

MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
December 15, 2022

OPENING: The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Health opened at 6:00 p.m. The following members were in attendance:

Alex White - Health Director
Sue Brzoska – Chairman
Jean Nilsson – Member
Mikenzie Cain – Vice Chairman
Tom FitzGerald – Acting Health Director
Dee Giordano – Secretary

MINUTES

Ms. Nilsson made a motion to accept the minutes from the December 1, 2022 meeting. Ms. Cain seconded the motion. The roll call vote was unanimous in favor.

The Board members agreed to post the Health Director's position on Indeed. Mr. White noted that there is currently one applicant.

Ms. Cain suggested to not review the previous meeting's minutes at the Board of Health meeting because they are recorded. Ms. Nilsson replied that the minutes are mandated in accordance with the Open Meeting Law, Office of the Attorney General. Ms. Brzoska mentioned that most of the time our secretary emails the minutes to us ahead of time to read.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

DIRECTOR ALEX WHITE REPORT

Mr. White discussed plans to re-arrange office to accommodate a private location for sensitive communication for the nurses. It may be possible to remove the large refrigerator and replace with a small one that may be available at no cost to the Board of Health.

Mr. White noted that there were several COVID test kits available. The Board agreed on where to be distributing them in public places such as The Food Pantry, Police and Fire Departments and Council on Aging.

PHE grant – work going well. Mr. White check to see if other directors might be interested in a monthly meeting.

The Board questioned the completion of the 2023 permit renewals. Ms. Giordano, Secretary, related the status of permit renewals. A list of outstanding renewals will be available next week.

Mr. White delivered the signed copy of the Body Art Regulations to the Town Clerk's Office. He submitted the Body Art Regulations and the Disposal System Regulations to DEP.

The Board discussed how to display all regulations on the BOH website. Ms. Brzoska mentioned that the Body Art Regulations on the website say "City of Chicopee". Mr. White will check into this. Ms. Nilsson suggested that all regulations should be under one banner. Mr. White will create a new tab specifically for BOH regulations.

Mr. White related information from the most current COVID reports on Maven.

The Board conducted an interview with Thomas Hibert at 6:30 p.m. for the soon to be open Health Director position.

Ms. Brzoska made a motion to offer the position to Mr. Thomas Hibert. Ms. Nilsson seconded the motion. The vote of the Board was unanimous in favor. Ms. Brzoska will contact Mr. Hibert to offer the position contingent upon acceptable CORI check, physical examination, and Letter of Employment. Ms. Brzoska and Mr. FitzGerald will schedule an appointment with Mr. Stinehart to write a Letter of Employment. When Labor Counsel approves, it will be sent to Mr. Hibert for review.

The Board discussed concerns with performing administrative duties from Tricia Sedelow, Health Nurse. The Board will discuss options on how to compensate Ms. Sedelow for her time.

HOUSING INSPECTION

355 N. Loomis with Kyle Scott to investigate a junk complaint at the back of the property– No issues observed.

PERC TESTS/DISPOSAL WORKS CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

205 Vining Hill Road..... Repair Perc
19 Foster Ave. Repair Perc
96B Congamond Road Sign off on permit/plan approval

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

115 Fred Jackson Road COC
91 Powdermill Road..... Final Inspection
3 DeWitt Circle Final Inspection

Next meeting scheduled for January 5, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Ms. Nilsson made a motion to adjourn at 7:26. Ms. Brzoska seconded the motion. The roll call vote was unanimous in favor.

Alex White, Health Director

Sue Brzoska, Chairman

Jean Nilsson, Vice-Chairman

Dee Giordano, Secretary

Mikenzie Cain, Board Member

Date