

COLRAIN BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

1/7/2025 6:30PM

HIGHWAY DEPT MEETING ROOM [9 JACKSONVILLE RD]

Call to order: 6:33pm

Attendance: Tim Slowinski, Kate Minifie, Nina Anzuoni, Barbara Griffin, Alice Wozniak (Clerk), Kurt Schellenberg (FRCOG), Randy Crochier (FRCOG), Patrick Geary & Matt Lovett; Colrain Sewer District.

1. **Approve Minutes of 12/3** – Barbara motion to accept as written, Kate second, passed unanimously
2. **Health Agent Updates:**

Housing Issues:

- a. **Griswoldville** – Colrain sewer district came to give update on issue with wet wells/holding tanks, treatment plant refusing to take any more loads, greasy/oily substance found, awaiting lab results, worried about leaking into river, but doing everything they can to prevent it, were hoping Montague would take loads, but they aren't, emergency meeting called for Thursday. Origin of grease unclear.

Still looking for possible long-term, affordable solution for (20) houses. In the middle of a feasibility study with a group of engineers.

- b. **160-162 S. Green River Rd.** [septic & housing violation updates, if any] – no app for tight tank yet, but electrical power has been removed.
- c. **120 Main Rd.** – update from Alice, has failed water test, needs pump chamber sealed. FRCOG agents say some updates have been made.
- d. **417 Main Rd.** – Several issues reported by electrical inspector - rodent found in one unit, sewage smell in another. Other tenants report multiple dead rodents. Randy requests we get this from him in writing.

Title 5/septics:

- a. **107 Adamsville Rd.** [update from condemnation] – still in tax title, therefore, can't be part of neighborhood renewal program. No one living there for the last 3-4 months. Could issue order to secure but holding off at this point.
- b. **48 Call Rd** [Title 5 failed-repair due by 3/7/2025] – property sold; new owner aware it needs a septic.
- c. **269 Heath Rd.** [Letter to be sent] – no update
- d. **116 Main Rd** [Notice of Noncompliance sent] – no update
- e. **1 River St.** [pumping record> 1,800g vs 1,500g] – plans approved, awaiting install
- f. **427 Main Rd.** [pumping record> 1,800g vs 1,500g] – Randy in communication
- g. **54 Ed Clark Rd.** [pumping record> 1,800g vs 1,500g] – no update

Debris/Trash/Misc:

- a. **22 Heath Rd** [Update on violations and Order to Correct] – noticeable difference, will monitor. Still the same number of tires.
- 3. Follow up on recently installed Naloxone boxes** - Maureen made sure they're well stocked, Catamount box is all set. Nina will monitor and communicate with Maureen about restocking.
- 4. Air sensor project** – FRCOG has been installing around West County, one to go up at Pine Hill soon. Collects data over time. You can check out on purpleair.gov.
- 5. Fiscal Year 2026 Budget** - Expense report provided by Alice. Still in good shape. Some ideas for spending money include purchasing more tick tests (Randy will let us know what we've used), locks for securing condemned properties, MAHB membership, ICS training for BOH and others.
- 6. CPHS Meeting Dec 5** - Barbara attended, shared some updates: green burial poses issue of visitation rights after property is sold, covid tests still available, can no longer zone against accessory dwelling units so we expect more inquiries, would like to reinstitute water testing (must be DEP approved lab), decrease in vaccine clinic usage, home visit vaccination did go very well.
- 7. MAPCHO December** – Nina doing her best to go but missed last meeting.
- 8. Reverse 911 in Colrain** – discussion about reviving this system. BOH should get to know Colrain EMD – invite to March meeting.

Adjourn: 8:00pm