

**Board of Health
Minutes for the June 8, 2026 Meeting**

Present: Kat Llamas, Gina McNeely, Hazel Goleman, Daniel Sheff, Hanna Sherman, Randy Crochier Health Agent from FRCOG

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm.

Approval of the Previous Minutes

Motion was made by Gina and seconded by Hazel to approve the Minutes of April 27th as written. All present were in favor and the motion carried.

Agenda #1: Mail and Invoices

Sludge Transport Tickets, letter from Building Commissioner to landowner re unsafe barn (0 Shelburne Falls Rd.), and letter to the Planning Board from M. McClintock re Agro-Solar Photovoltaic Development on Roaring Brook Rd.

Agenda #2: FRCOG reports

Two (2) Disposal System Construction Permits (565 Reeds Bridge Rd., and 279 Shelburne Falls Rd.), FRCOG now has three certified car seat techs, twenty car seats delivered this day. Shoe spraying events have started.

Agenda #3: Meetings and Trainings of the Board

None

Agenda items #4: Health and Wellness Report

MDPH announced this week that in 2025 Massachusetts opioid-related overdose deaths fell to under 1,000 for the first time in over a decade. That's a decline of more than half since fatal overdoses hit a record high in 2022

Viral illnesses

All respiratory virus activities are low now - Covid, flu, RSV. A summer wave of Covid is considered possible but not certain, likely modest in severity, and most concerning for older adults who haven't been recently vaccinated.

Norovirus

Even Norovirus activity is low in our area now, after a surge earlier this year

Arboviruses

EEE and WNV risk levels remain low

No cases have been reported in MA this year

Tick-borne illnesses

Historically, cases have risen during May and June, peaking in July. So we are in the season of increasing rates. YTD in MA, we have had about 1200 cases of Lyme, 8 of Babesiosis, 95 Anaplasmosis, and no Powassan virus.

Measles

Measles continues to spread, with half of recent cases coming from Virginia. 86% of these were in unvaccinated people. Smaller outbreaks are occurring in 5 other states.

While the 2025 total number of measles cases was 2,074, the 2026 total is already 2,268 cases, the most since 1991.

Agenda #5 CPHS Meeting Update

None

Agenda #6: Purchase AED Cabinets Using Opioid Funds

Cannot under any circumstances use opioid funds to purchase AED's or associated accessories. Motion was made by Daniel, seconded by Gina, to use BOH funds to purchase the cabinets.

Agenda #7: Derelict Homes

A property of concern was briefly discussed. Information will be forwarded to FRCOG for inspection.

Agenda #8: Reducing Regular Meetings to One per Month

Motion made by Hanna, seconded by Hazel, to change the regularly scheduled meetings to one time per month, on the 4th Monday. All present were in favor and the motion carried.

Agenda #9: Chairperson Update

Personal health concerns discussed with the Board

Agenda #10: Unanticipated items of concern

Mosquito control – to release funds the BOH needs to gather as much information as possible and present to the Selectboard, requesting they release the funds.

Arbovirus Coordinators – Meg Ryan and Lisa White do this for us. Kat to reply to Town Administrator with this information.

Bill before the Legislature to reverse the Nicotine Free Generation.

Agenda #11 Public Comments

None to report

Agenda #12: Meeting wrap up

Nest meetings:

June 22, 2026, at 5:00pm

July 27, 2026, at 5:00pm

Motion to close the meeting made by Hazel, seconded by Gina, the meeting was closed at 5:47pm.