Board of Health Meeting Minutes September 18, 2024 9:00 am Via Zoom

Call to Order: Chair, Fred Vohr called the meeting to order. Others in attendance included: Board of Health member, Ron Kelter, Franklin Council Regional of Government Cooperative Public Health Services representatives Randy Crochier and Maureen O’ Reilly.

Media Present: Madison Schofield, Greenfield Recorder

Acceptance of Minutes: Ron Kelter presented a motion to accept the minutes of July 10, 2024 as presented. Fred seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Appointments:

9:05 am Maureen O’ Reilly, FRCOG Cooperative Public Health Services (CPHS) RE: Proposed Placement of Outdoor Naloxone Boxes – in order to make Naloxone more available to the general public the CPHS is seeking potential locations to install up to two outdoor dispensing boxes in several communities. Potential locations in Shelburne were discussed amongst Board members. Board members suggested the Visitor’s Information Center, the Shelburne Fire Department, and the Cowell Gymnasium as possibilities. Maureen and Fred will meet with the Selectboard on September 23rd to seek their support for this installation.

Old Business: none

New Business:

Pioneer Valley Tobacco Coalition RE: Local Tobacco Education Check – On June 30, 2024, an education visit was conducted by a representative of the Pioneer Valley Tobacco Coalition. Establishments permitted to sell tobacco products in Shelburne were visited. As a result of the visits, the following findings were noted:

Davenport’s Service Station – neither Department of Revenue nor Board of Health permits were posted. The store was also missing important signage regarding Massachusetts General Laws, ban of certain products, etc.

Good Spirts Liquor Shop – Board of Health permit not posted. Owner was unaware that he must apply for a permit via the FRCOG permitting system.

A subsequent inspection by Health Agent, Randy Crochier was conducted shortly after and both establishments were in compliance.

After a brief discussion regarding said findings, the Board of Health determined that a written letter of warning was sufficient. A motion was made by Ron to authorize Randy Crochier to send a letter of warning to the above mentioned establishments. Fred seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Virus Update: Maureen O’Reilly, Health Educator for the CPHS reported that there have been eleven (11) cases to date of EEE and West Nile virus throughout the State; mostly in the Eastern part. Although mosquito collections have continued to decline across Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire counties, until we have a hard frost, residents are advised to use repellent spray, wear long sleeves/pants, and avoid outdoor activities between the hours of dusk and dawn.

Covid-19/Flu Vaccination Clinics/Information: There will be two clinics locally as follows:

October 30, 2024 at the Hawlemont Elementary School

October 30, 2024 at the Mohawk Trail Regional High School

For more information please visit: <https://frcog.org/project/vaccine-information>

* The State will cover the cost of vaccinations for individuals without health insurance.

Ticks: Residents are to be mindful that ticks are still active.

Air Quality Workshop – The FRCOG will be sponsoring an Air Quality Workshop on October 2, 2024 from 3pm to 4pm. Participants will learn

* Why outdoor air quality matters and how it is changing in Western Mass
* How to maintain and learn from the Purple Air Sensors awarded by Mass Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to Local Health Departments.
* How the[Healthy Air Network](https://healthyairnetwork.org/) works and how to use it in your work
* How you can get an air sensor if you missed the DEP grant!

FRCOG Health Agent Update: Randy reported that staff continues to be busy with Title V inspections and issuing permits to temporary food vendors for special events. In the months ahead, he intends to present draft changes to Cannabis Regulations for Shelburne Board of Health to review and formally adopt.

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: None

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 @ 9:00 am

Adjournment: Ron presented a motion to adjourn at 9:45 am. Fred seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Narkewicz

Town Administrator