

BOARD OF HEALTH Minutes
Wednesday, December 14, 2022
9:00 AM
Community Hall Lower Level

I. Call meeting to order

Meeting called to order by Chair: Gene Garland at 9:06 am. In attendance: Gene Garland, Susan Gruen, and Lorraine Berger. FRCOG Health Agent Kurt Schellenberg. Absent Elissa Viarengo.

II. Topic:

a. COVID Updates.

- Hawlemont School has reported all three viruses, Influenza, COVID, and RSV. Currently, the school janitor is out sick and the school is being cleaned by volunteers.
- Two cases of COVID currently reported in Heath.
- Town Nurse, Claire Rabbitt is moving her office to Jacobs Road today 12/14/22.
- Susan Gruen made COVIS and masking educational signs for the recent concert held at Community Hall. She also distributed masks at the concert to those in attendance.
- Susan Gruen reported that hospitals in Franklin County are at 95 % capacity. Continuing education efforts and vigilance is our best course of action during the increase in viral infections

b. Review Meeting Minutes.

- Board of Health Meeting Minutes were reviewed for July 7, 2022, August 3, 2020, and October 19, 2022. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from July 7, 2022, August 3, 2020, and October 19, 2022. After discussion and amendments to the minutes, BOH members in attendance voted unanimously to approve the minutes from July 7, 2022, August 3, 2020, and October 19, 2022.

c. Chairman's Report.

- Gene Garland reported that he has not heard back from the PVMCD regarding the \$4,000.00 overpayment that Heath dispersed for mosquito trapping and ID. Gene will follow-up after January 1st.
- Gene also reported that he reached out to Mr. Hugo regarding health information on cell towers and hasn't heard back. Gene will follow-up after January 1st.

d. FRCOG Update

- Kurt Schellenberg reported that the next CPHS meeting were very important. Discussion will include an update on the Opioid settlement funds and recommendations that the funds be pooled to provide substance abuse education and possible purchase of Narcan for first responders.
- Lisa Danek-Burke has left FROG. The position is currently posted for applications.

e. Property Updates.

- 1. 594 Route 8A – No one residing there.
- 2. 25 West Branch Road – Sent Title V enforcement order.
- 3. 391 Route 8A - Issued a letter of non-compliance.
- 4. 405 Route 8A - Issued a letter of non-compliance.
- 5. 435 Route 8A - Issued a letter of non-compliance.

- 6. 160 Colrain Stage Road – Need clarification From Mary Sumner on residence status.
- 7. Excessive Trash Reported
 - i. 7 Flagg Hill Extension – Letter sent to owner on 11/22/2022. This may be a candidate for the Receivership Program
 - ii. 81 Route 8A – Randy Crochier conducted a site visit and reports that most of the trash is cleaned up.

f. Nurses Report

- Susan Gruen reported that the Town Nurse is officially moving to 18 Jacobs Road today 12/14/2022. Claire Rabbit and Susan Gruen have expressed concerns regarding town resident attendance of the exercise program that Claire offers at the Community Center.
- Gene Garland has received the November Nurses Report. The Reports will need minor edits to protect privacy.

g. New Business

- Porta Potty Application and consistency. Susan Gruen noted that the Porta-Potty Permit Application needs to be revised. Board Clerk will update the Permit application to reflect the updated town address. Further clarification is needed on regulations governing the permitting process.
- Status of Mohawk Estates Porta Potty Application. Jenny Hamilton was unable to attend the BOH meeting.
- Abandoned Trailers across from 34 Bray Road. Gene Garland reported that the two trailers that appear abandoned across from 34 Bray Road are deteriorating and should be removed from the property. FRCOG Health Agent will investigate.
- BOH Members requested a copy of the finalized Boards Clerk PD. Gene obtained the document from Hilma Sumner.
- Monthly BOH meeting schedule. Heath Board of Health Meetings will be held every second Wednesday of the month. The January 2023 meeting will be held via Zoom due to potential weather and availability of members locally.

h. Ongoing Business.

- Local Board of Health Report (Berger). The December meeting was postponed.
- CPHS Oversight Board Meeting Report (Gruen). The December meeting is upcoming.
- Health Herald BOH Corner and MVP meeting (Viarengo). No report this month

III. Adjourn

- Gene made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:43 am
- Lorraine seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:43 am.