

COLRAIN BOARD OF HEALTH AGENDA

9/3/2024 6:30PM

HIGHWAY DEPT MEETING ROOM [9 JACKSONVILLE RD]

Call to order: 6:30PM

Attendance:

Board: Nina Anzuoni, Barbara Griffin and Tim Slowinski. Kate Minifie, absent.

Guests: Kurt Schellenberg & Jasmine Ward, Cooperative Public Health Service; Alice Wozniak, Clerical Assistant; Nick Anzuoni, Fire Chief; Mark Thibodeau, Zoning Board, Chair; Jim Slowinski, Electrical Inspector; Bill Dornbusch, Conservation Commission member; Mike Slowinski, resident; Andrew Conway, temporary resident.

Minutes: Nina Martin-Anzuoni moved to approve the Minutes of August 6th; Barbara Griffin seconded. Passed unanimously.

Hearing:

Nina Martin-Anzuoni moved to open the hearing at 6:32 PM. Barbara Griffin seconded. Passed unanimously.

Jasmine Ward, Health Agent gave a timeline of events beginning last September 2023 when the travel trailer appeared on Call Rd. [Map 106, Lot 16]. During a drive by inspection on August 7, 2024, the trailer returned. An Order to Correct was issued on August 20th for violations of the 105 CMR 410.000: MINIMUM STANDARDS OF FITNESS FOR HUMAN HABITATION (STATE SANITARY CODE, CHAPTER II)

1. Property lacks source of potable water. 105 CMR 410.130 (A)
2. Property lacks sanitary sewage disposal 105 CMR 410.130 (B)
3. Property lacks Electrical 105 CMR 410.200

Andrew Conway read a letter stating that he has no septic, potable water or electricity. He purchased a quiet generator to not disturb the neighbors, is carrying his waste out and using refillable bottles for water. He is asking for a waiver to stay until October when the leaves fall off the trees. He is working with the Veterans Administration [VA] in Northampton. Alice noted that the VA Services in Greenfield might be better to handle his situation.

Nick Anzuoni, Fire Chief noted that the address is not correct and needs to be corrected for EMS services.

Mark Thibodeau, Zoning Board Chair expressed concerns about the trailer being in the floodplain and if there's a flood. There's a brook that crosses over between Conway & Joy's [28 Call Rd.] which has a beaver damn that could let go. Also, travel trailers are not allowed for living in or use for more than 30

days per year by the Zoning Bylaws.

Alice Wozniak, Clerical Assistant read documents from the Treasurer about the tax status and the town moving forward to foreclose on the property.

Bill Dornbusch, Conservation Commission member noted that he drove past the property, and it is within the Riverfront Area. Also, the disturbed area is within the estimated habitat of rare and endangered species which requires filing with the conservation commission before any work is done. This wasn't done before clearing the area for the travel trailer. The damage is done already by removing the trees and no enforcement would bring them back. There is nothing in wetlands that prohibits a structure near water.

Jim Slowinski, Electrical Inspector confirmed that a service was requested at the property in Fall 2023 but not installed. Property owners can run off a generator and an extension cord but not a good idea with water.

Nina Martin-Anzuoni stated that it doesn't meet the sanitary code so there is no Variance that they can grant at this time. She mentioned talking to Shawn Kimberley, Building Inspector and seeing if there's a way around the other issues at hand. Nina will work with Alice on a letter for Mr. Conway explaining the issues relating to the town enforcement that he can use to get help through veteran's services.

Nina Martin-Anzuoni made a motion to allow Andrew Conway 2 weeks to come up with an acceptable plan to meet compliance with the Order to Correct issued by Jasmine Ward, Health Inspector. If the plan is met, they will extend it to their October meeting but if not, they will have to issue a removal at that time. Barbara Griffin seconded. Passed unanimously.

Nina Martin-Anzuoni made a motion to close the hearing at 7:14PM. Tim Slowinski seconded. Passed unanimously.

Health Agent Updates:

Housing Issues:

- a. 160-162 S. Green River Rd. [septic & housing violation updates, if any] **-no changes. The CPHs staff met with an engineer earlier this spring and it was determined that only one of the properties could have a septic system and it would need to be a tight tank for seasonal use versus year-round living.**

Title 5/septics: -

- a. 107 Adamsville Rd. [update from condemnation] **no changes. Paula Harrison, Treasurer is moving forward on foreclosing for breach of payment agreement. Nina asked Paula to speak to Randy about where we are with the Attorney General's Renewal Program on this**

property.

b. 48 Call Rd [Title 5 failed-repair due by 3/7/2025] **a perc test was done on August 16th.**

c. 269 Heath Rd. [Letter to be sent] **Nothing new on this.**

d. 116 Main Rd [Notice of Noncompliance sent; update, if any] **No information.**

Debris/Trash/Misc:

e. 341 Adamsville Rd [update if available] – **Letter to Correct resent on August 9th. Alice noted that there is a dumpster there currently & Mike Slowinski stated it was full.**

f. 22 Heath Rd [Update on violations and Order to Correct] – **Jasmine & Kurt did an inspection about a month ago but it's hard to view due to overgrowth. Nina mentioned working with the Selectboard and possibly the Zoning Enforcement Officer, Shawn Kimberley as it's becoming what looks like a junkyard which is not allowable in any of the town districts.**

Opioid Settlement monies-Nina Martin-Anzuoni, Pheobe Walker, Director of Community Health and Maureen O'Reilly, Health Educator from FRCoG attended the Selectboard Meeting on August 27th to discuss the use of Opioid Settlement monies. Colrain has voted to combine their monies with other local communities to try and make a bigger difference. They will be working with an agency to have a staff member in the community helping people with addictions getting job readiness. Also, working with pregnant women to try and get them moving in the right direction for long term success. Lastly, Narcan boxes will be placed at the Library and Town Hall vestibule. This will have test strips for determining drug types, Narcan, and information on how to administer.

Health District Update-CPHS oversight meeting-August meeting cancelled. Next meeting is September 26th at the Upper Buckland Library from 5-7 PM.

TRAIN progress- Barbara Griffin has completed the required course and Tim Slowinski will work on it while he's recovering from hip replacement surgery later this month.

Adjourn: Barbara Griffin made a motion to adjourn at 7:55 PM, Tim Slowinski seconded. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Wozniak, Clerical Assistant