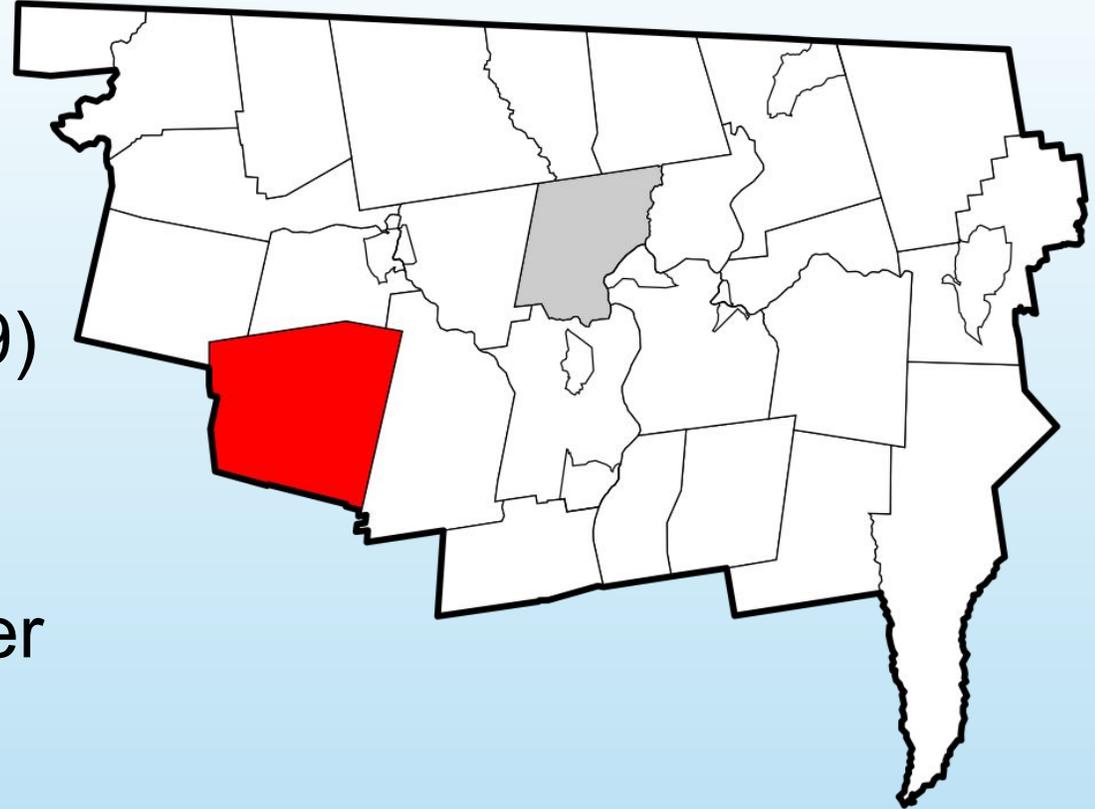


# Ashfield & FRCOG

A Match Made in... Franklin County

# Town of Ashfield

- Town Population- 1,695
- Franklin County (population- 71,029)
- Primarily Residential – “Bedroom Community”
- Large Senior Population – 700+ over 60
- 8-Town Regional School District



# 40-Hour Town Hall/Administrative Staff

- Town Administrator
- ...That's it.
- All other “full-time” positions (treasurer, collector, town clerk, assistant assessor, etc.) typically range from 20-30 hours/week.

# Local Committee/Department Clerical Staffing Levels

Full-Time (20+ Hours/Week)	Part-Time (5 hours or less)	No Staffing
Select Board- Town Administrator	Planning Board	Agricultural Commission
Board of Assessors- Assistant	Zoning Board of Appeals	<b>BOARD OF HEALTH*</b>
Conservation Commission- Agent**		Council on Aging
<i>**Shared agent with 4 other towns</i>		Cultural Council
Sewer Commission- Plant Operator		Energy Committee
Library Trustees- Librarian		Finance Committee
		Historical Commission
		Park Commission
		TH Building Committee

