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BOARD OF HEALTH

Place: Town Office Building, 12 School Street

Day: Monday

Date: MARCH 21, 2022

Time: 6:00PM

AGENDA

APPOINTMENTS

APPROVE MINUTES

February 28, 2022

OLD BUSINESS

- BOH Regulation/Policy Review - continued

NEW BUSINESS

- Housing Health Agent Update
- Health Agent Update
- Public Health Update
 - COVID Nurse duties including antigen testing in Sunderland
 - COVID test kit distribution guidelines
- Animal Inspector state application – as “appointed by Board of Health” for vote.
- Reinstatement of Zoom subscription consideration
- Next Board of Health Meeting

The listing of matters is those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

DATE: February 28, 2022

Place: Town Office Bldg.

Present: Ms. Rock, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Kushi; Inspectors: Mr. Ball; C. Bennett; Absent: Ms. McNeely

Others present: J. Corwin

Meeting called to order at 6:04PM.

MINUTES: Mr. Kushi motion to accept 01/24/22 Minutes, Mr. Bennett second, Vote 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mask Mandate: Active cases in town currently at three (3) for the period February 18-26th. 10 days before February 8-17 there were 24 cases and January 29-February 7, 35 cases. Mr. Bennett motion to LIFT MASK MANDATE effective March 1, 2022, for public buildings and businesses that offer public services, not to include the school. Mr. Kushi second, vote 3-0. This does not alter any mandates in place by other organizations, including schools and private businesses. Businesses and town buildings/departments will be notified via email this evening.
- Review of BOARD OF HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT for 2021. Amend to add mask mandate directives. Mr. Kushi motion to accept with amendment, Mr. Bennett second, vote 3-0.

HOUSING HEALTH AGENT UPDATE – Report submitted to Board and reviewed.

HEALTH AGENT UPDATE

- Attendees of MAPLE RIDGE CHURCH tenants called regarding masking requirements.
- Mr. Conroy, representing Delta Sand and Gravel owners of 110 N. MAIN ST PROPERTY, will have a new tenant offering a small gym. The business has filed for a variance with the state from the requirement of showers due to its programs and client volume. Plumbing inspector noted a variance was not required for the project and showers were not needed. State is now requesting Board of Health make a determination as well. Agent reviewed regulations and laws and no jurisdiction by Board of Health noted. The Board is aware of the variance requested and the Board of Health takes no position. Mr. Ball was asked to submit this information in writing to Mr. Conroy.
- Mr. Conroy, representing Delta Sand and Gravel as owners of 538 AMHERST ROAD, notified the Health Agent tank is leaking and their intent to have it replaced. They reported no ground water issues. The matter will be reviewed with Agent present in spring to review all components due to no health hazards to the public at the property. The property also has orange burg pipes which will be changed at the time of tank replacement and other needed matters.
- 62 HOWARD HEPBURN DRIVE – Mr. Levine, Engineer is reviewing property for plan upgrade.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE UPDATE

Will revisit position and advertising requirements at next meeting. Mary Ellen Sloan, PHN assigned to Sunderland from the 4-town grant for contact tracing to be invited to next Board meeting if available.

NEW BUSINESS

- Continuation of PIONEER VALLEY MOSQUITO CONTROL membership was discussed. Mr. Bennett motion to not join the PVMC at this time, Mr. Kushi second, Vote 3-0.

NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING scheduled for March 21, 2022, 6:00pm

Ms. Rock motion to adjourn at 7:04PM, Mr. Kushi second vote -30.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Bennett, Admin Assistant
Recording Secretary

selectmen

From: boardofhealth
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2022 10:58 AM
To: Mary Sloan
Cc: Bruce Bennett (grouse1202@gmail.com)
Subject: RE: Sunderland - Antigen Testing

Sounds like a good idea Mary Ellen to offer visits to homes outside. Sunderland residents have been very cautious with in home matters so your recommendation may work better. I don't know how many people would be interested in antigen testing in town but maybe other BOH members would have a better sense of interest. If you need a sink then we'd need to offer testing "for the town offices" would need to be somewhere else to accommodate water accessibility – we only have it in the bathrooms in the basement. Something we could explore more as well. I'll include all of this with their agendas for Monday night discussion.

Cindy

Cindy Bennett, Admin. Asst.
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From: Mary Sloan <mary.sloan@greenfield-ma.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2022 9:13 AM
To: selectmen <selectmen@TOWNOFSUNDERLAND.US>
Subject: Re: Sunderland - Antigen Testing

Thanks Cindy and Jen

I'm flexible. I could be anywhere in Sunderland for an antigen clinic. It should be a place with a sink. I'll need to be able to wash my hands with soap and water, not just sanitize with gel. Also wondering if it might be a better impact for the community if it was a "service" rather than a clinic. Residents could call me or the boh at the town hall and set up a time. I have availability. Jen, is there anything stopping me from popping over to the person's home and doing the test on their front stoop? I'm picturing sitting around for 2 hours on a Tuesday while 1 person gets a test and missing anyone who would have needed it the rest of the week. Also, there's a chance other employees in any space would have mixed feelings about exposure from testing near their work spaces.

Mary Ellen

On Wed, Mar 16, 2022 at 8:25 AM selectmen <selectmen@townofsunderland.us> wrote:

Hi Jennifer – I'll check on the number of tests folks were thinking.

As far as the antigen clinic, we have options where it can best be held & it doesn't necessarily need to be held in the BOH office.. The BOH meets Monday night also so we can maybe finalize then.

Mary Ellen, I know you won't be available – but maybe we can talk about this or you can offer your recommendations for their meeting Monday night.

