Board of Health Meeting Minutes May 15, 2024 9am Via Zoom

**Call to Order**: Chair Fred Vohr called the meeting to order. Others in attendance included: Board of Health member, Ron Kelter, FRCOG representative, Randy Crochier, Communities That Care Coalition, Ilana Gerjuoy, Selectboard Member, Rick LaPierre, and Town Administrator, Terry Narkewicz

**Acceptance of Minutes**: Ron presented a motion to approve the minutes of March 20, 2024 as presented. Fred seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Old Business**: None

**New Business**:

**Opioid Settlement Funds** – in April, the Cooperative Public Health Services District (CPHS) voted to endorse a regional spending plan for Opioid Settlement funds in the 15 towns that belong to the District. CPHS anticipates that collectively, Towns within the District will receive approximately $34,657 annually. The proposed regional spending plan includes some of the following uses: support and promote treatment of persons OUD, supporting individuals in treatment, supporting individuals who have yet to receive treatment, supporting pregnant women or parenting women and their families. The proposal will be brought before the Selectboard on May 20th for review and a vote of support.

**FRCOG Health Agent Update**:

* Randy reported that staff is busy with Recreational Camp Inspections. There are at least 20 recreational camps amongst the 15 District towns. Shelburne has one (Camp Apex) that is run by the YMCA.
* Home Covid Vaccinations are ongoing for individuals over the age of 65 who have limited access to transportation. Using grant funds the FRCOG purchased portable refrigerators on wheels that plug into both an electrical outlet and a car outlet so that the vaccinations are not compromised in transit. The FRCOG also purchased a freezer so that an ample supply of the vaccine can be kept on hand.
* The FRCOG’s Public Health Trainer, Bree has returned from maternity leave.
* The FDA conducted a local tobacco compliance check and sent notice of a violation at Davenport’s Service Station. Although the FRCOG is not privy to the type of violation noted, the owner, Sarah Davenport is requiring employees to utilize an app that scans ones driver license and verifies the age of the individual before a sale is made. Unlike local and State tobacco regulations, the FDA does not impose a penalty when a violation is discovered.
* Ticks are in abundance this time of year. Ticks are responsible for a variety of tick borne illnesses including Lyme disease. Individuals should wear protective gear and/or spray their shoes with repellant when outside.

**9:10 am Public Hearing for Revisions to Local Septic Regulations** – Chair Fred Vohr presented a motion to open the public hearing regarding local septic regulations. Ron seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Ron – yes; Fred – yes.

Chairman Vohr read the hearing notice aloud and noted that it was duly advertised in the Greenfield Recorder, on the town website, and in the two-town newsletter. The draft regulations were also available for review in the Town Clerk’s Office and on the town website.

FROCG’s Health Agent, Randy Crochier provided an overview of the updated septic regulations noting that the language is standardized amongst the District towns and will provide added protection for property owners.

Public Comment: None

After hearing no comments from the public, Ron presented a motion to close the hearing at 9:19 am and to adopt the draft regulations as presented. Fred seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Ron – yes; Fred – yes.

Randy indicated that he would send the Department of Environmental Protection a copy of the newly adopted septic regulations. He will also advertise a summary of the newly adopted regulations in the local newspaper.

**9:20 am Public Hearing for Revisions to Local Tobacco Regulations** – Ron presented a motion to open the public hearing regarding revisions to Shelburne’s Local Tobacco Regulations. Fred seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ron – yes; Fred- yes.

Randy Crochier read the public hearing notice aloud and noted that it was duly advertised in the Greenfield Recorder (although not required), on the town website, in the two-town newsletter and each establishment selling tobacco products in Shelburne also received notice of the hearing. The draft regulations were available for review in the Town Clerk’s Office and on the town website.

FROCG’s Health Agent, Randy Crochier provided an overview of the updated tobacco regulations noting that fines for violations are now consistent with State regulations.

Ilana Gerjuoy of Communities That Care Coalition gave a brief presentation. She indicated that cigarettes, vaping, and cannabis use is on the rise by local 8th to 12th graders therefore, it is vital for communities to maintain strong prevention policies. She expressed appreciation for the work that is being done to create policies that reduce youth access to nicotine and other harmful substances.

Public Comment: None

After hearing no comments from the public, Ron presented a motion to close the hearing at 9:33 am and to adopt the draft regulations as presented. Fred seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Ron – yes; Fred – yes.

**Other Business**:

Ron inquired about two local businesses (Arrowhead Shops and Mocha Maya’s expansion). Randy reported that work has yet to begin on the septic system at 1105 Mohawk Trail. There were no updates on Mocha Maya’s expansion.

**Next Meeting**: July 10, 2024 at 9am

**Adjournment:** Ron presented a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:41am. Fred seconded the motion. The motion passed.