

Charlemont Board of Health Minutes

April 27, 2022

Zoom

Present: Doug Telling, Rob Lingle, Mae Tanner

Absent: none

Guests: Kurt Schellenberg

Called to order at 6 pm

--Regarding the Red Rose Motel and Red Door BnB. Both need water tests uploaded to the permit application. The Red Rose is a PWS. Failure to upload the documents could result in a cease and desist order. A recent septic pumping report raises concerns about the septic, which may result in a Title V.

--Telling moved and Lingle seconded a motion to approve the minutes of 3/23/22. Passed 3-0

--The O'Dell barn situation has been brought to the attention of the building commissioner.

--Tanner raised the question of how to put out information to the town regarding public health such as advice on ticks and mosquitoes. Telling suggested she work with the town administrator about doing a mail list once the town's new email system is in place.

--Tanner requested information on our views of EDS as it is now constituted. Lingle suggested she speak to Sheila Litchfield about where the EDS is heading/evolving. The Emergency guide was updated by Greg Lewis of FRCOG.

--Schellenberg reported that Tracy Rogers is leaving FRCOG in early May.

--Telling gathers that the state is changing its understanding of the EDS's role and demands. Tanner stated that the role of an EDS needs reworking. Lingle believes that volunteers need to be ready for a variety of problems, a role now played by an EDS.

--Tanner wanted to know what should be done about mosquito spraying by the state. Lingle believes spraying for mosquitoes is useless and that we should be focusing on ticks. Schellenberg asked about allowing spraying. Lingle wants none. Schellenberg is getting certified for catch basin treatments. Telling asked if there is a need to opt-out of spraying again this year. Tanner says that the opt-out option application is due the end of May.

--Telling says that John Sargent has submitted a building permit application for a screened in deck next to his yurt. Randy Crochier has concerns about the board signing off on this. Telling would like to hear Crochier's concerns. Is there a need to change the temporary permit process? The consensus is to let Crochier speak to Sargent.

--Schellenberg provided the health agent report.

- Several permits were issued.

- There are several short-term rentals. He is working on getting them permitted.
- Both Lisa Danek Burke and Schellenberg are now certified pool operators.
- He is now a certified catch basin operator
- The agents hope to issue a permit for Berkshire East's septic plans soon. The current system got a conditional pass.

Telling moved and Lingle seconded a motion to adjourn. Passed 3-0

Meeting Adjourned at 7: 25 pm

These minutes are not official until signed.

Documents Reviewed 4/27/22

- Agenda 4/27/22
- Minutes 3/23/22