

**MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
September 17, 2020**

OPENING: The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Health opened at 6:00 p.m. The following members were in attendance:

Dr. Jerome Azia, Chairman

Sue Brzoska, Vice Chairman

Jean Nilsson, Clerk

Ms. Tammy Spencer, Health Director, was also in attendance.

This meeting is being held via Zoom.

Dr. Azia read the Virtual Opening of Meeting statement pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 order suspending certain provisions to the open meeting law.

MINUTES

Ms. Brzoska made a motion to accept the minutes of September 3, 2020. Ms. Nilsson seconded the motion. Roll call vote is as follows:

Dr. Azia – yes

Ms. Brzoska – yes

Ms. Nilsson – yes

ATTENDANCE

Select Board Vice Chairman, Doug Moglin, Select Board Clerk, Joe Deedy,
Reminder Publications, Peter Courier

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Moglin asked if there is any feed back regarding the church. Mr. Deedy informed The Board that he and Ms. Spencer have a meeting tomorrow morning with the deacon from Southwick Baptist Church. Mr. Deedy stated that the Southwick Civic Fund is teaming up with the Girl Scouts and Chief Bishop to coordinate a trunk or treat event at the Southwick Regional School on Halloween night and has asked The Board for their input.

MS. SPENCER'S REPORT

TITLE 5

Ms. Spencer witnessed a Soil Suitability Test at 75 Tannery Road.

Ms. Spencer performed final Title 5 inspections at 217 Klaus Anderson, 35 South Longyard, 7 Sawgrass, 11 Sawgrass, 15 Sawgrass, and 8 Pondview.

FOOD INSPECTIONS

Pre-operational Food Service inspection for Moolicious BBQ Trailer.

HOUSING COMPLAINT

The housing complaint at 5 Feeding Hills Road has been resolved.

A flu clinic was held at the senior center on September 10, 2020 with 68 attendees. Ms. Spencer was able to log the clinic as an emergency dispensing site drill to get credit for this year's public health deliverables.

Ms. Spencer informed The Board that the amount collected in Board of Health fees this year as of the date of this meeting is \$19,300.

COVID-19 DISCUSSION

As of the date of this meeting Southwick has had 74 positive cases, with 1 case currently in quarantine, and 2 deaths.

Ms. Spencer will be meeting Friday September 18, 2020, with the deacon from Southwick Baptist church along with Mr. Deedy, to discuss possible compliance issues.

Ms. Spencer and Dr. Kate Johnson continue to have weekly meetings with Superintendant Willard and the School Committee.

COVID-19 COMPLIANCE CHECK

Ms. Spencer visited Westfield River Brewery in response to ABCC's inspection report. Ms. Spencer worked with the brewery on revising their current plan to ensure compliance.

TRAVEL ADVISORY

The travel advisory has been updated to include Colorado, Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Vermont, Washington, and Wyoming on the list of lower-risk states.

Ms. Brzoska inquired about the wearing of face coverings by those present at the motocross event the previous weekend. Ms. Spencer stated that according to the video footage of the event masks were being worn. Mr. Deedy was present at the event and agreed with Ms. Spencer.

Ms. Brzoska asked what the occupancy limits are for Southwick Baptist Church. Ms. Spencer stated the occupancy limits are 150 in the main hall and 25 in the classrooms.

Ms. Brzoska asked Ms. Spencer about Kettle Bread Deli being closed. Ms. Spencer stated that Kettle Bread Deli was closed for 9 days due to an employee coming in contact with someone who was presumed to have COVID-19. The employee was tested along with the presumed positive contact and both received negative test results.

Dr. Azia voiced his concerns regarding the possible occupancy compliance issues at Southwick Baptist Church. Mr. Moglin also voiced his concerns. Mr. Moglin stated his confidence in Ms. Spencer to resolve the issue. Ms. Brzoska asked what the next course of action would be if the church fails to comply. Ms. Spencer will inquire with the MHBA Attorneys on how to proceed, if necessary. Ms. Brzoska asked if the church could be fined. Ms. Spencer stated that yes they could and fines are up to local Boards of Health. Ms. Nilsson asked that Ms. Spencer inform the church of the potential for fines to be imposed for failure to comply.

HALLOWEEN

The Southwick Civic Fund along with local Girl Scouts and Chief Bishop would like to coordinate a trunk or treat to be held at Southwick Regional School on Halloween night. Ms. Spencer spoke with Mr. Deedy about holding a drive through trunk or treat versus the traditional walking from car to car. The Board agreed to have Ms. Spencer review and approve plans, if acceptable, for the trunk or treat event on Halloween night.

MEETINGS, TRAININGS, SEMINARS

COVID-19 Safety Seminar, WRHSAC Training Calendar, State Tobacco Webinar, STGRSD, State level interagency bi-weekly meeting

Ms. Nilsson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:32. Dr. Azia seconded the motion.

Roll call vote is as follows:

Dr. Azia – yes

Ms. Brzoska – yes

Ms. Nilsson - yes

The next scheduled meeting is October 1, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Pelley, Secretary

cc:
Select Board
Town Clerk

Dr. Jerome Azia, Chairman

Tammy Spencer, Health Director

Sue Brzoska

Jean Nilsson

Date