the training grant are coming together: lead trainer and clerk have been hired.
- Crochier is working with a MAHB attorney about appointment of health agents.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm

These minutes are not official until signed.

Documents Reviewed

2/22/23

- Agenda 2/22/23
- Minutes 1/25/23
- Greenfield Body Art regulations