

**Town of Heath - Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
August 29, 2019**

PRESENT: Betsy Kovacs - Chair, Armand Clavette, Henry Godek, John Palmer, Susan Gruen

ALSO PRESENT: Mary Sumner- BoH Clerk

Meeting was **called to order** at 4:00 pm.

Reviewed agenda: No changes

1. Minutes of previous meeting were not reviewed; will review at regular monthly meeting.

2. Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) update: Betsy reviewed latest updates on the EEE outbreak. More towns have been upgraded to high alert status; Heath remains on critical alert, no positive mosquitos found. Reviewed current dawn to dusk guidelines. Reviewed an animal concern (sick sheep) that had been brought to her attention. Betsy conferred with vet who said likely a parasitic illness.

Betsy gave a brief overview of the Pioneer Valley Mosquito District and conversations she has had with Greg Lewis, a Commissioner. Reviewed cost and benefits. Betsy will arrange a date with Greg for him to do a presentation to educate the Board about the Mosquito District.

3. Reviewed the most recent developments for **3 Ledges Road** septic repair process: the septic design triggered the need for plumbing and electrical upgrades. Reviewed letters from electric, plumbing and building inspectors. Work is extensive and current plumbing and electrical system is considered a hazard. Electricity is being shut off by Building Inspector.

Betsy has spoken with several people at FRCOG and Housing Authority to determine what the next steps for the Board of Health should be. Without a Health Director Glen Ayers (former Heath Agent) recommended a sanitary inspection be performed. Board reviewed and discussed how to condemn a property.

M/S/C for Betsy, on behalf of the Board, to have FRCOG schedule a sanitary inspection of 3 Ledges Road.

Having no other business, a motion was made to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm

Submitted by Mary Sumner, BoH Clerk