



Board of Health Town of Southwick

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MINUTES March 2, 2023

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

Tom Hibert – Health Director
Sue Brzoska – Chairperson
Jean Nilsson – Member
Tricia Sedelow – Public Health Nurse
Christine Southworth – Public Health Nurse

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

MINUTES

The February 2, 2023 and February 16, 2023 minutes were reviewed. Mrs. Nilsson made a motion to accept the minutes. Ms. Brzoska seconded the motion. The roll call vote was unanimous in favor to approve.

NURSES' REPORTS (See Attached)

Ms. Sedelow and Ms. Southworth presented their February 2023 monthly report. In addition, Ms. Sedelow and Ms. Southworth obtained permission to conduct a Health Fair in the Town Hall Auditorium on Wednesday, March 17th from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Eleven vendors have already confirmed availability.

Discussion ensued about the different media outlets where the announcement about the Health Fair can be posted.

PHYSICIAN AGREEMENT

Our potential physician has responded favorably to the physician's agreement. Ms. Brzoska will send him the additional information he requested.

PART-TIME SECRETARY SEARCH

Mrs. Nilsson mentioned that there may be a potential candidate, but the candidate would not be available until June. Ms. Brzoska offered to do the secretarial work for a while. Mr. Hibert is going to ask what the current hourly rate is.

HEALTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Septic Inspections

Disposal System Certificates of Compliance were issued for:

- 181 College Highway (tank replacement)
- 2 Tall Pines Trail (new)
- 4 Silvergrass Lane (new)
- 6 Silvergrass Lane (new)

Percolation Tests were witnessed at:

- 662A College Highway (new)
- 164 South Longyard Road (repair)

Disposal Septic System Plans were approved for:

- 80 South Longyard Road (repair)
- 32 Noble Steed

Proposed Spray Park

Mr. Hibert investigated the role of the Board of Health in overseeing the proposed Spray Park. The park will be under DEP jurisdiction. The chlorinated water used in the Spray Park will have to be de-chlorinated before discharging into the ground. If the spray park is installed before the State's new pool regulations are in effect, the established park will be exempt.

Housing

Mr. Hibert will discuss with the Building Inspector, who was going to conduct an inspection at 2 Lakemont Street.

Food Service

Mr. Hibert did a walk-through inspection at Prim3 St3akhous3 (previously Louie B.'s). He will do a thorough inspection in a couple weeks when they are open.

Mr. Hibert did a walk-through inspection at Zantos when he delivered their Catering Permit. He planned to do an inspection on Tuesday, but the Town Hall was closed due to a snowstorm.

The only delinquent permit is for Grist Mill Plaza. Mr. Hibert will address.

MEETINGS

PHE Nursing Grant

Mr. Hibert, Ms. Sedelow, Ms. Southworth and Ms. Brzoska attended a Zoom meeting to discuss the State grant program. DPH is planning to award Southwick (being the host town) \$300,000 for FY24.

The Board of Health discussed ideas as to how that money could be used for the 6 towns. Some ideas were to purchase an electronic inspection program, to hire a grant coordinator or to compensate health personnel (e.g. High Valley Elder Services) who will support the hill towns.

Staff Meeting

Mr. Hibert had a staff meeting with our Public Health Nurses, Ms. Sedelow and Ms. Southworth. The plan is to have a meeting each month before the BOH's first meeting of the month.

UNANTICIPATED ITEMS IN THE LAST 48 HOURS

Mr. Hibert conducted a housing inspection at 440 College Highway. Violations included a clogged plumbing fixture, broken door handles, a broken base board heating structure.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Mrs. Nilsson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 pm. Ms. Brzoska seconded the motion. The roll call vote was unanimous in favor.

Tom Hibert, Health Director

Sue Brzoska, Chairperson

Jean Nilsson, Member

Mikenzie Cain, Vice-Chairperson

Date