Board of Health Meeting Minutes August 12, 2025 9:00 am Via Zoom

**Call to Order**: Member, Ron Kelter called the meeting to order. *Ron agreed to run today’s meeting as Fred was suffering from laryngitis.* Others in attendance included: Board of Health member, Fred Vohr, and Town Administrator, Terry Narkewicz.

**Media Present**: None

**Acceptance of Minutes**: Fred presented a motion to accept the minutes of June 10, 2025 as presented. Ron seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 2-0-0.

**Appointments**:

9:15 am Lynn Dole, 180 Mercy Anderson Road RE: Interest in Serving on the Board – Lynn grew up in Shelburne and has lived in Ashfield for the last 25 years. She has always been intrigued by the Public Health field and has had many experiences in her professional life that has fostered her interest. She has served on the Ashfield Board of Health for two years and currently works for Smith College. Following a brief conversation, Fred presented a motion to request that the Select Board appoint Lynn as a member of the Board of Health at their next meeting in September. Ron seconded the motion. Terry asked Lynn to prepare a brief bio to be submitted along with the Board of Health’s request. The motion passed 2-0-0.

**Old Business:** Ron reported at a previous that he met with members of the Buckland Board of Health to explore the possibility of regionalizing on some level. Following the meeting Ron spoke with Pheobe Walker, FRCOG’s Director of Community Health. Following that discussion, it was apparent that it would not be an easy process and the benefit would be minimal. For the time being, both Fred and Ron agreed to keep things status quo. Board of Health members from the towns of Buckland and Shelburne have worked well together when needed and that relationship will continue.

**New Business**:

Maureen O’Reilly, FRCOG Regional Health Inspector RE: Tobacco Sales Violation – Davenport’s Service Station – in late June, a youth compliance check was made on behalf of the Town of Shelburne and a tobacco product was sold to a person under the minimum age of legal sale. Said offense carries a $1,000 fine per state law. The Board of Health has not received an update since the initial correspondence in early July. Terry will follow up with Maureen O’Reilly and report back to the Board.

Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District (PVMCD) – The recent PVMCD surveillance report revealed that there were five West Nile Virus positive pools confirmed across Pioneer Valley: three pools in Rowe, one pool in Leyden, and one pool of in Northampton. [West Nile Virus risk levels](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-arbovirus-update) have increased to ‘moderate’ in Charlemont, Deerfield, Heath, Leyden, and Rowe.

**FRCOG Health Agent Update**: Randy Crochier was working in the field today and was unable to attend.

**Correspondence**: None

**Public Comment**: None

**Next Meeting**: September 16, 2025 at 9:00 am via Zoom

**Adjournment**: Ron presented a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 am. Fred seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0-0