# Cooperative Public Health Service Overview

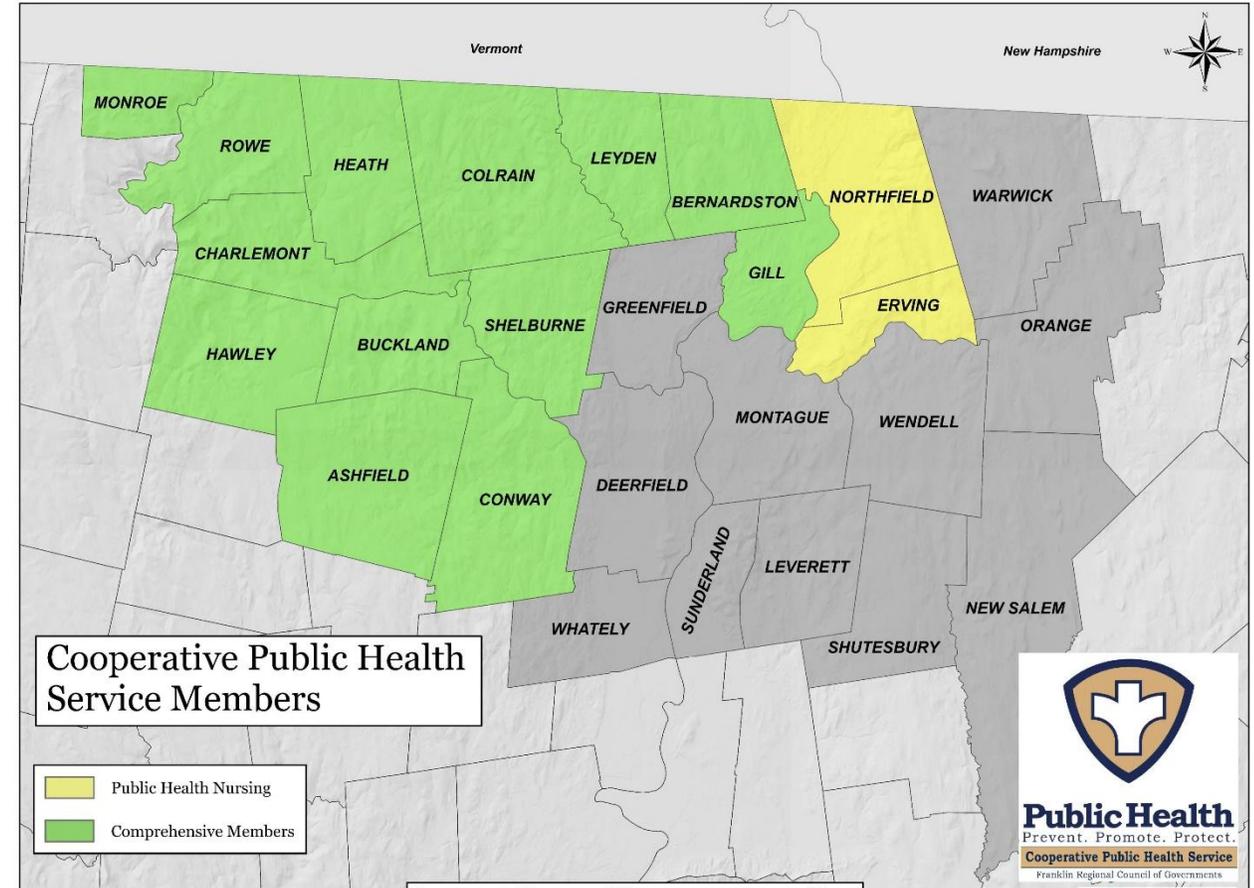
Regional Health Department serving 15 towns – 13 as a comprehensive health department **(including Ashfield as of 2025)** and 2 just for public health nursing.

Conducts all state-mandated code enforcement work – housing, food, septic, summer camps, pools, and more.

Guidance from an Oversight Board made up of local board of health members which meets monthly.

Shared permitting software and uniform fee schedule for health inspection towns.

