

Charlemont Board of Health Minutes

August 23, 2023

Zoom

Present: Doug Telling, Rob Lingle, Mae Tanner

Absent: none

Guests: Randy Crochier

Called to order at 6:01 pm

--Charlotte Dewey requested the hearing be postponed until the September meeting. Lingle moved to postpone until September 27, 2023 and Telling seconded. Lingle yes Telling yes Tanner yes

--Telling moved to approve the minutes of 7/26/23 Tanner seconded Lingle yes Telling yes Tanner yes

--Willis house at 104 Main St. Crochier reported that he inspected the house about a year and a half ago. Lots of squaller, two rats. He issued an emergency condemnation. Crochier and Telling inspected it on August 15. All issues successfully addressed. Crochier recommended lifting the condemnation. Lingle moved to lift the condemnation, Telling seconded Lingle yes Telling yes Tanner yes

--Roger King contacted Crochier about moving ahead with his septic system. Crochier reported that in 2011 the system failed a Title V test. From 2011-2018 health Agent Glen Ayers and the Board issued orders for a new system. In 2020, Crochier sent a letter telling him to move the project along. The Board granted an installers license to Todd Gerry to do the work. The work did not get done and Gerry's license expired. Crochier and Telling, responding to a tenant complaint, inspected and witnessed that the problems remained. Crochier requested that the board authorize him to proceed with the matter and escalate enforcement as needed. Telling moved and Tanner seconded a motion to allow the health agents to deal with King and escalate enforcement as needed. Lingle yes Telling yes Tanner yes

--A discussion of the Gill cannabis regulation was tabled.

Health Agent report:

1. Jasmine Ward joined the district as a health inspector. She spent five years as an administrative assistant in Greenfield and 4.5 years as an inspector in Northampton. She inspected food booths at Heath Fair and did a great job.
2. O Warner Hill perced for a home burial.
3. Avery's ice cream truck licensed for use in Charlemont

Newsletter:

1. DPH is looking for people to fill out a survey on community health needs. Looking for 30 completed surveys per community.
2. The local mosquito district sends charts on mosquito testing, which will be sent to Mae.
3. Vibrio bacteria has been found in raw oysters.
4. Maureen O'Reilly will hold a shoe spraying (for ticks) event in Heath this coming weekend.

--Tanner reported that based on her work on ambulances, Covid is creeping up, especially in care centers. Need increased vigilance.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm

These minutes not official until signed

Documents reviewed:

- Agenda 8/23/23
- Minutes 7/26/23