

COLRAIN BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES
01/06/2026
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT MEETING ROOM (9 JACKSONVILLE RD)

Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM.

Attendance: Barbara Griffin, Chair; Nina Martin-Anzuoni: Tim Slowinski; Randy Crochier, CHPS Program Manager, Regional Health Agent; Kurt Schellenberg, Regional Health Agent

1. Approve the Minutes of 11/18/2025. **Nina made a motion to approve the Minutes of 11/18/2025. Tim seconded the motion. Passes unanimously.**

2. Health Agent Updates:

General:

- a. FRCOG has a new hire, JJ Prusak. She comes with multiple certifications and experience, including experience as a Tobacco Control Officer and certification in the installation of car seats.
- b. Tracy Rogers is the new Director of Emergency Management.
- c. Renewal season for food permits, hauler licenses, installers, etc. underway.
- d. Church camps: 2 camps in Colrain need applications and need to be referred to FRCOG. Nina Martin-Anzuoni and Barbara Griffin will reach out to these church camps.
- e. MAPCHO: Being restructured. Nina Martin-Anzuoni will be the Colrain BOH representative. Barbara Griffin will be the alternate. Randy Crochier will send form that needs to be completed and signed by selectboard.
- f. Franklin County Public Health Emergency Response Framework Exercise will be held January 7, 2026. Tim Slowinski will be attending as a representative from the Colrain Board of Health.

Housing Issues:

- a. Griswold Sewer District Updates: Meetings continue regarding system design, installation, and approval process. Two major proposals are being considered: one proposal is from Chris Stoddard and estimated cost is approximately 1.3 million – 1.5 million; another proposal is from Wright-Pierce and estimated cost is 3.5 million. There is a Public Meeting scheduled for March 3, 2026 to be held at Colrain School. Randy presented the draft of a letter responding to concerns why the use of a resident engineer, clerk of the works, or similar full-time construction oversight professional is not necessary for the installation of a subsurface disposal system for the Colrain Sewer District septic system repair project. Letter discussed and feedback provided from Board Members. Approval provided for concept of letter but Randy will amend letter and resubmit to Board before submission.
- b. 2 Coombs Hill Rd. (issue with egress, smoke detectors and no heat): **Order to Correct issued February 13, 2025**). On-going. No response to these orders has occurred. New complaints were received this past weekend with additional areas of concern – water, windows. Jasmine Ward, Regional Health Agent, and

Shawn Kimberley, Colrain Building Inspector, will continue to follow-up and address.

- c. 6 Greenfield Rd. (Barn knocked down, but debris not picked up and in brook/culvert; **Order to Correct issued for Housing Code Violations – August 14, 2025; Housing Court hearing October 10, 2025**). Ongoing. Visited again this past week/will keep returning to do due diligence. Probably will end up in housing court again.
- d. 269 Heath Rd. (Letter sent, housing court in March 2025). Have not heard back. Ongoing. Continuing to reach out.
- e. 116 Main Rd. – **No update.**

Title 5/Septics.

- a. 107 Adamsville Rd. (Condemned; new ownership 07/02/2025). Shawn Kimberley has talked to new owner. Ongoing.
- b. 257 Greenfield Rd. Perc done September 9, 2025; failed Title 5 but still technically in compliance/has 2 years to repair.
- c. 61 Heath Rd. (2025 campground permit with conditions; septic incomplete). Construction has begun on bath house. Slowly coming into compliance. Ongoing.
- d. 30 Shelburne Line Rd. – **Resolved.**
- e. 201 Thompson Rd. – **Resolved.**
- f. 162 S. Green River Rd. (Tight tank application submitted, install in 2026) – to be installed in 2026. Only a small window of time owing to environmental conditions when it can be installed. Ongoing.

Debris/Trash/Misc:

- a. 22 Heath Rd. (Update on violations and Notice of Inspection letter sent August 13, 2025). No change. No response from owners. Ongoing.

3. Health District Update – December 4, 2025 CPHS oversight meeting:

- a. Fiscal Year 2027 Budget: To be voted on/ratified at next meeting scheduled for January 15, 2026. Anticipated changes include approximately 10% increase. This is primarily a result of large increases in health insurance costs. FRCOG has switched insurance providers from Hampshire Trust to GIC resulting in only a 12% increase. Also being explored are increasing permit fees to assist with increasing revenue to help minimize costs to towns.
- b. Update of TRAIN Requirements: FRCOG staff have multiple requirements to complete: Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3. Highly recommended that BOH members complete TRAIN but not mandated/recognized that BOH members are volunteers not paid employees. Discussion occurred among members to consider agreeing to select one module a month from TRAIN to take/discuss the following month. BOH members to consider/discuss in future meetings.
- c. Special Needs Emergency Registry Questionnaire: Briefly discussed. Members will submit feedback to Dan Nietzsche (Emergency Preparedness Program Manager) at FRCOG. Some issues of concern include length of questionnaire,

resident concerns regarding where this information is going, who has access, who information will be shared with.

- d. Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District Update: Letter to legislators requesting earmark to increase allocation to towns to help offset cost of towns membership in district has already been set. No word on whether earmark funds approved or not. Even if approved will require towns to pay monies (\$3000 instead of \$5000) and only assist financially for 1 year.

Tim Slowinski moved to adjourn at 7:57 PM. Nina Martin-Anzuoni seconded. Passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: Tuesday February 3, 2026 at 6:30 PM.