Thank you

Cindy

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From: jennifer hoffman <jennifer.hoffman@greenfield-ma.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 7:06 PM
To: selectmen <selectmen@TOWNOFSUNDERLAND.US>
Cc: Mary Sloan <mary.sloan@greenfield-ma.gov>
Subject: Re: Sunderland - Antigen Testing

Hi Cindy,

How many COVID tests would you like to have to distribute? That would be easier for me to accommodate.

As for Maryellen, she could reach out to you when and where is good for you both. I would just like to know what you decide for grant management.

Thank you so much and I look forward to hearing from you.

Jenn

On Tue, Mar 15, 2022 at 3:42 PM selectmen <selectmen@townofsunderland.us> wrote:

Hi Jennifer,

Bruce Bennett asked that I coordinate with you for Sunderland regarding antigen testing offering to our community. We could make a space available in the Town Hall for this purpose or we could work out some other space as needed. Mary Ellen and I have met when she came on board and I showed her the Board of Health office, so that might be a good place, unless she is looking for something else depending on the hours or days offered, a more central area in the Town Hall may be more feasible. The Board of Health's office is on the second floor and we do have an elevator available for easier accessibility for those who want it. Please let me know how you would like to proceed with coordination, unless you want us to coordinate directly with Mary Ellen.

On another note, do you know how many Home COVID test kits we will be getting? We are also reviewing the best way for notification of availability to our community as well, particularly seniors who have expressed interest. Just didn't know how many we would be getting (I believe some have been requested already) and how often that can be replenished.

Thank you

Cindy

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Department of Agricultural Resources

Division of Animal Health

251 Causeway Street, Suite 500

Boston, MA 02114-2151

Nomination of Inspector of Animals

In accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 129, sections 15 and 16, nominating authorities of each city and town are required to nominate one or more inspectors of animals by April 1, 2022. Please complete or make necessary changes and return this form to the above address. The Director will review your nomination and, assuming appointment is confirmed, will return to you a Certificate of Appointment. Please submit one form for each person nominated. Any city or town not in compliance is subject to a penalty of \$500.

City or Town of Sunderland

3/7/2022

To the Director, Division of Animal Health, Department of Agricultural Resources

In accordance with the provisions of section 15 of Chapter 129, General Laws, as amended, the following nomination of inspector of animals for the year ending April 30, 2023 is sent for your approval:

Inspector of Animals

Name: Emmie Martin

Mail Address: 12 School St.

Sunderland, MA - 01375

Phone: (413) 695-1211 Fax: (413) 665-1446

Email: sunderlandaco@townofsunderland.us

Inspector: (Note all changes here)

Name: _____

Mail: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Nominating Authority

Contact:

Office: Board of Health

Mail: 12 School St.

Sunderland, MA - 01375

P: (413) 665-1071 F: (413) 665-1446

Email: boardofhealth@townofsunderland.us

Nominating Authority: (Note all changes here)

Contact: _____

Office: _____

Mail: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Acceptance of Nomination of Inspector of Animals (must be notarized)

I hereby accept my nomination as Inspector of Animals for the City or Town of Sunderland, and if and when I am appointed, I solemnly swear to faithfully perform the duties of that office, all of which are listed in General Laws Chapter 129, and Massachusetts Regulations 330 CMR 10.00-10.10 (rabies regulations).

Name (print) Emmie Martin

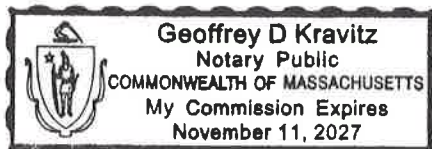
Signed [Signature]

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Franklin, ss

Date: 3/15/22

Then personally appeared the above-named Emmie Martin and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his or her free act and deed, before me.



[Signature]

Notary Public

My commission Expires: 11/11/27

Appointment of Inspector of Animals (Division of Animal Health use only)

Notice is hereby given that I, Michael Cahill acting under authority of sections 15 and 16 of Chapter 129 of the General Laws, as amended, hereby approve the nomination of _____ as Inspector of Animals for the City or Town of Sunderland, Massachusetts.

Date Approved: _____

Director, Division of Animal Health

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS



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March 7, 2022

RE: NOMINATION OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Nominating Authority:

Enclosed is the nomination form for the Inspector of Animals for your city or town. **This form is due back to the Division of Animal Health by April 1, 2022.** The appointment will run from May 1, 2022 until April 30, 2023. If more than one inspector was appointed for your city or town, there is a separate form for each. If you are nominating the same inspector(s) this year, **be sure that all of the contact information is complete and still correct.** Any corrections should be made in the space provided on the right. If you will be nominating a new inspector, that person's information should be entered in the space provided on the right. Submit a separate form for each inspector nominated. Also, be sure that all of your (nominating authority) information is complete and correct. Any changes to your information should be made in the space provided to the right.

Once all of the contact information is confirmed to be correct, all that is needed is to **have the nominee sign the form**, accepting the nomination and swearing to faithfully perform the duties of that office. **The nominee's signature must be notarized.** In many cases the city or town clerk is a notary.

After the nominee's signature has been notarized, simply **return the form to the Division of Animal Health at the address listed at the top of the form.** The Division of Animal Health will send back confirmation of the inspector's appointment. **Please note that regardless of when the most recent appointment was made, it is only valid through April 30, 2022.** This nomination will cover the year starting May 1, 2022 and run until April 30, 2023.

If you have any questions, please contact Ashley Kraft at (617) 626-1810 or Ashley.Kraft@mass.gov.

Thank you,

Michael Cahill, Director
Division of Animal Health