

BOARD OF HEALTH
Meeting Minutes from Wednesday January 11, 2023
9:00 AM Zoom Meeting

I. Call meeting to order

Meeting called to order by Chair: Gene Garland at 9:10 am.

In attendance: Gene Garland, Susan Gruen, Lorraine Berger, Elissa Viarengo, Heath Agent Kurt Schellenberg.

II. Topics

A. Covid Collaboration Updates

- There are 7 cases in town.
- 1,000 N95 masks were delivered to Susan Gruen. They were distributed to the library, 18 Jacobs Road, Post Office, Town Nurse, Food Pantry and Hawlemont School Nurse.
- 180 test kits were delivered to Susan Gruen. They are given to town residents upon request.
- Franklin County is now classified as HIGH risk of transmission for COVID.

B. Review of Meeting Minutes

- After review and amendments, a motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from December 14, 2022 with minor grammatical corrections. Susan Gruen, Gene Garland and Lorraine Berger voted in favor, Elissa Viarengo abstained as she was not present at the December 14, 2022, meeting.

C. Chairman's Report

- Gene Garland reported has still not heard back from PVMCD regarding the \$4,000 overpayment that Heath dispersed for mosquito trapping and ID. Gene will follow up.

D. Regional Health Agent Update

- Kurt Schellenberg reported that FRCOG is now a training hub for Health Agents which will serve as a great asset to the county.
- Property Updates
 1. 594 Route 8A – Kurt will need to check billing for electrical usage.
 2. 25 West Branch Road - Form 8 enforcement letter has been issued. There is a May 1, 2023 deadline to bring septic system into compliance.
 3. 391 Route 8A - Form 7 has been issued. Reinspection will be done in 60 days.
 4. 405 Route 8A - Form 7 has been issued. Reinspection will be done in 60 days.
 5. 435 Route 8A - Ownership still in question. Further investigation needed.
 6. 160 Colrain Stage Road - Further investigation needed regarding occupancy.
 7. 7 Flagg Hill Extension - will be communicating with home owner this week.

E. New Business

- Porta Potty application process and form needs re-evaluating. If potty is there less than 2 weeks, it seems logical they do not need a permit. A suggestion was made to have Bosely & Gregg septic system company and others who deliver Porta Potties to submit info on delivery and removal of units as well as letting them know there is only a 2-week permit.
- Nurses Report was shared. The moving of the nurse's office to Jacob's Road took place on Wednesday December 14, 2022. There have been no visits to the new office location.
- Fiscal Year 2024 Budget was presented. The spreadsheet lacked detailed information about BOH expenses. The topic of 2024 Budget was tabled until Gene Garland can obtain more specific information from Hilma.
- A budget meeting for FRCOG will take place 1/12/23 at 5 pm. All are encouraged to attend.

F. Ongoing Business

- Local Board of Heath Meeting Report - Lorraine Berger reported there was no December meeting.
- CPHS Oversight Board Meeting Report - Susan Gruen reported the Opioid funds issued to the town of Heath will be \$150 again. There is a possibility of pooling these funds for informative classes. There is also a great need to support the possible 8% increase in FRCOG's budget.
- Heath Herald BOH Corner and MVP Meetings - Elissa Viarengo reported there will be no article in the upcoming edition of the Heath Herald and that the MVP meetings have ended.

G. Adjourn

- Gene Garland made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 am. The motion was seconded by Elissa Viarengo, all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:07 am.