

## COLRAIN BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

3/5/2025 6:30PM

### HIGHWAY DEPT MEETING ROOM [9 JACKSONVILLE RD]

Call to order: 6:32PM

Attendance: Nina Martin-Anzuoni; Tim Slowinski; Barbara Griffin; Alice Wozniak, clerical; Randy Crochier, Health Agent; Jim Lyons, EMD; Ava Jubinville; Ron Schulz.

Appointment: Jim Lyons, Colrain Emergency Management Director introduction. Brainstorming how to handle emergencies, when to use Blackboard Connect messages, etc. It has only been used 3+ times in recent years. Look at possible ways of getting information out the residents; reach out to the school, Maggie Smith who administers transfer stickers; pancake breakfasts; library. Nina & Jim will set up a meeting with Diana Parsons, Town Administrator, about getting the information out for residents to sign up.

1. Approve the Minutes of 2/4. **Barbara Griffin moved to approved, Tim Slowinski seconded.**

**Passed unanimously.**

2. **Health Agent Updates:**

#### Housing Issues:

- a. 160-162 S. Green River Rd. [septic & housing violation updates, if any] **Change of use has been filed with the Building Inspector. 162 will be eliminated as a living unit.**
- b. Griswoldville Sewer District updates [if any]. **A large meeting was held at Barnhardt with representatives from FRCoG, Selectboard, DEP, Colrain Sewer District commissioners, Barnhardt, Natalie Blais, State Rep., and many others. They are looking at potentially testing the ground where 237 Main Rd blue building is located. The size of the system for the 19 houses plus the church would be 9,200 gallons a day.**
- c. 417 Main Rd. [dead rats, sewer smell in Unit C, water line across doorway]. **Randy has received calls about the property from the owner but it's not within his purview. A letter was sent to the owner by the Electrical Inspector, and this is informational only at this time.**
- d. 2 Coombs Hill Rd. [issue with egress, smoke detectors and no heat; **Order to Correct sent**]. **Jasmine is working with the owner and a list of agencies to get some assistance for fuel and other resources.**

#### Title 5/septics:

- a. 107 Adamsville Rd. [update from condemnation]. *No changes.*
- b. 48 Call Rd [Title 5 failed-repair due by 3/7/2025] **Barbara Griffin moved to extend the deadline to July 1<sup>st</sup>, Tim Slowinski seconded. Passed unanimously.**
- c. 116 Main Rd [Notice of Noncompliance sent; update, if any]. *No updates.*
- d. 1 River St. [septic system designed but yet to be installed; **The installer, Eric Deane has called Randy and is watching the site but due to the weather he hasn't been able to install the system yet. His equipment is onsite and if the system needs to be pumped, he will get it done.**

- e. 120 Main Rd. [Title 5-repair of system?] **Waiting on ground to thaw to repair.**
- f. 257 Greenfield Rd. [Title 5, not done at time of sale]. **Title 5 was done on Friday (2/28/25), and it failed.**
- g. 32 Charlemont Rd. [Sold, Title 5 says needs further evaluation]. **To be evaluated when the weather is warmer.**
- h. 269 Heath Rd. [Letter to be sent]. **Enforcement letter is sent. This is moving towards housing order- March 11<sup>th</sup>. Process to condemn would be next.**
- i. 61 Heath Rd. [denial of 25 campground permit; septic incomplete]. **A certified letter was sent and not picked up. Their 2025 campground permit was not issued due to the punch list still not being complete.**
- j. 42 Heath Rd. [a well permit was pulled for this property as it's looking to be converted to living space]. **An old septic plan is noted with well permit but the town has nothing on file that it was ever installed. This will be added to our list moving forward.**

Debris/Trash/Misc:

- a. 22 Heath Rd [Update on violations and Order to Correct; subsequent letter to be sent]. **It looks like it's been cleaned up some but will look further as spring approaches.**

**Randy, Kurt & Jasmine went to training last week on Accessory Dwelling Units [ADU's].**

3. Health District Update-February 27<sup>th</sup> CPHS oversight meeting.

- a) *Barbara went as well as Randy. There was some discussion about the Pioneer Valley Mosquito District and the costs associated with joining this. It's a flat fee of \$5K no matter the size of the town. Nina is concerned about the cost of entering but Heath is sending a letter to the state reps looking for offset monies for small towns. **Nina made a motion to sign a letter similar to Heath's, Barbara seconded. Passed unanimously.***
- b) *Discussed towns that are putting bylaws in place for short term rentals being owner occupied. Shelburne & Buckland are.*
- c) *Look at a bylaw for the town that allows the BOH to be able to hire an independent consultant for 3<sup>rd</sup> party review if one is needed (at the cost of the applicant).*

4. Follow up-Recreational camps at local churches & kitchen inspections if needed.

*Letter sent out and all have been reached with the exception of River Valley Christian Church on West Leyden Rd. Alice will forward the pastor's address to Randy.*

- 5. Mohawk Area Public Health Coalition updates and discussion. *No updates.*
- 6. Review Site Plan Review documents for proposed cell tower on Call Rd. *The board expressed concerns about the lack of emergency service access, possible ground water issues and public safety.*

**Adjourn: 8:40PM**

Alice Wozniak, Clerical Assistant