Draft Minutes of the Colrain Board of Health for 11/10/2020

BOH Members: Tim Slowinski, Gary Ponce, Michael Frielander, Nina Martin-Anzuoni.

Health Agent Randy Crochier.

Visitor: Harold Wheeler

6:01pm BOH joined joint meeting with BOS by phone to discuss public meeting guidance.

Discussed allowed gathering size and mask questions. The Board of Health agreed to send written guidance to the Selectboard. Joint meeting ended.

BOH Meeting

Discussion of public meetings.

Randy: Meetings can be done in person if done correctly including following guidance of how many people may gather together for an inside vs outside meeting, wearing masks, and social distancing observed. There needs to be a way to call in if someone does not choose to attend in person There should be a plan for what to do if numbers of people go over allowed amount including where to move the meeting to, posting a sign at the original site, and giving time for people to get to the new site.

Safest to meet electronically but it can be difficult to get the work done.

Randy will write up the guidance and send it to us and to the Selectboard. Vote was unanimous to have randy write up the guidance.

1. Historical Society-Harold Wheeler

Do they need a porta potty for meeting in the barn. Meetings are six times a year with average 18 (6-40) people for 1 hour. There is a quick business meeting before hand with less people. Capacity is 49.

On a motion by Nina and seconded by Tim the Board voted three for and one abstention (Michael) to allow them meet six times a year without bathroom facilities. They will not be allowed to meet in person during the COVID-19 emergency declaration.

Randy Crochier- Health Agent report

34 York Rd has 6 houses, 8 housing units, 17 bedrooms and is considered a public water supply, and are technically a municipal water supply, they are under DEP orders and need to work on upgrade or drill a new well. The home owners have asked to meet with Randy and Lisa Danek Burke. He has sent them possible dates. Randy will keep us updated.

1. Minutes for 10/7/2020

Michael moved to accept the minutes as written, Gary seconded. Motion was accepted unanimously.

1. Michael resigned as Chair but will stay on the Board of Health.
   1. Gary will do minutes
   2. Gary made a motion that Nina become Chair. Tim seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Question to Randy- what education should BOH members have.
   1. FRCOG looking at an online education series.
   2. BU has online trainings.
3. How should the BOH meet. Prefer meeting in person but will follow the BOS guidelines. Nina will set-up meetings by phone.
4. Appointing police as agents of the BOH
   1. Chief Chris Lannon, Nina, and Randy had a phone conference to answer Chris questions about the new State guidance about masks, and public and private gatherings.
   2. On a motion by Michael and seconded by Tim the Board voted unanimously to appoint all Sworn Officers of the Town as agents of the Board of Health.
5. Discussion of Abandon property initiative.

Randy answered questions of the BOH members

We requested a presentation on the project.

1. Emails

It is recommended that BOH members have an email dedicated to just BOH business. If there is any legal action on opposing attorney can request members emails including personal emails if BOH business is done through your personal account. Also if our emails are on the town server they will be archived. Question would it cost the Town money, if so how much. Some BOH members-are interested. Nina will discuss with the absent member and we will discuss at next BOH meeting. If enough members are interested Chair will send a letter to BOS requesting they instruct the Town Coordinator to look in to cost and if feasible set-up the accounts.

Next meeting is Dec. 1st at 6pm.

Randy will show us the permitting system for FRCOG.

On a motion by Mike and seconded by Gary the BOH voted to end the meeting at 8:32pm.