

Charlemont Board of Health Minutes

May 22, 2024

Zoom

Members Present: Doug Telling, Mae Tanner, Rob Lingle

Others Present: Kurt Schellenberg, Randy Crochier, Ilana Gerjuoy, Scott Randall, Bill Coli, Star Atkeson, secretary

Telling called to order at 6:03 pm

Action:

1. Approve minutes of 4/24/2024

Telling motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Rob Lingle seconded the motion.

Approved. Telling Yes, Lingle Yes

6:10: Hearing on Tobacco Regulations

Telling read the Public Hearing notice.

Rob Lingle Motioned to open the public hearing.

Telling seconded the motion. Telling yes, Lingle yes, Tanner yes

Ads were placed in the paper and vendors in Charlemont were notified of the hearing.

Crochier spoke about the regulations. Fines should be brought into compliance. 1st offense \$1000., 2nd offense \$2000, 3rd offense \$5000.

New regs codifies the amount of days in suspension.

4 days suspension for 2nd offense, 7 days for 3rd offense.

Ilana Gerjuoy gave a presentation about progress made with Public Health policy and Education.

Tanner moved to close the evidentiary portion of the hearing and to reconvene today at 6:50. Telling seconded the motion. Lingle yes, Telling yes, Tanner yes

6:20: Hearing on Septic Regulations

Tanner motioned to open the public hearing on the revisions to the septic regulations in Charlemont. Telling seconded the motion. Lingle yes, Telling yes, tanner yes.

In the new revision, the charge for the perc test will be collected before the appointment is made.

Private well water tests results, from a DEP approved lab, will need to be received before passing Title V.

Telling motioned to close the evidentiary portion of the hearing, to reconvene at 6:55.

Telling yes, Tanner yes, Lingle yes.

6:30: Bill Coli appointment re: short term rentals at Blue Heron Farm

- Coli asked the Board if it was possible to wait and see if his short term rentals were rented as such to avoid paying the recently increased fees. Lately he has been renting them for longer terms. If the rentals are made available as short-term rentals, then they are considered short term rentals.
- He asked about a form letter from FRCOG, wondering if it applied to him, as he had already furnished much of the information. Every particular of the letter need not pertain to him, it a was bulk mailing meant for more recent short term rental owners.
- Coli asked if the recommendation to pump septic for 3 years is a recommendation or a requirement, will be enforced? He can get a waiver to do it every 5 years if he feels strongly about it.
- Water tests are due with the title V application

Action:2. Votes on the regulations

Lingle motioned to adopt the tobacco regulation changes made at the 5/22/2024 meeting. Telling seconded the motion. Tanner yes, Telling yes, Lingle yes. Passed unanimously.

Tanner motioned to close the hearing for the tobacco regulations. Lingle seconded it. Telling yes, Tanner yes, Lingle yes.

Lingle motioned to adopt the septic regulations as amended at the 5/22/2024 meeting. Tanner seconded the motion. Telling yes, Tanner yes, Lingle yes. Passed unanimously.

Tanner motioned to close the hearing on the septic regulations. Lingle seconded the motion. Telling yes, Tanner yes, Lingle yes.

Crochier will file with the DEP and put a notification in the paper.

3. Filling a board vacancy

Telling let the Board know that if no one was written in the upcoming election to take his seat, he would accept an appointment to be on the Board for one year.

Discussion:1. Opioid funding disbursements

\$11,000. more funds will become available from this latest disbursement. The BoH should come up with 3 ways to use the funding and let the Select Board know. Lingle suggested treatment, test kits and naloxone. Phoebe Walker sent out an informational email describing the different treatment and outreach methods.

They spoke about possibility of FRCOG helping to maintain Narcan boxes

Telling motioned to support the opioid funding proposal (harm reduction through various venues) endorsed by the CPHS oversight board.

Lingle seconded the motion. Tanner yes, Lingle yes, Telling yes. Passed unanimously.

Recurring Topics:

1. Health Agent Report

Schellenberg busy with Perc tests and reviewing 16-17 recreational camps for children

Food truck licensing is happening

Beaches and pools are opening

Ward is doing perc tests at Mohawk estates

Bathing beaches in Rowe,

Red Rose pool

The short term rental bulk mailing (DOR added many new ones)

Lingle moved to adjourn at 7:30

Telling seconded

Tanner yes, Telling yes, Lingle yes

Minutes not official until signed

Material reviewed:

Septic and Tobacco Public Hearing Notifications

5/22/24 agenda

4/24/24 minutes