

**MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
February 11, 2021**

OPENING: The regularly 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 approve the minutes of February 11, 2021. Ms. Nilsson seconded the motion. Roll call vote is as follows:

Dr. Azia – yes

Ms. Brzoska – yes

Ms. Nilsson – yes

ATTENDANCE

Select Board Chairman, Doug Moglin, Health Nurse, Dr. Kate Johnson, Peter Currier, Reminder Publications

MS. SPENCER'S REPORT

TITLE 5

Ms. Spencer approved septic design plans for 11 Overlook Drive and 63 North Lake Avenue.

MEETINGS, TRAININGS, SEMINARS

Hampden County Health Coalition, Weekly Vaccine Task Force Meeting, PVPC Affiliates Meeting with Hampden and Hampshire County Partners, FEMA Public Assistance-Vaccination Costs, a variety of Immunization and PrepMod Trainings and Seminars, as well as the twice-weekly Public Health Interagency Conference Calls

TRAVEL ADVISORY

The current list of COVID-19 lower-risk states includes Hawaii

COVID-19 DISCUSSION

Ms. Spencer has been attending many meetings, seminars, and trainings on how to hold a COVID-19 vaccine clinic once the vaccine becomes available. Ms. Spencer is confident in the Town's preparedness to hold a successful clinic.

Friday, February 5, 2021, Governor Baker announced the launching of a COVID-19 Vaccine Call Center aimed at helping residents 75 and older make vaccine appointments. The call center can be reached by dialing 211.

Ms. Spencer was able to obtain PPE from the Western Regional Homeland Security Council
Ms. Spencer will be issuing letters to affected establishments with information regarding changes in capacity limits that went into effect Monday February 8, 2021.

As of the date of this meeting Southwick has had 26 positive cases in the month of February. Since the beginning of the pandemic Southwick has had 460 positive cases and 7 deaths. Southwick continues to be in the red this week and next week.

The Board received the Annual Town Report to review and commended Ms. Spencer on a job well done!

The Board decided to table the discussion of possibly reducing next years fees for Food Establishment Permits until the next meeting.

Ms. Nilsson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:44. Ms. Brzoska seconded the motion.

Roll call vote is as follows:

Dr. Azia – yes

Ms. Brzoska - yes

Ms. Nilsson - yes

The next scheduled meeting is February 25, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 6:44p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Pelley, Secretary

cc:
Select Board
Town Clerk

Dr. Jerome Azia, Chairman

Tammy Spencer, Health Director

Sue Brzoska

Jean Nilsson

Date