Introductions and minutes

Group answered the icebreaker: What is something unexpected that has changed about you in the last few years? Congrats to our Health Agent on his recent marriage, and to our Nurse on her PhD!! Minutes passed with one correction.

Annual Meeting Planning

We discussed the plan for our 10/26 Annual Meeting. All members were asked to personally invite Select Board members and other local officials who might be interested in learning more about what we do! Changes for this year: Move food and tables farther back in the room, to allow for socializing near the info tables, bar. Combine tables into a larger seating “U” or something similar, to allow for more people to interact. Phoebe was charged with creating a “year in review” slideshow.

Staff Update – Nurse

Lisa reported on stable attendance at Flu Clinics that have happened already, and gave an overview of how the boosted dose vaccine works for those over 65 (more effective, but more side effects). Approximately 1/3 of elders attending thus far have been requesting the high dose version.

Lisa also shared that Intern Amanda Calvo has taken the World Health Organization Healthy Aging Framework and done an assessment of the Town of Deerfield with it. Lisa will share the slides with others so we can think about if we would like an intern to do something similar for other towns.

Lisa will be working with Shelburne, Buckland, and Deerfield on doing walkability audits of the down town area and sharing that information with town Select Boards, Highway Departments, and Planning Boards.

Re: West Nile Virus, she reported that there have been two deaths this season, including one in Massachusetts, and the towns that are working on creating a Mosquito Control District have found positive mosquitos in some CPHS and many nearby towns. The season
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<th><strong>Staff Update – Health Agents</strong></th>
<th>Randy shared that we have relatively few Food Safety Training signups – please share this opportunity with more people in your town. We discussed the upcoming Short Term Rental workshop at FRCOG. Rowe, Conway, Leyden and Shelburne have all reached out to all local airbnb listings to ask them to come into compliance with state codes.</th>
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<td><strong>FRCOG Update:</strong></td>
<td>Phoebe reviewed the Budget Reports and reminded the Board that the next two meetings after the Annual Meeting would be Budget planning process for FY19. She reported on her appointment to the Special Commission on Local and Regional Health.</td>
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<td><strong>Member updates</strong></td>
<td>Kathie reported that the Leyden BOH is working with Glen on a new housing complaint, and that the Police are now carrying Narcan. They are glad to have a new member who is a nurse on the BOH. They have also had success reaching out to each new Airbnb to get them to come into compliance. Betsy described some work Heath is doing with the HRA on dilapidated housing, and on the upcoming EDS drill/flu clinic. They recently passed tobacco sales regulations as well. Rob shared the work Charlemont is doing on tenancy outside of legal limits (Someone rented out an RV on Airbnb, for example). They are using Heath’s temporary occupancy regs as a basis for their work. Deb reported on a similar challenge of illegal occupancy of an RV in Shelburne that only came to light after a 911 call. Dave was happy to report that Monroe is closing out the mill project! We considered having a meeting there, but there is only one parking spot! According to Marti, the Buckland BOH continues to work on holding the railroad accountable for their pollution in Buckland, and have seen some progress with DEP and the railroad.</td>
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