

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

July 25, 2022

Place: Town Office Bldg.

Present: Mr. Bennett, Mr. Kushi, Ms. Williams; Inspectors: Mr. Ball, Ms. McNeely

Meeting called to order at 6:00PM

MINUTES: Mr. Kushi motion to accept MINUTES of 06/27/2022, Ms. Williams second, vote 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS: Mr. Ball presented a draft Septic Pumping Policy for the Board's review. To be reviewed at next meeting.

HOUSING HEALTH AGENT UPDATE:

- Cliffside Apt. F7 inspection – resolution of matter still ongoing.
- The Social Apt 38C inspection with complex management as ordered by Housing Court; order to correct will be prepared.
- Mr. Ball performed housing inspection at Cliffside Apt 5E for moisture complaints. Reinspection will be performed next month.

HEALTH AGENT UPDATE

- Reinspection at Subway was performed.
- Reinspection at Smiarowski Farm Stand performed.
- 3 Title 5 inspections performed, 2 properties had failed systems
- 2 Perc tests performed at 415 Montague Road and 167 Hadley Road
- 167 Hadley Road – variance requested to allow separation from 5 feet to 4 feet. Mr. Kushi motion to allow, Ms. Williams, second, vote 3-0.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE UPDATE:

- Free COVID Tests Kits were distributed in Town Offices, Library, Sunderland Post Office, offered to apartment complexes and churches/community centers.
- Grant Award received for Public Health Excellence for Shared Services with Deerfield, Leverett, Montague, Shutesbury and Sunderland.
- A Coding System will be developed for display in Restaurants.
- Discussion regarding the upcoming school year. Air handling filters alone are not as effective for air quality. Required masking not recommended but would defer decisions of mandatory masking by the School Committee be brought before the local boards of health.

NEW BUSINESS

- FY23 Contract for Housing Health Agent, Ms. McNeely with 3% recommended increase to be funded from Board of Health Revolving Account for an hourly rate and substitute coverage for Health Agent in their absence. All parties signed contract.
- FY23 Contract for Health Agent Steve Ball. Board of Health Revolving Fund account supports .5% portion of salary is paid and in addition to town budget funded salary. Accepted by Agent and Board of Health members. All parties signed contract.
- Information provided to Board regarding updated Open Meeting Law information received from Town Counsel.
- Notification from MDEP regarding Noncompliance for North 116 Flatts. Town does not monitor this system and is solely regulated by MDEP.

Next Board of Health meeting scheduled for August 22, 2022, 6:00PM.

Mr. Kushi motion to ADJOURN at 6:51PM, Ms. Williams second, vote 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Mel Williams
Board of Health Clerk

