

**MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
October 15, 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 October 1, 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, Select Board Chairman, Joe Deedy, Rick Johnson,
The Wick 338, Peter Courier, Reminder Publications

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Mr. Rick Johnson from The Wick 338, attended the meeting to explain what J-Day is and how it's different from other track events. Mr. Johnson shared with the board The Wick's COVID-19 compliance plan which includes, not allowing spectators, separate entrances and exits, socially distanced pit areas, and the mandatory wearing of masks among other safety protocols that they have in place. They also have plans in place to handle any compliance issues that might arise. Dr. Azia stated that he would feel more comfortable with police security at the event. Mr. Johnson agreed to hire police officers to be present from 6:00 am until closing.

MS. SPENCER'S REPORT

TITLE 5

Ms. Spencer witnessed a Soil Suitability Test at 7 and 8 Noble Steed Crossing, and 76 Coes Hill Road.

Ms. Spencer performed final Title 5 inspections at 26 and 45 Birchwood Road, 21 Sterret Drive, and 100 South Loomis.

TRAVEL ADVISORY

The current list of COVID-19 lower-risk states include Connecticut, District of Columbia, Maine, New Hampshire, New York, and Vermont.

COVID-19 DISCUSSION

As of the date of this meeting Southwick has had 85 positive cases, with 5 cases in isolation, 10 cases currently in quarantine, and 2 deaths.

The Local Public Health Covid-19 Grant has been depleted. Any COVID-19 related expenses will be paid through a revolving Town account.

The Select Board has asked The Board of Health to review there fees for restaurants and retail establishments that have been effected by the COVID-19 pandemic to see if there was a possibility of reducing any of the fees for 2021. Ms. Spencer reviewed our fees and compared them to other town's. Ms. Spencer stated that our fees are well below most neighboring towns. However, Ms. Spencer asked the Board to remove the Milk and Cream Permit from the Food Permit Application as it is an antiquated permit which will result savings for current Milk and Cream Permit holders. Ms. Brzoska made a motion to remove the Milk and Cream Permit from the Food Permit Application. Ms. Nilsson seconded the motion. Roll call vote is as follows.

Dr. Azia – yes

Ms. Brzoska – yes

Ms. Nilsson – yes

HALLOWEEN

The drive through trunk or treat event will be held October 31, 2020 from 3:00-6:00.

MEETINGS, TRAININGS, SEMINARS

CARES Act Funding Webinar, Day one of the Annual MHOA Conference, State level interagency bi-weekly meetings, and the weekly joint meeting between STGRSD and the Health Department.

Ms. Nilsson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05. 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 November 5, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 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