**Monday, November 8, 2021 Board of Health**

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall Office with Kathy Llamas, Jackie Choate, and Laurie Lucier in attendance. Also present was Carl Nelke. Devon Whitney-Deal arrived at 6:06 pm.

* Minutes from October 25, 2021 meeting reviewed and approved
* Title V Report
* 10/28 – Compliance inspection at new Town Garage - passed
  + 11/2 – Title V at 522 Hoosac Road – Septic tank needs to be replaced; conditional pass
* Health and Wellness
  + Pfizer approved for 5–11-year-old children. There is a “Vax Bus” coming to area schools
  + As of January 4, 2022, companies with over 100 employees; employees must be vaccinated or tested weekly
  + Merck has made an oral anti-viral capsule for COVID. This is to lessen symptoms and risks. Reduces hospitalization and death by 50%
  + FRCOG Elder Community Improvement:
    - Conway is deemed an age-friendly community
    - Number 1 concern of elders is the ability to maintain independence
    - Other concerns are transportation, grocery shopping and socialization
    - We should now say “older person” instead of “elderly person”
  + Laurie will begin noting date of each positive case report for Conway and updating the website to reflect those dates as opposed to a “total” figure
  + Jackie has 14 listed, so far, of older in-bound people wanting boosters.
  + Randy Williams along with Jackie have looked through a map of the town to determine if there are people who could use services. Also, Jackie received a list from Lee of people the Assessors feel might need services.
* Food Safety
  + On November 10th Randy (FRCOG) along with Tilda, and possibly Devon, will be going to the Grammar School to conduct an inspection. If time they may also inspect Baker’s and the Inn.
* Other
  + Laurie will begin (trying) to post the BOH Agenda and Minutes on the web-site
* Joint Zoom Meeting with Selectboard.
  + Jackie explained the numbers and calculations that make Franklin County, and Conway, currently a substantial risk area. Also explained how just one case in Conway puts us in the “moderate” risk category; 1 per 2000 = 50 per 100,000 – 50-99 per 100,000 is considered to be a “substantial risk” category.
  + Lots of back and forth with questions and explanations as to why we have the mask mandate and why it is necessary to continue it for the time being.
  + Emphasis put on the fact that asymptomatic people who don’t know they have COVID are likely to spread it. As well as those first couple of days of infection, prior to ones being aware of it, they could be spreading it.
  + When the County downgrades from substantial to moderate risk the BOH will review the mask mandate again.
  + For more information, please see the Selectboard minutes from November 8, 2021
* Next Meeting
  + November 22, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.