Board of Health Meeting Minutes December 3, 2024 9:00 am Via Zoom

Call to Order: Chair, Fred Vohr called the meeting to order. Others in attendance included: Board of Health member, Ron Kelter, Franklin Council Regional of Government Cooperative Public Health Services (CPHS) representatives Randy Crochier, Maureen O’ Reilly, and Town Administrator, Terry Narkewicz.

Media Present: None

Acceptance of Minutes: Ron Kelter presented a motion to accept the minutes of October 22, 2024 as presented. Fred seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Appointments: none

Old Business:

**Outdoor Naloxone Box, Bridge Street** – Maureen O’ Reilly, Community Health Educator for the FRCOG’s Cooperative Public Health Services reported that the Naloxone box has been installed at the Village Information Center (VIC) and Tom Massa has agreed to ensure that the box remains stocked from the end of April thru the first week of November while the VIC is open. During the off season (November thru May), Ron Kelter has agreed to monitor the box and contact CPHS if additional supplies are needed.

New Business:

Maureen O’Reilly reported that local vaccination clinics are complete. CPHS nurses continue to carry vaccines when making visits to local senior centers.

FRCOG Health Agent Update: Randy reported that Moonlight Magic was a success. Randy will be attending a meeting of the Shelburne Planning Board this evening to review their draft Short Term Rental By-law. He hopes that the bylaw language can serve as a useful template for other communities once finalized. The CPHS Oversight Board will meet on Thursday, December 5, 2024 at 5pm with the hopes of adopting a budget for FY’26. Staff is busy with license renewals. Over 240 permits to be reviewed before January 1st.

Air quality sensors funded by the Department of Environmental Protection have been calibrated and ready for installation around Franklin County. The sensors will monitor air quality in our region and will provide useful information when airborne particulate matter and fine particle pollution levels are high. The sensors are approximately 4”x4”x4” in size. They require a source of electricity, must be mounted at least 6’ above ground, in a protected location, and within 100’ of a Wi-Fi router. The MTRSD also received sensors and will be placing them on all of their schools (BSE and Mohawk included). Randy indicated that he will speak to Shelburne Fire Chief, John Taylor regarding the possibility of installing a sensor either at the Fire Station or the Shelburne Grange.

Other Business: Fred mentioned that ticks are still active despite the colder temperatures and Covid 19 testing continues to reveal active cases. Free test kits are available at Town Hall.

Next Meeting: January 7, 2025 at 9am

Adjournment: Ron presented a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 am. Fred seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.