Board of Health Meeting Minutes July 12, 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 Town Administrator, Terry Narkewicz

Acceptance of Minutes: Ron presented a motion to accept the minutes of June 14, 2023 as presented. Fred seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Appointments: None

9:45 am Public Hearing RE: Proposed Adoption of Body Art Regulations – members of the Board of Health reviewed the proposed Body Art Regulations and agreed that they were very comprehensive. Health Agent, Randy Crochier indicated that the regulations were recently adopted by the Towns of Gill and Charlemont. Randy expects that there might be some slight modifications once the CPHS Oversight Board has reviewed them. A motion was presented by Ron to adopt the proposed regulations effective September 1, 2023. Fred seconded the motion. No one from the public was in attendance. The motion passed unanimously.

FRCOG Health Agent Update: Randy reported that Rachel Cook has done a lot of work since last meeting with the Board of Health and is close to obtaining a temporary occupancy permit. In the meantime, Ms. Cook is utilizing a tent as living quarters on her property.

The Shelburne Falls Wastewater Treatment Facility System reported a “high flow event” due to heavy rainfall on July 10, 2023. In accordance with 314 CMR 16.00 the Shelburne Falls Wastewater District must give public notice of high flow events to residents.

Health Inspector Position: Randy reported that an offer has been made and the FRCOG is waiting to hear back from the applicant. The position is full-time (37.5 hours weekly).

Camp Inspections: Health Agents have been busy inspecting recreational camps in the area. Both Camp Apex and the Buckland Recreation pools opened last week.

Recent Flooding: the heavy rains on July 10th caused severe flooding all across the State. Natalie Blais and the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture & Resources are working with local farmers who have crops that are no longer salvageable. Randy indicated that any crop that has been flooded is considered “adulterated and not fit for human consumption” due to potential bacteria and other contaminants.

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: Bella Levavi, Greenfield Recorder asked if she could speak with someone regarding the Board’s newly adopted Marijuana Regulations. Randy agreed to speak with her.

Next Meeting: The Board will meet on Wednesday, August 30, 2023 at 9:30 am

Adjournment: Ron presented a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 am. Fred seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.