

## **Board of Selectmen Joint meeting with Board of Health**

Date: December 8, 2010

Present: Healy, Brisson, Fantucchio

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The meeting was conducted by the Board of Health, and the agenda of the Board of Health is represented in their minutes of the same date.

The Board of Selectmen raised two issues with the Board of Health, primarily at two separate points in the Board of Health Meeting:

1. The Board of Selectmen wishes to be on record with a recommendation that the Board of Health should use the FRCOG Health Agent (currently Glen Ayers) more consistently and more often. These are services for which the town pays the FRCOG, and the Selectboard feels these services should be mandatory whenever special expertise and training is prudent and/or required (for example, Title V inspections, Final Septic Install/Repair Inspections, Housing Inspections, Lead Paint inspections, as well as food inspections). Currently, the Board of Health uses the FRCOG agent optionally, using criteria for employment that is not consistent or transparent. When asked for examples of times when the use of the FRCOG agent should have been used, the Selectboard provided examples from their own experience.
2. The Selectboard registered unanimous approval of the Health Board commitment to meet with Glen Ayers to develop a protocol for when his services would be consistently used. Paul Fantucchio requested the results of the meeting be put on paper with a copy to the Selectboard.
3. The Board of Selectmen suggested that if the BOH has concerns that the FRCOG Health Agent costs, or the Town's Assessment may increase due to increased usage, they could re-visit their own fee schedule, which has not been updated since 8/31/2005.
4. Win Healy requested the Board of Health exercise great care to insure that the decisions it makes regarding permits, etc., be voted at Health Board Meetings and be recorded in the minutes. In an era when all Boards are being challenged more frequently, it is essential that decision making regarding public safety be transparent and that these decisions be voted and recorded (rather than based upon verbal understandings not known or voted upon by the Board as a whole). Healy expressed concern both for the requirements of the Open Meeting law as well as for concerns about potential challenges of Board decisions. He felt that all Boards should be vigilant in these regards.
5. Ms Brisson provided a list of forms and documents to the Board of Health for

their use and reference (attached list of documents).

Approved by:

Charlemont Board of Selectmen

**Documentation :**

1. Relevant Facts respectfully submitted by Jean Brisson
2. Public Health Certifications and Trainings of Health Agent, Glen Ayers
3. Charlemont Board of Health Fee Schedule
4. BOH Core Duties and Responsible Party - Charlemont
5. FRCOG Contract for Regional Health Inspection Professional Services Agreement by and Between the FRCOG and the Town Of Charlemont
6. State Environmental Code, 310 CMR 15.000- 15,405: Title V standard requirement for the site, construction, inspection, upgrade and expansion of on-site sewage treatment and disposal systems and for the transport and disposal of seepage. Including approving authority and guidelines for determining approved soil evaluators.