

**MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
May 20, 2021**

OPENING: The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Health opened at 7:00 p.m. The following members were in attendance:

Sue Brzoska, Chairman

Jean Nilsson, Vice Chairman

Mikenzie Cain, Clerk

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

This meeting is being held via Zoom.

Ms. Brzoska 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 May 6, 2021. Ms. Nilsson seconded the motion. Roll call vote is as follows:

Ms. Brzoska – yes

Ms. Nilsson - yes

Ms. Cain - abstained

ATTENDANCE

Doug Moglin, Select Board Chairman, Joe Deedy, Select Board Vice Chairman, Dr. Kate Johnosn, Peter Courier, Reminder Publications

Ms. Mickenzie Cain was welcomed as the newest member of the Board of Health. The Board went over the function of the Board of the Health within the Town.

Ms. Nilsson made a motion to appoint Ms. Brzoska as Chairman of the Board of Health. Ms. Cain seconded the motion. Roll call vote is as follows.

Ms. Brzoska – yes

Ms. Nilsson - yes

Ms. Cain - yes

MS. SPENCER'S REPORT

TITLE 5

Ms. Spencer performed final Title 5 inspections at 30 Woodland Ridge, 135 Feeding Hills Rd, 4 Tobacco Rd.

Ms. Spencer witnessed Soil Suitability Tests at 18 Pineywood, 49 Tannery Rd, Lots, 11, 12, 13, and 17 Noble Steed Crossing, Lots, 2,3, and 7 Mort Vining Rd.

Ms. Spencer approved septic design plans for 24 Deer Run, 158 South Longyard Rd, 22 Laurel Ridge, 102 Mort Vining Rd.

FOOD SERVICE INSPECTIONS

Macken's Sliders, Cinnamon Bun Saloon

HOUSING INSPECTIONS

Lakeview Apartments, The Cottages

Ms. Spencer investigated a complaint for a faulty septic system on Fenton Drive. Ms. Spencer will be issuing a letter to the owner of record. Ms. Nilsson asked if Ms. Spencer would request pumping records. Ms. Spencer will need the pumping records until the system is repaired. Ms. Brzoska asked if wetlands are present on the property. Ms. Spencer said there are no wetlands present.

MEETINGS, TRAININGS, SEMINARS

- MEHA Spring Seminar Part One - Promoting Food Donation, Recycling, and Food Scraps Diversion in Health Inspections, Stressed Out? Moving Forward During a Pandemic, Camp Update & Christian's Law
- Weekly Public Health Interagency Conference Calls
- Annual Town Meeting

The Public Health Nurse position has been posted. Dr. Johnson asked the Board to consider doing a periodic evaluation of the Public Health Nurse.

COVID-19 DISCUSSION

Southwick has had 14 positive cases in the last 14 days. Mother's Day celebrations as well as families and neighborhoods are where the cases are showing up. Southwick has approximately 3300 fully vaccinated individuals.

The Commonwealth is lifting all remaining COVID 19 restrictions as well as the face covering order on May 29. The Department of Public Health will issue a new face covering advisory. Face coverings will still be mandatory for public and private transportation, health care providers, congregate care settings, health and rehabilitative day services, and indoors for staff and students of k-12 schools and early education. Capacity restrictions will also be removed and work place standards will either be dissolved or replaced. Ms. Brzoska asked if businesses can require masks. Ms. Spencer stated that businesses can create their own policy's and Towns can make their own regulations as well. The advisory states that people who are vaccinated don't need to wear masks in public. Ms. Spencer will be requesting signage to keep the public informed of what is expected.

Nationals will be held on July 10, 2021. Once the State of Emergency is lifted there will be no restrictions for outdoor events. However, there will still be some guidance for road races.

The State announced an Employer vaccination program that allows employers to secure appointments for their employees either at a clinic or through a mobile unit. The program has been opened up for the schools to use as well. Ms. Spencer has forwarded the information to the Superintendent.

The homebound clinic was a great success! 28 residents were able to be vaccinated, with an additional 9 vaccines administered the following day due to extra vaccines.

Peter Currier asked if the mask order the Town of Southwick issued is still in effect. Ms. Spencer stated that the Governors mask order superseded the Town's mask order.

Ms. Nilsson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:13. Ms. Cain seconded the motion.

Roll call vote is as follows:

Ms. Brzoska - yes

Ms. Nilsson - yes

Ms. Cain - yes

The next scheduled meeting is June 3, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Pelley, Secretary

cc:
Select Board
Town Clerk

Sue Brzoska, Chairman

Tammy Spencer, Health Director

Jean Nilsson, Vice Chairman

Mickenzie Cain, Clerk

Date