

**Town of Heath**  
**Board of Health**  
**Meeting Minutes July 1, 2015**

Heath BOH Members present: Karen Brooks, Chairman, Betsy Kovacs, Charlie Cornish, FRCOG Health Agent Glen Ayers. Guest: Rol Hesselbart.

Meeting called to order at 5:40 pm.

Board voted unanimously to accept the bill schedule for FRCOG health agent expense.

The minutes as amended were accepted unanimously.

Mike Freeman spoke to the owner of #6 Lakeview Drive reminding him to remove the scrap trailer. He also spoke to the owner of #8 Lakeview Drive who said that in July he will get a dumpster to clean up the refuse.

John Doherty resigned from the BOH. The members voted unanimously to accept his resignation with regrets.

Betsy suggestion Deb Porter be considered as a BOH member. Karen asked everyone to make recommendations for the next meeting.

The water reports for Mohawk Estates and the town water were reviewed and accepted.

The BOH members discussed the FRCOG guidelines for Home Burials. Rol urged the BOH to adopt simple guidelines. Ayers said that the guidelines describe a process for getting a legally designated family plot. The BOH members agreed to review the guidelines prior to the August BOH meeting and make recommendations for what to adopt for Heath.

The perc tests were reviewed.

The BOH agreed that the 4H vendor would have to pay the prior year's permit fee and this year's in order to get a permit. Betsy agreed to write a letter to the woman.

The nurse's report was read. Karen asked if we need a new doctor to cover us. Do we now pay a fee for a doctor? Did the nurse get the INR machine? What is the nurse's salary and how is her sick time determined? Betsy said she is meeting with the nurse and will try to gather this information.

The BOH membership voted unanimously to accept Sue Gruen as the backup nurse when the nurse is on vacation.

Karen reported on Clean Sweep and Swap Day.

Karen reported that 133 temporary occupancy permits were issued to 86 different people. Currently 91 owners have not registered their camper/trailers.

Karen reported that the first weekly Heath Marker's Market will be held on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Ayers will e-mail US Regulations for Farmer's Markets to us for consideration. Betsy agreed to visit the market to see what is being sold.

The BOH membership unanimously agreed to purchase a second fire proof file cabinet. Karen reported that the septic plans are now filed in a fireproof file cabinet, but after the refiling of documents by street address we will need additional space.

#16 Ledges had a perc test which passed. An application was submitted for the installation of a septic system.

#5 Ledges – a letter has been sent to the FRCOG to start the process for a Brownfields Program.

#15 Clearwater Drive – Ayers is doing a perc test. It failed Title V.

#280 8A North – Ayers needs to reschedule the inspection with Jim Hawkins.

Karen reminded the BOH members that there is a meeting with the BOS on July 14 at 8:00 pm to discuss Mohawk Estates. The BOS wants to hear our views. We will point out violations of burning trash which is hazardous. We might work with the AG to put properties in receivership as abandoned.

A letter from a resident with complaints and concerns was reviewed. Mostly is spoke of possible zoning violations.

Karen reported that she reviewed the minutes of the meeting where we assigned responsibility areas for each BOH member. She wants to discuss this again at a future meeting.

Karen reported that she requested a meeting for the BOH with the Planning Board to discuss alternative ways to meet minimum standards for permits and annual inspections for Conservation Oriented Housing. She will contact the Planning Board chairman again and ask for a meeting with him.

Karen will train BOH members Cornish and Kovacs to do inspections.

Karen reported that she and Betsy wrote a short article for the Heath Herald on several public health topics including announcing free tick testing availability this summer.

Karen reported that the owner of the Stone Cottage at 17 West Main Street called and e-mailed regarding easement for 16 West Main Street. She researched the easement and left a folder for the owner to pick up.

The BOH members unanimously agreed to allow Karen to continue to be paid hourly to do the refiling.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Kovacs