

Charlemont Board of Health Minutes

April 22, 2025

Zoom

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

Guests: Randy Crochier, Travis DeCere, Scott Randall, Tom Leue, Brandon Long, Amy Long

Rob Lingle opened the meeting at 6:04

Discussion Items:

Action:

1. Approval of the Minutes of 3/25/2025

Lingle made a motion to pass the minutes as written. Telling seconded the motion. Lingle-Yes, Telling-yes. Crochier pointed out a spelling error to be fixed.

2. Scott Randall to join the BOH

Telling made a motion to recommend Scott Randall to the Board of Health. Lingle seconded the motion. Telling – yes, Lingle – yes.

Discussion:

1. Brandon and Amy Long of Amongst the Oaks, Burrington Rd., and septic designer to discuss septic

Brandon Long and Amy Long came to get a variance to continue using their single septic tank with filter, while replacing the leach field with an upgraded system (Elgin.) Tom Leue explained the design. There is a requirement to have a double compartment septic tank that Charlemont adopted in 2013. Lingle's motion for the variance was not seconded. Telling considered that getting a variance would nullify the regulation for new construction, and that minimum standards would no longer be minimum standards. Brandon Long explained that it wasn't new construction during his time owning the house, they had bought it that way.

The idea of adding a second tank in series came up and Leue thought that could work. He will get some design drawings to Randy.

2. Oxbow update

The Board, Crochier and DeCere went over the status of the Oxbow. DeCere explained that The Planning Board had postponed their meeting to get clarity from Town Counsel.

They spoke about some complaints that had come in from a resident. DeCere said that she has been accommodated. It was pointed out that a disconnected sink in an abutting unit may have caused an odor. Septic issues causing an odor was ruled out by Eric Dean.

DeCere will keep the Board updated as soon as he gets a Decision from the Planning Board.

3. Animals at 176 Main Street, resolved. Lingle was pleased with the outcome, it is resolved.

Recurring Topics:

1. Health Agent Report

Seasonal Temporary food is ramping up, they are engaged in medical reviews of camps, food inspection and housing inspection and beach inspections. The final inspection of 176 Main went well.

Crochier spoke of a complaint about him specifically and the FRCOG board of health services in general, reported from Charlemont. He will look into it and try to get it resolved.

Telling motioned to close the meeting at 6:53 PM. Lingle seconded the motion. Telling-yes, Lingle-yes

Next Scheduled meeting 5/20/2025

These minutes are not official until signed.

Documents Reviewed

- Agenda 4/22/2025
- Minutes 3/25/2025