

COLRAIN BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

6/3/2025 6:30PM

HIGHWAY DEPT MEETING ROOM [9 JACKSONVILLE RD]

Call to order: 6:42pm

Attendance: Kate Minifie, Barbara Griffin, Tim Slowinski, Randy Crochier

1. **Approve the Minutes of 4/1 (no meeting in May)** – Unanimously accepted
2. **Board membership** – Barbara agrees to act as chair for one year, at which point we will reevaluate. Nina will support meeting facilitation in the event that Barbara can't attend.
3. **Health Agent Updates:**

Housing Issues:

- a. **160-162 S. Green River Rd. [septic & housing violation updates, if any]** they've filed with town for change of use
- b. **Griswoldville Sewer District updates [if any]** They've contract with Chris Stoddard to conduct perc tests near the location – promising results. Barnhart supporting design process and will gift the land to the village. Estimate for installation is 1.5 million.
- c. **417 Main Rd. [dead rats, sewer smell in Unit C, water line across doorway]** no inspection warranted at this point
- d. **2 Coombs Hill Rd. [issue with egress, smoke detectors and no heat; Order to Correct sent]** deemed civil matter at this point

Title 5/septics:

- a. **107 Adamsville Rd. [update from condemnation]** in limbo still. Board still needs to decide if we will order board and secure, would need quote. We need to send notice.

Need estimate from Shawn (building inspector) on what he thinks it might cost – bottom floor only. Office hours 6-9pm. – assigned to Kate

- b. **48 Call Rd [Title 5 failed-due by 3/7/2025; granted extension to July 1st]** installation began Monday
- c. **116 Main Rd [Notice of Noncompliance sent; update, if any]** no update
- d. **1 River St. [septic system designed but yet to be installed; enforcement letter sent to owner for potential further action]** COC has been issues – system is in and passed inspection. Can be removed from agenda.
- e. **120 Main Rd. [Title 5-repair of system]** repair in progress.
- f. **257 Greenfield Rd. [Title 5 failed-February 28th]** failed in February, moving forward with septic.
- g. **32 Charlemont Rd. [Sold, Title 5 says needs further evaluation]** house has been empty since the 1980's, new septic, but hasn't been used.
- h. **269 Heath Rd. [Letter sent, housing court in March]** no update.

- i. **61 Heath Rd. [25 campground permit with conditions, septic incomplete]**
Project is behind schedule, but still progressing. Hoping to be complying by mid-July this year.
- j. **42 Heath Rd. [converting barn to livable unit; septic? Well permit]** moving forward with a plan

Debris/Trash/Misc:

- a. **22 Heath Rd [Update on violations and Order to Correct; subsequent letter to be sent]** no update
- b. **6 Greenfield Rd. [Barn knocked down but more clean up to be completed]** in progress.

4. Health District Update-May 22ND CPHS oversight meeting

- Working on a plan for the Annual Meeting, which will be on October 23
- Covid and flu are down locally
- Measles deaths up due to non-vaccination
- Local BOH interested in addressing in the coming year: emergency preparedness, improving communication with residents, BOH collaborations across towns
- Discussion about nicotine-free generation
- Lithium battery workshop

5. Remaining funds from Fiscal 2025 that can be used for boarding and securing properties

6. Tick Tests – Find out how many tests we have left for the town. Draft article and include it in the following places. Maureen at FRCOG may have some language.

- Town newsletter
- Post on Facebook
- Share with librarian
- Ask the school nurse to send out

Adjourn: 7:55pm

Next meeting is August 5

Posted by: Kate Minifie 6.3.25