

**Town of Heath—Board of Health  
Meeting Minutes  
September 21, 2020**

1. The teleconference meeting was **called to order** at 5:02 pm.

**PRESENT:** Betsy Kovacs, Henry Godek, Armand Clavette, John Palmer;

**Absent:** Susan Gruen, Mary Sumner

**ALSO PRESENT:** Randy Crochier—FRCOG Health Direct; Alex Weisheit—CP Law

**2. Executive Session:** Randy read statement from agenda re: going into executive session to discuss strategy with respect to litigation, Heath Board of Health v. Cheryl Woodard, Housing Court Department CA No. 20CV474. Henry moved to go into executive session. Seconded by Armand. No discussion. Roll call vote: Kovacs-Aye, Godek-Aye, Clavetts-Aye, Palmer-Aye. Passed unanimously.

Executive meeting began at 5:04 pm.

Board reconvened in Open Meeting at 5:10pm

**3. Reverse 911:** Betsy appreciated the research work done by BoH members on possible new Reverse 911 systems. However, Mary and the Town Coordinator discovered that Town had already entered into a three-year contract with CodeRed, thereby making change to a new provider difficult. The town was able to obtain unlimited emergency minutes from CodeRed but only limited regular minutes. Cost is \$2000-2400/year (uncertain), more than is in our budget of \$1500; SB will have to come up with the additional money. We could instruct SB to try to leave CodeRed or stay in CodeRed and come up with money.

Armand asked whether the cost was per year. Betsy said yes. Henry thinks it may not be worthwhile leaving, owing to Town's lack of resources and possible need to have legal assistance to exit contract. John asked if CodeRed was a user-friendly system and whether it is more or less expensive than other systems. Many surrounding towns use BlackBoard system for \$2400 with unlimited minutes (Betsy had begun negotiating with BlackBoard); local users seem to like BlackBoard, which has multiple, additional functions.

Henry said Colrain spends \$2500/year for unlimited minutes with BlackBoard.

Motion by Henry: With great reluctance, owing to Town's financial situation and our desire to avoid incurring legal fees to get out of present contract with CodeRed, we should suggest to SB that we stay with CodeRed but ought to review the relationship before the contract expires. Seconded by Armand. All in favor.

Betsy asked that we send her our research re: other reverse-911 options in order to give a compendium of information to SB.

Betsy will draft a Reverse 911 regarding flu clinic on 26 September.

Motion to adjourn at 5:29 by Armand. Seconded by Henry. Passed unanimously.

Minutes by John Palmer