

**Minutes**  
**Northfield Board of Health**  
**May 10, 2023**  
**6:00 PM**  
**Northfield Town Hall**  
**69 Main Street, Northfield, MA**  
**Board of Health Office 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

**Call to Order:** 6:05 pm

**Quorum Established:** David Balk, Kathy Bridges, Ruth Potee, Ali Wahlstrom  
Also Present: Pamela Veith, BOH Secretary, Randy Crosier FRCOG representative

**Business:**

- Randy Crosier from FRCOG met with the Board to go over the current and proposed MAPCO (Mohawk Area Public Health Association) benefits and duties to involved towns.
  - Some topics included explaining our State of Preparedness pre-Covid, post-Covid reorganization – A proposed name change to this group is Public Health Emergency Planning.
  - Randy suggested that Northfield work on an updated Emergency Plan and brought print information to leave with all members.
  - One of the items being worked on by the FRCOG group is to change the regulations so that all towns can be covered whether or not they attend regular meetings. Ali motioned, David seconded and was unanimously approved that members will discuss sending a member or designee to attend the next meeting scheduled for June 21, 2023.
  - Randy also stated that FRCOG is working on becoming a training hub for members, options are being explored to track inspections digitally as well as digital permitting.
  - In closing Randy asked the Board to consider what would be beneficial to us and relay that information to FRCOG.
- Ruth questioned why we do not belong to the Tobacco Coalition. Kathy explained that the Tobacco Coalition no longer exists.
- One Board member needs to take the Racial Justice Training course. Board also discussed what other training needs to be completed by members. This will be looked into and discussed at the next meeting.
- Board discussed the re-swearing in of reelected officials.
- The discussion continued on the Nursing Grant vs remaining with FRCOG for the town's nursing services. Kathy has been attending the meetings and another is scheduled this week to discuss just the Nursing Services Grant. It was discussed that in order to withdraw from Nursing Services through FRCOG a one-year notice must be given.
- Motion made by David to notify FRCOG of our departure by June 9, 2023. Ruth seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve. This notice is to give the Board time to investigate the Nursing Grant further. The Grant is for 2 years 8 months with two three year extensions.
- Transfer Station/Recycling administrator, Bob McEwen to be asked to come to next Board meeting on June 7, 2023. Board feels the need for better communication between us is needed.

**Review and Approval of Minutes:**

- Minutes March 29, 2023 – Approved
- Minutes April 5, 2023 – Approved
- Minutes April 26, 2023 - Approved

**Citizen's Concerns:**

- None



Permit Applications:

- Beaver Control application – Northfield Wastewater Treatment Plant - approved

Reports:

- 21 Old Bernardston Road Certificate of Compliance for repair of septic system received - approved

Items Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair within 48 Hours:

- None

Adjourn: 7:25 pm







