

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
November 19, 2020**

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

Dr. Jerome Azia, Chairman

Sue Brzoska, Vice Chairman

Jean Nilsson, Clerk

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

This meeting is being held via Zoom.

Dr. Azia read the Virtual Opening of Meeting statement pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 order suspending certain provisions to the open meeting law.

**MINUTES**

Ms. Nilsson made a motion to accept the minutes of October 15, 2020 and November 5, 2020.

Ms. Brzoska seconded the motion. Roll call vote is as follows:

Dr. Azia – yes

Ms. Brzoska – yes

Ms. Nilsson – yes

**ATTENDANCE**

Select Board Chairman, Russ Fox, Select Board Vice Chairman, Doug Moglin, Select Board Chairman, Joe Deedy, Dr. Kate Johnson, Peter Courier, Reminder Publications

**MS. SPENCER'S REPORT**

**TITLE 5**

Ms. Spencer witnessed a Soil Suitability Test at 1 Noble Steed, 774-6 College Highway, 255 Granville Road, 130 College Highway, 9 Laro Road, 12 Noble Steed, 11 Overlook, 13 Gableview, and 19 Fernwood.

Ms. Spencer performed final Title 5 inspections at 109 Coes Hill Road, 11 John Mason Road, 38 Mort Vining, and 42 Tannery Road.

Ms. Spencer approved a septic design plan at 42 Tannery Road, 11 John Mason Road, 9 Pondview, 14 Overlook, 9 Laro Road, 130 College Highway, and 4 Hillcrest Road.

**HOUSING INSPECTION** 246 Feeding Hills Road

Highland Valley Elder Services, Officer Ernie Malone, and Ms. Spencer are working with the owner to rectify the situation.

**MEETINGS, TRAININGS, SEMINARS**

Days two and three of the Annual MHOA Conference, LEPC Meeting, Hampden County Health Coalition, New England Water Environment Association Title 5 Seminar

## **TRAVEL ADVISORY**

The current list of COVID-19 lower-risk states include Hawaii, Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont.

## **COVID-19 DISCUSSION**

As of the date of this meeting Southwick has had 160 positive cases. Dr. Johnson noted that the average age of positive cases has become younger in recent months with the average age in November being 36. Symptoms have also changed from the beginning of the pandemic. Most people are not reporting fever and shortness of breath but they are reporting nasal congestion similar to allergy symptoms. Asymptomatic individuals need to remember that they can transmit the disease without having symptoms. Quarantine requirements have changed and become very specific. The updated requirements are available on the State website. Dr. Johnson suggests that you should quarantine the full 14 days from last exposure regardless of if you meet other criteria within the new quarantine requirements. Ms. Brzoska asked if any of the new cases were due to outbreaks in families, classrooms, etc.. Dr. Johnson stated that there does seem to be clusters in neighborhoods. Ms. Brzoska asked if there have been any cases connected to Southwick Baptist Church. Dr. Johnson has no evidence of transmission within the church Community. Board members continue to receive complaints about the abundance of cars in the parking lot. Chief Bishop will be visiting the church and will report back to Ms. Spencer. Peter courier asked how many cases were associated with the schools. Dr. Johnson stated that there were 4 cases reported.

## **FLU CLINIC**

A Flu Clinic was held at Whally Park Wednesday November 4, 2020.

Ms. Nilsson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:51. Dr. Azia seconded the motion.

Roll call vote is as follows:

Dr. Azia – yes

Ms. Brzoska – yes

Ms. Nilsson - yes

The next scheduled meeting is December 3, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jessica Pelley, Secretary

cc:  
Select Board  
Town Clerk

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Dr. Jerome Azia, Chairman

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Tammy Spencer, Health Director

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Sue Brzoska

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Jean Nilsson

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Date