Successfully leveraging town funds to bring in grant funds.



*FRCOG has offered some regional public health services since 1997, and the district was formally created in 2011, with 5 member towns.*

# CPHS Overview

**PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING:** Monthly walk-in wellness clinics throughout the 15 towns for health screenings, referrals to care, health insurance counseling, and more. Management of communicable diseases for member towns – case investigation, contact tracing, reporting. Robust flu and COVID vaccination program including home visits and organizing clinics in rural areas. Age and Dementia Friendly community planning.

**HEALTH EDUCATION:** Narcan training and distribution, tick and mosquito education, monthly town newsletter articles, bi-monthly health letter for member towns, and more.



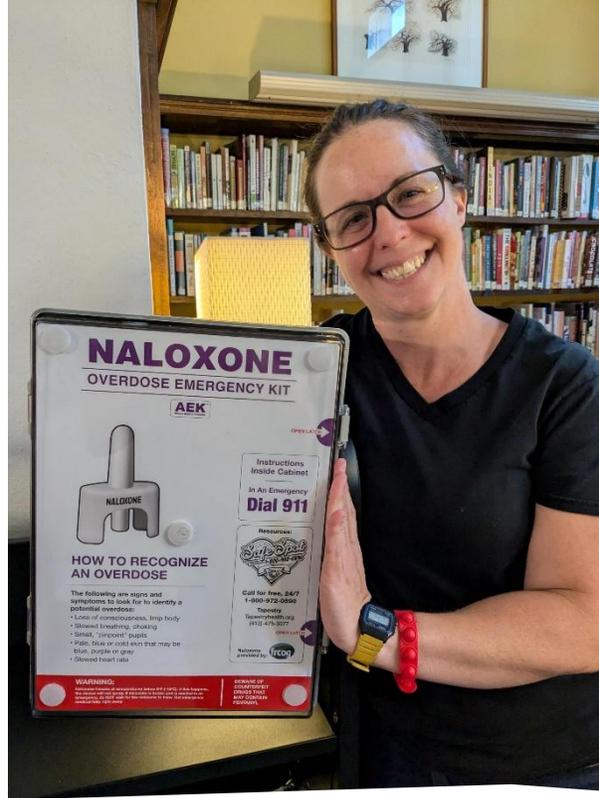
*Maureen O'Reilly and Buckland BOH members at a tick education event.*

## Monthly Nursing Clinics at:

- Bernardston Senior Center
- Charlemont/ Hawley COA
- Conway Town Hall
- Erving Senior Center
- Good Neighbors Food Distribution (Charlemont Federated Church)
- Griswold Memorial Library, Colrain
- Hilltown Churches Food Pantry (First Congregational Church, UCC Ashfield)



*Meg Ryan at Charlemont/Hawley COA Picnic*



**Staff Coverage:** 5 health inspectors/agents means quicker response time and redundancy in times of illness or vacation.

**Online permitting:** Residents and contractors have easy access to permitting 24/7.

**Meet State Workforce Credentials:** All the regional inspectors and nurses are actively working on completing the new state workforce credential requirements, and have the certifications needed to do anything that comes up in Ashfield.

**Meet State Performance Standards** – enough staff and the right training to meet the new standards

Capacity to tackle **bigger projects**, prevention and education work without increasing price to town

