

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
September 9, 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, Chair

Jean Nilsson, Vice Chair

Mikenzie Cain, Clerk

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

**ATTENDANCE**

Doug Moglin, Select Board Chair, Mike Ballway, Westfield Evening News

**MINUTES**

Ms. Cain made a motion to table the minutes of August 19, 2021. Ms. Brzoska seconded the motion. The vote of the Board was unanimous in favor.

**MS. SPENCER'S REPORT**

**TITLE 5**

Ms. Spencer performed Title 5 soil evaluations at (repairs) 234 Hillside Road, 51 Tannery Road, and 62 Davis Road.

Ms. Spencer performed final Title 5 inspections at (repairs) 7 Jered Lane, 99 Foster Road, (new) 7 Honey Bird, and 38 Silvergrass.

**HOUSING INSPECTIONS**

425 North Loomis

The owners of record are waiting on the contractor to finish making the necessary repairs to bring the dwelling up to code.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT**

4 Sawgrass

There is standing water on the property. The owner of record is purchasing material to fill in the area and correct the issue. Ms. Spencer informed the owner that water cannot be diverted onto neighboring properties.

**FOOD SERVICE INSPECTIONS**

Della Terra Foods, Sunflower Smoothie Cafe

**MEETINGS, TRAININGS, SEMINARS**

- Weekly Public Health Interagency Conference Calls
- 2 shared service grant meetings with the state for the public health nurse
- COVID-19 Services Grant meeting with West Springfield and Agawam

- Updates on COVID-19: What You Need to Know about the Delta Variant, Vaccinations, and Masking Indoors

A flu vaccine will be held outside the senior center on October 6, from 9-12:00. CVS will be administering the vaccine. Pre-registration is available online and with the Council on Aging.

There had been 4 cases of West Nile virus reported in Mass.

Ms. Spencer has received complaints about the access area to King's Beach located on South Longyard Road. People have been defecating and leaving trash in the area. Ms. Spencer contacted DEP to discuss the possibility of putting a port a potty at the location. The property has deed restrictions that will not allow a port a potty. The Board discussed at length different ways to try and keep the area clean and safe. Ms. Spencer will speak to the Lake Management Committee to see if they have any plans on how to maintain the area and if the Board of Health could be of any assistance.

The Board discussed the information brought forth by Andrea Bugbee regarding pesticide use on school grounds. Ms. Bugbee asked the Board to endorse the School Children Protection Against Toxic Chemicals Act. The Board has decided that it is not under the jurisdiction of the Board to endorse a bill.

Ms. Brzoska asked if there were any updates on the disc golf and if the trailer is to be removed at the end of the season. Ms. Spencer stated that there were no updates and that she believes the trailer will be removed at the end of the season.

Ms. Brzoska asked how Ashlee Mountain, Public Health Nurse, is doing in her new position. Ms. Mountain has been following up on non-covid diseases and gives a weekly report to Ms. Spencer. Ms. Brzoska asked if Ms. Mountain could put together a report for our next meeting.

## **COVID-19 DISCUSSION**

Southwick had 25 positive cases and 547 tests in the last 14 days. There are 14 people currently in isolation. Southwick has a 51% vaccination rate.

Ms. Spencer still receives a consistent amount of phone calls from area businesses regarding COVID-19 protocols.

The Board discussed ways to increase vaccination rates in Southwick. Ms. Spencer stated that Curative is still holding mobile vaccine clinics and will reach out to them about possibly holding another clinic in Town.

Ms. Spencer is still waiting for the BinaxNOW test kits.

The Board discussed the Regional Public Health Nurse Grant that has been awarded to Southwick by the state of Massachusetts. Southwick will be hiring a Public Health Nurse to service Southwick, Tolland, Granville, Blandford, Russell, Montgomery. Ms. Spencer will be reaching out to the other towns to see what their expectations are. The grant will need to be reapplied for every 3 years. Once Ms. Spencer receives the contract from the State she will forward it to the Board for review.

Ms. Cain made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45. Ms. Brzoska seconded the motion.  
The vote of the Board was unanimous in favor.

The next scheduled meeting is September 23, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jessica Pelley, Secretary

cc:  
Select Board  
Town Clerk

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Sue Brzoska, Chairman

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Tammy Spencer, Health Director

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Date