

Charlemont Board of Health Minutes

October 23, 2024

Zoom

Present: Doug Telling, Rob Lingle, Star Atkeson - secretary

Guests: Kurt Schellenberg

Called to order at 6 pm

Action:

1. Approval of the minutes of 8/28/2024

--Lingle moved and Telling seconded a motion to approve the minutes of August 28, 2024 Telling yes, Lingle yes.

Discussion:

1. Differences in role of the BOH in enforcing MGL housing and sanitation regulations - between a private residence and an " Air B&B". Rob is interested in the topic of Airbnbs and sees ramifications to a community if many Airbnbs are opened.

Rob asked Kurt how the Town would know if someone applied and received a permit for an Airbnb. Kurt recommended watching Buckland. They are creating a protocol thru zoning to license Airbnbs. As of now, the permit that FRCOG BOH grants is a yearly housing and sanitation permit. The department of revenue has a list of Airbnbs but many still fall through the cracks. Kurt said presently the best way for the Board of Health to know is through word of mouth, he would appreciate any information about location of Airbnbs. Currently he estimated that they know about 50% of them. Doug reported that some Airbnb purveyors don't know what permits they need, although the company is supposed to inform them.

2. Review of Town Rabies procedures when the exposure involves animals for which there is no ownership/responsibility or are wild. For example - the recent exposure involving the fluoroscopy of baby skunks. Rob recommended a policy be enacted for those rabies situations with animals that don't have owners. He recommended that the Town have a relationship with a vet and a predetermined price for the follow up protocol with the animals. Doug believes that the Animal Control Officer (ACO) has the relationship with the vet. Rob would like to check into it a bit more to see that the town is getting a good price. He'll ask Kyle Dragon (animal inspector) about it.

3. November and December BOH meetings The November and December meetings will be canceled as they fall very close to the holidays. A special meeting will be called if some BoH business comes up.

4. **Unforeseen within the last 48 hours: Change of meeting date Doug Telling motioned to move the Board of Health meetings to the 4th Tuesday of every month at 6PM. Rob Lingle seconded the motion. Telling yes, Lingle yes.

5. ** Unforeseen within the last 48 hours: Flood map data Rob asked Kurt who at FRCOG has the latest flood maps. Kurt said to contact Kimberly McPhee

Recurring Topics:**1. Health Agent Report**

- There was a vaccine clinic yesterday at Hawlemont that was well attended.
- Jasmine Ward did food inspections at both schools. One needs some attention.
- The oversight Board will meet on October 24th
- Randy Crochier will give a servsafe class on November 6th.
- On October 29th Kurt will attend "Totally Title V."
- Kurt has been busy with Title V inspections.
- Randy and Jasmine will go to a food safety conference in Burlington in the next few weeks.

Telling moved and Lingle seconded the motion to adjourn. Telling yes, Lingle yes.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:43 pm

These minutes are not official until signed.

Documents Reviewed

- Agenda 10/23/24
- Minutes 8/28/24