



MINUTES  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
May 5, 2022

**Opening:** The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Health opened at 6:00 pm. The following members were in attendance:

Thomas FitzGerald- Interim Health Director  
Alex White - Health Director  
Sue Brzoska - Chairperson  
Jean Nilsson – Vice-Chairperson  
Mikenzie Cain- Clerk

Jean Nilsson **motioned** to accept the minutes of Apr 21, 2022, with the corrections. Sue Brzoska **seconded** the motion. The vote of the Board was unanimous in favor.

**Roll call vote**

Jean Nilsson – Yes  
Sue Brzoska – Yes  
Mikenzie Cain - Abstained from the Vote did not have a physical copy

Hybrid Meetings will be in place until Jul 1, 2022, or maybe extended by the State Legislator.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS & ATTENDANCE**

Peter Currier- No comment

**COVID REPORT**

**Alex White** – Covid numbers.

April = 78 cases, May 15 = 12 cases (5 cases over 60 vaccinated), 12 cases Influenza

1 case Hepatitis C, 1 case Chickenpox, 1 case Lyme Disease.

1 case of Hepatitis C., 1 Chickenpox case, and 1 Lyme disease case.

**Update on Service Nursing Grant-** There have been no applicants as of May 5 for the posted Nursing positions.

**Mr. FitzGerald** - Senior Center Booster Clinic on May 13 from 9 am - 12 pm. Pre-registration is available, and Walk-ins are welcome.

**Mr. FitzGerald Report & Sign-offs**

- FI: 46 Will Palmer Road
- FI: 68 Congamond Road
- FI: Noble Steed Crossing
- SO: 5A SawGrass
- FSI: North Elm Butcher Block - The mobile food truck

The Board had a brief discussion about the proposal for 141 Congamond Rd (the former Crabby Joe's lot) received by the Planning Board for the new owners. The new owners are looking for adjustment. Mr. FitzGerald met with Kyle Scott, the Building Department Commissioner, and asked the new owners to do the needed renovations. They will need another inspection when the renovations are complete.

Boat parking at this location: The new owners will have to obtain a special license from the State to run the marina section of the business and town permits for the transient docks.

**Mr. FitzGerald** – Well Permit: Geothermal 371 North Loomis application was missing some of the qualifications needed for Massachusetts. Mr. FitzGerald sent the application back to the applicant to get the necessary qualifications.

**Title 5 regulations proposal** - The septic regulations have been adjusted. The Board eliminated "Perc Season" Perc tests are done year-round. For installers, Mr. FitzGerald will revise the information provided to say that the installers may have to take an evaluation test before

receiving their Installer's License. These new regulations will not be approved until a Public Hearing. The Board decided to take a vote to post the new regulations and to have the public hearing, after which the Board will then vote to approve or disapprove the new regulations.

Sue Brzoska made a motion to go forward with these regulations by posting them and having a public hearing as we go forward with adopting these regulations in accordance with the procedures. Jean Nilsson seconded the motion. The vote of the Board was unanimous in favor.

#### **Roll Call Vote**

Jean Nilsson – Yes

Sue Brzoska – Yes

Mikenzie Cain – Yes

**Well Regulations:** Mr. FitzGerald & Mr. White to go over and revise the Well regulations.

#### **Meetings / Training**

The Board discussed Mr. White's two Letters of Understanding for his employment with the Town of Southwick from May 1, 2022, to June 30, 2022. This is the interim between fiscal year 22 and the beginning of the next fiscal year 23, starting Jul 1, 2022. Mr. White will have a three-year contract until Jun 30, 2025. The Board signed in agreement to the Letters of Understanding for Mr. Whites ' 3-year position.

The Board commended Jean Nilsson for her many years of service& dedication to the Board of Health.

The next meeting is **on May 19 at 6:00 pm.**

Jean Nilsson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm, and Sue Brzoska seconded the motion. The vote of the Board was unanimous in favor.

#### **Roll Call Vote**

Jean Nilsson – Yes

Sue Brzoska – Yes

Respectfully submitted,

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Cynthia Barton, Secretary

cc: Select  
Board  
Town Clerk

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Mr. White, Health Director

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Mikenzie Cain, Clerk

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Sue Brzoska, Chairperson

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Jean Nilsson, Vice Chairperson

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Mr. FitzGerald, Health Agent

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Date