



Board of Health Town of Southwick

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MINUTES July 6, 2023

OPENING: The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Health opened at 6:00 p.m.

Members in attendance:

Sue Brzoska - Chairperson
Mikenzie Cain – Vice Chairperson via Zoom
Dr. Terry Putnam – Member via Zoom

Town Staff:

Tom Hibert - Health Director
Meghan Lightcap - Board of Administrative Assistant
Christine Southworth – Public Health Nurse
Tricia Sedelow – Public Health Nurse

Members of Public:

Diane Gale

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

MINUTES

Ms. Terry made a motion to accept the minutes from June 8, 2023 with edits. Ms. Cain seconded the motion. The roll call vote was unanimous in favor to approve.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES' REPORTS

Refer to the attached June 2023 nursing reports.

DISCUSSION

Mr. Hibert updated all current permit applications and will send them to the Board members to vote on the changes for the next meeting.

Backup Inspector- Mr. Hibert is waiting on information from the Massachusetts Association of Health Boards – (MAHB) before moving forward with a vote to appoint a back-up Health Inspector. The back-up Inspector would fill in when Mr. Hibert is unable to conduct inspections due to days off or heavy workload.

E-Permitting - Mr. Hibert will join the Building Inspector, Kyle Scott, when he meets with the Select Board to discuss updating the Building Department's E-permitting system. Mr. Scott intends to ask for more money to update his system. Mr. Hibert is going to ask if the systems could be combined, along with the Fire Department. With a combination of departments using the system, there may be a lower rate available.

PHE Grant - Mr. Hibert is still trying to get all the members to meet. He will call the members again next week. Ms. Brzoska suggested picking a day and letting them know they need to attend. Mr. Hibert said the State has asked for a revision to the work plan he sent them.

HEALTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Disposal Septic System:

- Percolation tests were performed at:
 - Oak Ridge Estates (Mort Vining Road Subdivision)
 - 8 Concord Road (Tannery) - New Construction
 - 18 Hudson Drive- New Construction
 - 24 Nicholson Hill Road- New Construction
- Certificate of Compliance:
 - 40 (Lot 8) Mort Vining Road- New Construction, Final
 - 42 (Lot 9) Mort Vining Road- New Construction, Final
 - 49 South Loomis Street-Repair Plan, Final
 - 47 Congamond Road-Repair Plan, Final
 - 352 North Loomis Street-Repair, Final
 - 3 Pondview Lane-Repair, Final
 - 32 Hillside Road-New Construction Plan Approval

Housing Inspection:

- 32/48 Lakeview Street – Attorney Coyle served a “Letter of Condemnation” and a “Letter of No Trespass” effective within 48 hours for 32 Lakeview Street. Mr. Hibert has not seen an occupant at 32 Lakeview Street. Mr. Hibert asked the Chief of Police to take notice.

Food Service Inspection:

- JMB Concessions – Mobile Food Unit
- Southwick Schools
- Wickedly Wild Waffles – Mobile Food Unit
- Patruno's Place – Mobile Food Unit
- Vlad's Pizza – Mobile Food Unit

Other:

- Lakewood Village Pool- Mr. Hibert said they are still waiting for a phone line from the pool to be connected so they are not open yet.
- Mr. Hibert conducted a pool inspection at Southwick Acres.

- Town Beach- Mr. Hibert said the beach water failed the bacterial testing for the last two weeks. He is trying out a new lab, PACE Analytical, to get a shorter turn-around-time for this week's test results. The Board discussed possible reasons for the high coliform counts (>236). Mr. Grannels mentioned a DNA test that can determine whether the coliform is from human or animal.
The Board discussed ways to notify the public when the beach is open and when it is closed.

MEETINGS

- PHE Grant Meeting
- Unanticipated items 48 hours prior to meeting - Southwick Florist had a failed Title 5 inspection. They are getting quotes on tying into the sewer line versus installing a new septic.

TENTATIVE SUMMER MEETING SCHEDULE

- August 3, 2023
- September 7, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for August 3, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Ms. Terry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 pm. Ms. Cain seconded the motion. The roll call vote was unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Meghan Lightcap
Administrative Assistant Planning Board/Board of Health

Tom Hibert, Health Director

Sue Brzoska, Chairperson

Dr. Terry Putnam, Member

Mikenzie Cain, Vice-Chairperson

Date

July 2023 PHN Report for Christine Southworth

Russell Nurse hours weekly at COA. Assisted a senior with transportation options. New health and wellness flyers and education board at Library, Town Hall, Post Office, COA and Transfer Station.

Maven cases: Hep C -1, Lyme - 3, Norovirus - 1, Covid - 1

Blandford Weekly nurse hours at COA and auditorium. New flyers and education boards set up at General Store, BOH, COA, Post Office and Library.

Maven cases: Lyme - 4, Anaplasmosis - 2

Montgomery Weekly COA coffee hour/ nurse hours. Bite Lab installed in Library. Town asked me to relocate cases of protective briefs, delivered to Huntington COA room for free products and equipment loaning room.

Maven cases: Lyme 2

Completed Bingocize facilitator training

Picked up Bite Lab from Mass DPH, Amherst

Brochures delivered to It Takes a Village in Huntington for new client bag.

MAPHN zoom meeting on air quality and heat issues.

Attended Equity in Aging Zoom meeting

Zoom meeting with Kelly Lamas, Baystate WOW mobile.

Monthly Report Tricia Sedelow PHN

Southwick, Granville and Tolland

July 2023

Southwick –

Food pantry meetings monthly and 4th Wednesday of every month assist with distribution

Set up monthly blood pressure clinics at Depot Court through the housing authority

Set up monthly blood pressure clinic at Southwick Library starting in October

Set up Tick presentation at the Southwick Library for Aug 29 at 630pm

Meeting with Kelly Lamas, Baystate Mobile Health Equity Program Manager for Wellness on Wells (WOW) Bus – possibly going to the food pantry during open hours. Shared with Sally Munson at pantry.

Tolland –

Coffee hour with seniors at the public safety complex twice a month and blood pressure clinic monthly

Office space at town hall once a month

Each month I create a list of events and activities at Southwick Senior Center to post on the Tolland website

Granville –

Blood pressure clinics held on alternating Thursdays at Granville library and town hall

Setting up flu clinics with CVS for Granville

Participating in events and talks with COA group

Other (for all towns):

MAVEN cases, DPH webinars, MAPHN Meeting monthly, research health information, up to date articles, NAACHO website/emails, programs for towns

July

Southwick

Hep C – 1

Lyme – 3

Norovirus – 1

COVID - 7

Granville

Lyme -1

Tolland

COVID - 1