## Benefits of regional district

# CPHS Health District Staff



**Randy Crochier**  
Program Manager/Health Agent  
x106



**Kurt Schellenberg**  
Regional Health Agent  
x201



**Jasmine Ward**  
Sr. Regional Health Inspector  
x208



**Maureen O'Reilly**  
Health Inspector  
x206



**Meg Ryan**  
Regional Public  
Health Nurse  
x158



**JJ Prusak**  
Regional Health  
Inspector  
x208

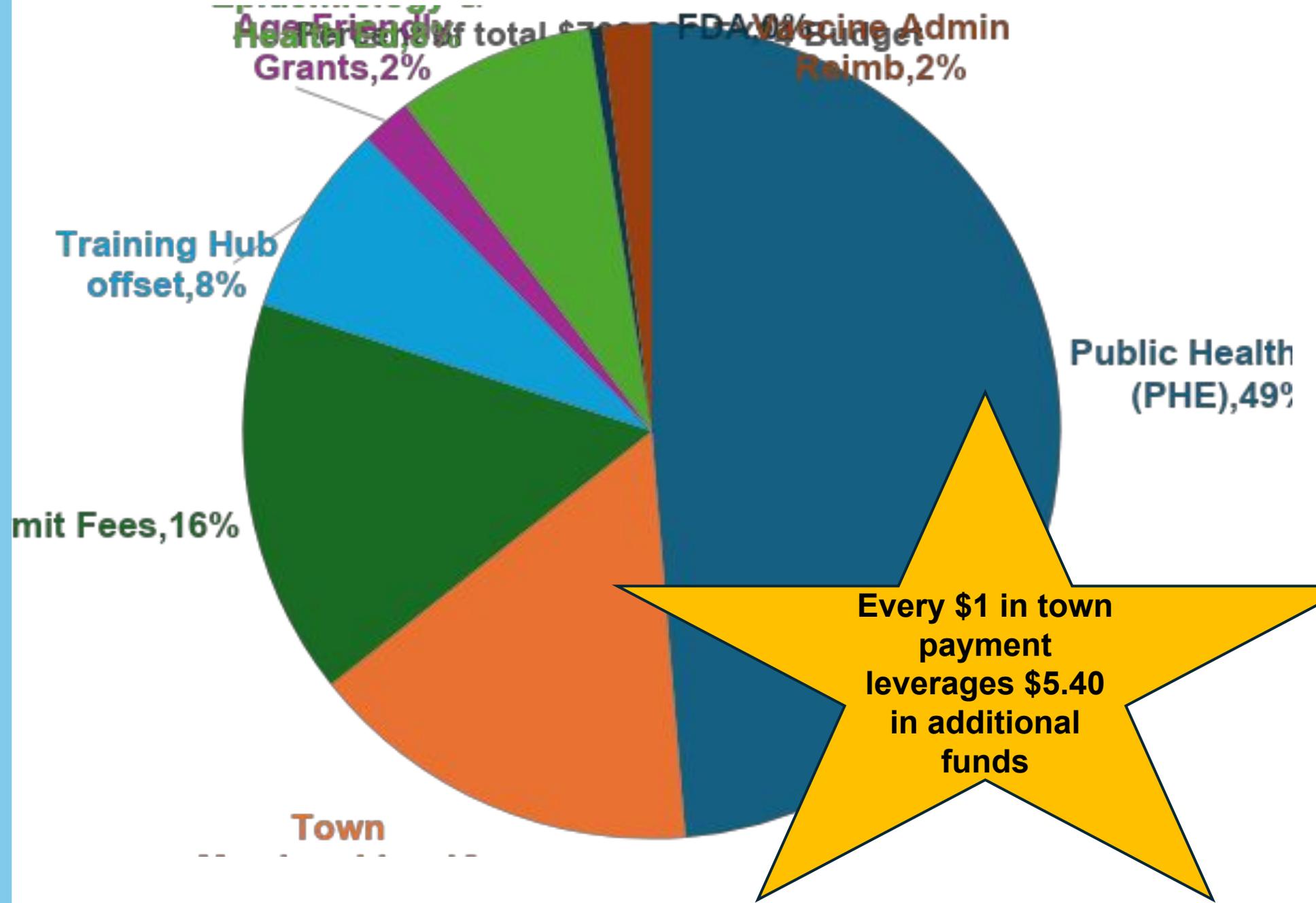


**Lisa White**  
Regional Public  
Health Nurse  
x156



**Liz Jacobson-Carroll**  
Public Health  
Permitting and  
Training Coordinator  
x142

FY26  
core  
district  
funding  
(31%)  
and  
leveraged  
funding  
(69%)



“The expertise and greater availability of FRCOG health agents have allowed us to respond to town health issues much more quickly and efficiently.”

-Evelyn Resh, Chair, Ashfield Board of Health