

## Charlemont Board of Health Minutes

Wednesday October 14, 2009 (Charlemont Town Hall)

Members in attendance – Erwin Reynolds – Chair, Peter Falandes, Earl Bowen, Trice Hyer, Robert Lingle

1. Meeting called to order 7:35` P.M.
2. The BOH, by unanimous vote, granted Mr. Brian Hemmingway at 62 Deer Run Lane an emergency repair of a septic system at his residence. Expeditious action was indicated when odor and breakout was found present in a septic system. A check of \$80.00 for a permit from Mr. Hemmingway is still required.
3. Trice Hyer signed 9/09/09 BOH minutes.
4. Previous meeting minutes reviewed and signed.
5. The BOH reviewed, voted on, and unanimously approved a request from Bill Hathaway at 255 West Hawley Rd, to repair a septic at said residence. Pete noted that plans for the repair should be made available to the Board of Health, and that he would follow up.
6. By a unanimous vote, the BOH agreed to make Robert Lingle the “Incident Commander” and Trice Hyer the “Medical Chief” for EDS and H1N1 planning and activities. This authorization allows these members to plan and execute emergency response to swine flu and other similar health emergencies under the auspices of the ECEMP plan on file with MEMA and FEMA.
7. Robert Lingle explained that the present EDS plan being drawn up for the H1N1 crisis will be permanently attached to the ECEMP plan so that it can be used for future health emergency beyond any board member’s term of service.
8. Noted that the Charlemont Select board voted on and unanimously approved the expenditure of additional funds, if needed, outside the BOH budget for H1N1 response efforts to buy a refrigerator as needed.
9. Noted that BOH needed a budget expenditure estimate for FRCOG in order to make its own budget estimate to the Town of Charlemont for the 2009/2010 fiscal year. To satisfy this need for information, Winston Healy, acting as the Select board liaison to the BOH, sent an email to the FRCOG (Phoebe) requesting an estimate so that the BOH could satisfy the town’s request.

10. Noted that DEP under the DOER program will make substitute outdoor wood burning furnaces available that are compliant to state and federal standards. The application deadline for this program is November 3, 2009.
11. MAHB will be offering indoctrination training for new health board members in Springfield on November 7, 2009
12. Noted that council was sought at the Previous Select board meeting concerning enforcement of permits in the Blue Heron matter. After discussion at said meeting, it was agreed that some interim steps should be discussed at the (present) 10/14/09 BOH meeting.
13. Since Blue Heron did not respond to the request to file and submit a proper permit according to M.G.L. C 140 s22. , the BOH debated what next steps should be taken to insure fairness in compliance of the law as well protection of the Town's health and welfare. It was decided that the BOH would exercise an extra step of neighborliness, benefit of doubt, and all due diligence to bring Blue Heron into compliance with the law. Along these lines, it was decided by unanimous vote, with Board member Earl Bowen abstaining, to send a second letter requesting they (Coli) return an application to operate as a lodging house facility, along with the appropriate fees, by the next BOH meeting, all in accordance to Town Council's findings and in compliance with Massachusetts General Law before enforcement action is taken. Since no response so far has been forthcoming, and to insure proper receipt, it was decided that the second letter be sent by "Certified Letter".
14. Noted that computer needs to be turned off after every BOH meeting.
15. Rob Lingle will follow up with Glen Ayers of FRCOG concerning hooking the computer to the large printer in Town Hall.
16. Mail and periodicals reviewed.
17. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 P.M.