Board of Health Meeting Minutes April 24, 2023 9:30 am Via Zoom

Call to Order: Fred Vohr, Chair called the meeting to order. Member, Ron Kelter was present. Others in attendance included FRCOG representatives, Randy Crochier and Kurt Schellenberg and Town Administrator, Terry Narkewicz

Acceptance of Minutes: Ron presented a motion to accept the minutes of December 19, 2022 as presented. Fred seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Appointments: None

FRCOG Health Agent Updates:

Kurt Schellenberg reported that aside from routine permitting, he is nearing the end of his soil evaluation course and will be taking the exam soon. Randy pointed out the importance of having a certified soil evaluator on staff particularly when a septic repair is needed.

Randy Crochier reported on the following topics:

* Marijuana Regulations: a few communities have adopted updated regulations pertaining to “sanitary and safe operation of marijuana establishments and the sale of marijuana”. Randy provided Shelburne with a copy of the latest regulations for consideration. The Shelburne Board of Health will schedule a public hearing at their next meeting on June 14th to hear public comment and to consider adopting them.
* Tobacco Regulations: Members of the Board of Health will schedule a public hearing on June 14, 2023 to hear public comment and to consider the adoption of updated regulations representing the minimum standards required by Massachusetts state law and regulation with regards to the sale of tobacco and vape products.
* Body Art Regulations: The Town of Charlemont is in the process of drafting “body art” regulations using templates from other communities. Randy is hoping to have a good model to present soon.
* Department of Environment Protection RE: Model Regulations for Private Wells: Randy is in the process of reviewing the proposed regulations and will make a recommendation to the Board of health at a later date.
* Tick Program:  Any tick found attached to a human resident of Shelburne can be
removed, stored in a plastic baggie and submitted for testing. Visit [www.tickreport.com](http://www.tickreport.com/) to register, give information and pay. You can mail it in a plastic bag. If you want, you can also bring it to UMass between 10 and 4.
* Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District: Randy has been in contact with John Briggs, the new District Director for Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District. He will be working with John to help identify areas of concern in Shelburne where we would like to focus on trapping mosquitos.
* Up and Coming Trainings: Now that the FRCOG is one of ten training hubs, Bri Dupras the Lead Public Health Field Trainer will be hosting a series of training events. This afternoons training is entitled: Beaver Trapping Permitting. Randy reported that 70 individuals have signed up for the virtual training session. Future sessions include: Food Truck & Plumbing; 3 in 1 Food Safety; and Train the Trainer – Opioid Reversal
* Bridge Street Apartment Concerns: the FRCOG continues to work with a resident who resides in an apartment on Bridge Street whose dwelling suffered water damage following a leak. The resident has an overwhelming fear of mold and is not comfortable communicating with her landlord.
* Mohawk Area Public Health Coalition (MAPHCO): Randy explained that MAPHCO is a grant-funded Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) body comprised of local health departments. In 2022, MAPHCO and FRCOG staff generated an “After-Action” review in light of the Covid 19 pandemic. The action report was requested by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Following the after-action report, the MAPHCO group and FRCOG contracted with a consulting firm to further develop recommendations based on the findings of the “after-action” report. The recommendations are as follows:
1. Develop a new, overarching Emergency Dispensing Site (EDS) plan for Franklin County that is flexible, scalable, and deployable at various locations within the region;
2. Rename MAPHCO to eliminate confusion, rewrite principles of operation, and reorganize the Coalition giving it specific and measurable duties/authorities;
3. Reorganize the Coalition governance model to be composed of public health professionals;
4. Pursue service area changes with the Mass Department of Public Health and officials of Williamsburg, Orange, and New Salem

Randy indicated that the newly formed Coalition will be looking for Board of Health representatives from each of the 17 towns. Following the discussion, Ron presented the following motion: that the Shelburne Board of Health vote to support the proposed changes to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coalition now known as MAPHCO, to commit to a Shelburne Board of Health member or designee to attend the MAPHCO annual meeting, and to authorize any Shelburne Board of Health member or designee that attends the MAPHCO annual meeting to vote in favor of this change at said meeting. Fred seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business:

Arrowhead Shops – Randy explained that a new septic system is still being evaluated. Given the site limitations, he does not foresee the seating capacity at Posada exceeding 45.

Next Meeting: June 14, 2023 at 9:30 am

Adjournment: Fred presented a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 am. Ron seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.