

Charlemont Board of Health Minutes

July 15, 2025

Zoom

Present: Doug Telling, Scott Randall, Star Atkeson - secretary

Guests: Randy Crochier, Kristie Faufaw, Meredith O'Leary

3:00 PM Hearing on Cold River tobacco sales

Doug Telling Made a motion to open the hearing at 3:05 pm. Scott Randall seconded the motion. Doug telling –yes, Scott Randall—yes.

Meredith O'Leary, Pioneer Valley Tobacco Coalition said Ryan Chansler wasn't able to make it. She explained the protocol using trained youth officers for youth compliance. On Friday June 27th 7:05 pm, youth officer visited 31 Main Street, the clerk did not ask for ID or age and sold the youth officer cigarettes.

Randy Crochier said he was notified on June 30th about 2 violations. Health agents served the stores with paperwork on July 2nd. It's the 3rd offense within 36 months. State requirement is a \$5000. fine and 7 days suspension.

Kristie acknowledged the problem and said the clerks who sell to minors get let go. She asked if she can subtract the cost of a one-year subscription to Intellicheck from the \$5,000 (\$179. a month.)

Doug Telling made a motion to close the public hearing at 3:19 pm. Scott Randall seconded the motion. Doug Telling – yes; Scott Randall – yes.

Doug and Meredith said that the Town can't be less strict than the state regarding the fine amount.

Doug Telling made a motion that the Charlemont Board of Health found that on June 27th, 2025, Cold River did sell tobacco to someone under the age of 21 which is a violation of local and state regulations. The 7-day suspension will take effect on July 16th, they may resume selling tobacco on July 23rd. Scott Randall seconded the motion. Doug Telling—yes; Scott Randall—yes.

Scott Randall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 3:32 pm. Doug Telling seconded the motion. Doug Telling –yes, Scott Randall-yes.

These minutes are not official until signed.

Documents Reviewed

- Agenda 7/15/2025