Board of Health Meeting Minutes November 2, 2023 9:30 am Via Zoom

Call to Order at 9:35am: Fred Vohr, Chair called the meeting to order. Member, Ron Kelter was present. Others in attendance included CPHS/FRCOG representative, Randy Crochier

Acceptance of Minutes: Ron presented a motion to accept the minutes of October 5, 2023 as presented. Fred seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Appointments: None

New Business:

Arrowhead Shops, 1105 Mohawk Trail RE: Notice to Correct Failed Septic System – Randy reported that Gary Pelletier, owner of Arrowhead Shops, Inc. was issued a “Notice of Code Violation, Order” dated October 10, 2023. The Order required Mr. Pelletier to take action no later than October 20, 2023. Randy reported that the owner did not respond to the notice therefore, he recommends that the Town take legal action in an attempt to force the building owner to comply. In the meantime, the owner of Posada restaurant has agreed to hire Bostley Sanitary Service to routinely pump the septic tank to prevent septic overflow.

James Boehmer, 14 Main Street RE: Wood Smoke Complaint – Members of the Board of Health reviewed a series of emails and letters from James Boehmer, 14 Main; Jim and Joan Small, 22 Main; Herb Guyette, Shelburne Falls Fire Chief, and Randy Crochier, CPHS/FRCOG representative. Mr. Boehmer alleges that the smoke coming from the Small household is a health hazard and is affecting his and his family’s health. In a letter to Fire Chief Guyette, Mr. and Mrs. Small stated that they have burned wood since 2014 in a HS Tarm combination wood/oil furnace. The further stated that they clean the chimney twice a year and use “Cresol Destroyer” twice a week to prevent buildup. The Smalls typically use the wood burning unit year round to heat their water however, once they became aware of Mr. Boehmer’s concerns, they switched to oil in the summer months. Wood smoke is not regulated by the State nor the Town of Shelburne therefore, it would appear that the matter appears to be a “neighbor to neighbor” issue and should be resolved by the two parties involved. Randy agreed to draft a letter to Mr. Boehmer for Board members to review and sign.

CPHS updates: Randy reported that CPHS remains busy with required inspections and has had a small increase in housing cases. In Shelburne CPHS is involved with 4 Bridge St and 57 Main S to address housing concerns. Staff attended a conference on the Cape and learned a lot about potential new septic system designs.

ServSafe Class – the FRCOG sponsored a ServSafe class in Shelburne and 30+ participants attended. In addition to Serve-Safe, participants also learned how to properly administer Narcan and Epi pens.

Other News:

Randy Herk, representing the Opioid Task Force of Franklin County and the North Quabbin Region has offered to install a Naloxbox at Town Hall and provide free Narcan training to staff. Randy Crochier suggested inquiring as to how the Naloxbox would be restocked as needed.

Items not anticipated at time of Posting: None

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: None

Next Meeting: Next meeting was set for December 7, 2023 at 9:00am

Adjournment: Ron presented a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:00am. Fred seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.