

**MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
October 1, 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. Nilsson made a motion to accept the minutes of September 17, 2020. Dr. Azia 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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MS. SPENCER'S REPORT

TITLE 5

Ms. Spencer witnessed a Soil Suitability Test at 42 Tannery Road and 10 Overlook Lane.

Ms. Spencer performed final Title 5 inspections at 325 College Highway.

Ms. Spencer approved a septic design plan at 100 South Loomis.

FOOD INSPECTIONS

Pre-operational Food Service inspection for Crepes Tea House mobile trailer.

Ms. Spencer and Kyle Scott, Building Inspector, held interviews for the Inspectional Services Secretary position this week. They will be discussing the qualified candidates and making a decision tomorrow.

COVID-19 DISCUSSION

As of the date of this meeting Southwick has had 78 positive cases, with 2 case currently in quarantine, and 2 deaths.

Dr. Azia asked when rapid tests will be available. Ms. Spencer stated that they are not reliable enough at this point.

There will be changes to the reopening plan that go into effect on September 28, 2020 and October 5, 2020. Ms. Spencer issued a letter that included the reopening guidance to all local establishments that are effected by the changes.

Step 2 of phase 3 of the reopening plan will go into effect Monday. Wether or not you can move forward to step 2 depends on the metric data that is released every Wednesday. As long as a town is not in the red for 3 consecutive weeks they can move forward to step 2. Some of the changes that will go into effect include increases in capacity at certain establishments and events.

Ms. Spencer, Mr. Deedy, and Chief Bishop met with the Deacon at Southwick Baptist Church last Friday. Ms. Spencer is satisfied with their plan and has left them with additional signage and handouts in English and Russian. The Board discussed possibly visiting the church during a service to ensure that they are in compliance. Ms. Spencer will speak with Chief Bishop tomorrow about doing a follow up visit.

TRAVEL ADVISORY

The current list of COVID-19 lower-risk states include Colorado, Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Vermont, and Washington.

HALLOWEEN

The drive through trunk or treat event is still being coordinated. There cannot be more than 50 people working the event. Mr. Moglin suggested the Town issue guidance on safe trick or treating. The Board discussed the best way to get this information out to the residents. Ms. Spencer will post a link to the CDC safe Halloween guidance on the Town website and announce the trunk or treat event on the Town bulletin board located at Gristmill Plaza.

MEETINGS, TRAININGS, SEMINARS

MEHA Title 5 Seminar, LEPC meeting, Hampden County Health Coalition, State level interagency bi-weekly meetings, STGRSD

Ms. Nilsson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:44. 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 15, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 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