

Charlemont Board of Health Minutes – Town Hall

Wednesday December 9, 2009

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

1. Meeting called to order 7:40 P.M.
2. Reviewed Bob Dean's letter requesting an installer's permit. Noted that a check for \$100.00 to cover the permit fee was received.
3. Email from Glen Ayers advising that food inspections will be conducted in January as part of the USDA Omnibus food inspection grant. Both Rob Lingle and Earl Bowen expressed an interest in accompanying Glen on some of the inspections.
4. Noted that the FRCOG's FY 2010/11 estimate of charges to the Town of Charlemont for Health services still pending from Phoebe Walker. Irwin Reynolds said he would follow up.
5. The email from Town counsel concerning his conversation with Blue Heron's attorney reviewed. Counsel suggested that a settlement might be reached with Blue Heron concerning permitting without litigation in court. Based on counsel's recommendation, a motion was made to rescind the Cease and Desist Order issued to Blue Heron Farm on November 11, 2009 without prejudice. This motion was voted on and approved by all BOH members unanimously
After some discussion about the need to have the Blue Heron matter proceed in a timely manner, a second motion was made to send Town Counsel a letter requesting that the matter must be resolved in a manner acceptable to the Board, and that the BOH be notified of the progress of the settlement proceedings no later than January 26, 2010. This motion was voted on and approved by all BOH members unanimously
6. Receivership information from the COG reviewed. Noted that two properties in Charlemont are considered abandoned, and are still in need of an inspection by the BOH.
7. Letter from Cog about H1N1 funding reviewed.
8. H1N1 update given by Rob Lingle. Regional H1N1 Flu Clinic will be held at the Federated Church on Friday – December 18, 2009 from 3:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M.

It was noted that the clinic will be held without any cost to the Town of Charlemont.

9. Noted that Mass DPH will sponsor Perc Rite Training on January 12, 2010 in Greenfield.
10. MHOA membership reviewed.
11. NALBOIH membership reviewed
12. GTLO training reviewed.
13. Peter Falandes reported that he inspected a repair to a septic at 255 West Hawley Rd, on December 2, 2009 and approved the work. Noted that the engineer will provide a request for a certificate of compliance.
14. The request from Mr. Coli of Blue Heron Farm concerning Mr. Bowen's letter to Town Counsel dated May 15, 2009 was discussed. Mr. Coli wanted to know if any other businesses at that time were investigated per the aforesaid letter. Mr. Bowen responded that all the information in the public record concerning this was, and is, contained in the contents of said letter.
15. December 23rd meeting discussed. The BOH decided to cancel the meeting, and to reconvene on January 14, 2010.
16. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

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