

## **Colrain Board of Health Minutes**

**2/4/2025**

### **Highway Department Meeting Room**

Kate Minifie, Nina Anzuoni, Tim Slowinski, Alice Wozniak (clerk), Kurt Schellenberg.  
Visitors: Eric Deane (Deane Construction), Ava Jubinville Hunkler, John Briggs, Ryan Bushway, Ms. Kelsey (?)

**Call to order: 6:33pm**

**1. Minutes** accepted as written.

**2. John Briggs, Pioneer Valley Mosquito District**

- Operates under state mosquito control board
- Offering surveillance and mitigation services across three counties
- 24 member communities now
- Treatment is BTI, naturally occurring bacteria which is environmentally friendly
- They have found West Nile in the northern section of Greenfield
- \$5,250 is cost (buy in + surveillance + community education), we could join FY26, that does not include BTI treatment
- Asked John to send cost and outline of services included

**3. Health Agent Updates**

**Housing Issues:**

- **160-162 S. Green River Rd.** – Waiting for spring.
- **Griswoldville Sewer District** – Residual grease was from the pumping truck, DEP involved. Alice will learn more and report back in March.
- **417 Main Rd. (dead rats, sewer smell in Unit C, water line across doorway)** – CPHS/BOH can't do anything until they have a complaint from a building occupant.
- **2 Coombs Hill Rd** – Occupant complaint filed. CPHS did an inspection (issue with egress, smoke detectors, and no heat). The tenant is preparing for court.

**Title 5/Septics:**

- **1 River St.** – Ava Jubinville Hunkler here at meeting to explain situation. Letter of condemnation sent on Jan 30, 2025. Install hasn't happened because Eric Deane fell sick right before the scheduled start date. The plan is to start next week, pending weather. Ava and Eric were here to explain the situation and

they have a good plan in place that has already been approved. The board will revisit in March. Packet of info from Ava in folder for 1 River St.

- **107 Adamsville Rd.** – Still in tax title, therefore, can't be part of the neighborhood renewal program.
- **48 Call Rd.** – Ron Schulz is new owner and there's a plan in place that's ready to go. He is asking for an extension to the March 7<sup>th</sup> deadline. Kurt will invite him to join us at the March meeting to discuss.
- **116 Main Rd** – Notice sent December 23. No permits have been pulled yet.
- **427 Main Rd.** – Issues discovered in March 2024 have since been resolved and is compliant.
- **54 Ed Clark Rd.** – Compliant.
- **120 Main Rd.** – Water test done and no issues. There is still a tank repair needed – currently too cold to do so.
- **257 Greenfield Rd.** – Orders sent by CPHS last week.
- **32 Charlemont Rd.** – Uninhabited for extended period before sale. CPHS is waiting until spring to follow up.
- **269 Heath Rd.** – CPHS will send letter.

**Debris/Trash/Misc.**

- **22 Heath Rd.** – Looking better, but still issues. Kurt will talk to Shawn Kimberley to see if this can be considered an illegal junkyard and moved to a housing issue.

**4. Health District Update** – No update, no meeting.

**5. Follow up on rec camps at local churches and kitchen inspections** – Video/zoom training session for camp directors – scheduled to happen soon. Alice will send information around to BOH members. A few community kitchens may need inspection: Kurt to communicate with them about kitchen usage.

**6. Finalize Fiscal Year 2026 Budget** –

- Alice and Nina will have a separate meeting to finalize the budget.
- Idea to create a revolving fund for board and secure projects.
- The health agent will let us know how many tick tests we have left to use, but let's include the cost in the budget again.
- BOH will make a plan to better promote this spring. Alice does have some print materials. Kate will find out more information about program logistics.

**7. MAPCHO updates** – No major updates.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm.

Kate Minifie 2.4.2025