

**MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
April 21st 2022**

OPENING: The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Health opened at 5:30 p.m. The following members were in attendance:

Thomas FitzGerald- Interim Health Director
Sue Brzoska - Chairperson
Jean Nilsson – Vice Chairperson

MINUTES

Sue Brzoska made a motion to accept the minutes of April 7th, 2022 with the corrections. Jean Nilsson seconded the motion. The vote of the Board was unanimous in favor.

Roll call vote

Jean Nilsson – Yes
Sue Brzoska – Yes

PUBLIC COMMENTS & ATTENDANCE

Peter Currier- No comment

COVID REPORT

Mr. FitzGerald – For covid numbers. A historical accounting from January 1st 2021 to January 1st 2022 had 1280 positive cases of Covid. From January 1st 2022 to present, there were 611 positive cases. March 1st 2022 to April 1st, there were 35 positive cases. April 1st to April 21st, there were 39 positive cases. 16 cases of covid over 60 years old. 12 were vaccinated.

March 1st to April 21st 2022 for Hepatitis, there were 2 cases.

Influenza there were 14 cases

March 1st 2022 to April 21st 2022 had 4 cases of Lyme disease, 2 of which were *Babesiosis* non-contagious.

Hybrid Meetings will be in place until July 1st 2022, or maybe extended by the state legislator.

Mr. Fitzgerald Report & Sign-offs

- Sign off on 46 Will Palmer Road- repair
- Sign off on 26 Noble Steed Crossing –new

- Perc test 77 Foster Road
- Final inspection 2 Hummingbird Lane
- Final Inspection 11 Falmouth
- Food service inspection done at BigY foods
- Blossoming acres review with Building Dept for accessory building
- Food service inspection at McDonalds
- Food service inspection at Dunkin Donut at Gillette corners
- Well permit at 8 Rising Corner

Mr. FitzGerald – Fining procedures are being reviewed by the Town counsel.

Mr. FitzGerald and Cindy Sullivan from COA are working on a potential Covid booster clinic for seniors. Possible timing of mid-May- no date has been officially set. Request has been sent into the state. Clinic will offer Moderna and Pfizer vaccines. This clinic will also be open to the public by appointment free of charge.

Both Nursing positions, part-time and full-time, have been posted with MHOA and Westfield News.

The Board discussed the Nursing Grant and how we might apply for more grants in the future from MAPPH.

Mr.FitzGerald will be orientating Alex White, the new BOH director, for two months starting May 2nd 2022 and will be at the next meeting May 5th 2022.

Well Regulations– Mr.FitzGerald and Sue Brzoska will meet Thursday April 28th at 9 am to review Well regulations and then present them to the Board at the next meeting. The revised Septic regulation will also be reviewed at that time.

The Board briefly discussed E-permitting and the quotes for the different pricing categories for the Health department modules. The Board will look into compatible and comparable alternatives.

Next meeting is May 5th at 6:00 PM

Jean Nilsson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 pm and Sue Brzoska seconded the motion. All in favor.

Roll call vote

Jean Nilsson – Yes

Sue Brzoska – Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Barton, Secretary

cc:
Select Board
Town Clerk

Mr. Fitzgerald, Health Director

Mikenzie Cain, Clerk

Sue Brzoska, Chairperson

Jean Nilsson, Vice Chairperson

Date