



CPHS Highlights of the Past Year

January Online Permitting goes live! To date, 176 permits have been processed online, and the system has 152 registered users, including businesses and local officials.

February CPHS and Charlemont went to the State House to meet with Rep. Paul Mark and the Department of Environmental Protection about how to help businesses that rely on wells for their water supply.

March Nursing Intern Jenny Brown joined Lisa White to work with residents

April CPHS recognized with Toxic Use Reduction Champion Award at the State House for work on Green Cleaning Guide for Food Service

Title 5 Season begins! So far this year, Health Agent Glen Ayers has conducted:

- 30 perc tests
- 75 Title 5 inspections
- 23 septic plan reviews and final inspections

May UMASS intern Katelynn Venne wins second prize in the public health poster contest for her plan to create an Academic Advisory Board for CPHS

CPHS offers free tick tests for residents through a CIC grant to create the Massachusetts Tickborne Disease Network. Over 200 tests were provided.

June Summer camp inspections begin. Health Agent Glen Ayers conducted 12 this summer.

CPHS' first Community Health Needs Assessment released.

All year long: Oversight Board members from CPHS towns meet monthly to talk about what policies they would like to share, what fees they should charge, what grants we should pursue, and the health needs in the region. This year the Board tackled unified fees, home burial guidelines, Lyme disease, Air BnB regulation and more.

July Food Inspections increase to include fairs and festivals. Health Agent Glen Ayers conducted 75 food permit inspections this year.

All year long: Lisa White saw hundreds of residents in four walk-in wellness clinic locations:

- First Friday of the month at Conway Town Hall, 9AM—Noon.
- Second Tuesday at the Charlemont Federated Church from 10:30 AM -12 PM

- Every Wednesday at the Deerfield Town Hall from 10 AM—2 PM
- Fourth Tuesday at the Shelburne Falls Senior Center 10:30 AM—12:30 PM.

August Nursing Intern Lisa Burniske joined Public Health Nurse Lisa White at wellness clinics

September CPHS awarded DPH mini-grant for more Lyme Disease Prevention Signs, TB tests for town personnel and training for food service workers

Phoebe Walker meets with DPH Commissioner Bartlett to pitch support for health districts in MA

October Oversight Board Members Randy Crochier and Deb Coutinho provided low-cost, accessible ServSafe and Chokesaver training to over 30 food service personnel from all CPHS member towns.

Flu clinics begin! We are on target to vaccinate more than 10% of our population -- more flu shots than last year!

