

Approved May 27, 2021

Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2021, 3:30 pm
59 Main Street, Hatfield, MA
Virtual GoToMeeting

Present: Board Chair Bob Osley and Member Elizabeth Kugler.

CALL TO ORDER Chairperson Osley called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS None

PUBLIC FORUM No one for public forum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES None

POSTED BUSINESS

Topics were taken out of order.

TOPIC 10: The Board spoke to Samantha, the retail manager of Bardwell Farms regarding their application for a Food Establishment license, limited to coffee only. Member Kugler asked if this would be a self-serve service and the answer was no. The Board reiterated that since COVID they have made the decision that food permits would be half the usual amount to give establishments in Town a break until everyone is back up and running.

TOPIC 3: Geralyn Rodgers of the Council on Aging advised the Board that sometime in May the Council on Aging would like to slowly start bringing people back in. Ms. Rodgers told the Board that the exercise program is back, bingo and gym will be done inside once the Council on Aging is able to open. Ms. Rodgers reiterated that most senior centers are still closed but that the Council on Aging has been doing stuff online and trying to stay in touch with the elderly in Town. Basically, Ms. Rodgers wanted the Board to know what their reopening plan is. Everyone will be wearing masks, sanitizing and signs will posted. Ms. Rodgers also told the Board that it has been very important for the seniors to be able to do things through the Council on Aging during COVID. The Council on Aging has made appointments for about 620 residents for vaccinations. We will still require masks and we think it important that people not remain isolated.

TOPIC 9: Doug Poole was available for questions regarding his request for a body art establishment. Mr. Poole told the Board that the space is almost set up and that he has set of plans, separate waiting room, drawing room, storage cabinets, area to keep disposals, a tattoo station which will have a wash basin. He will be checking temperatures.

TOPIC 1: COVID status report received on Monday. Claudia Sarti sent another email with two cases but in the long run we are doing well.

TOPIC 2: Chair Osley said there have been a few episodes where MAVEN communications are being sent to Kerry Flaherty instead of Claudia Sarti. Kerry Flaherty forwards the information to Claudia Sarti. It was agreed that with MAVEN Claudia Sarti is primary and no

secondary. Member Kugler made a motion to withdraw Kerry Flaherty's name from the MAVEN, Chair Osley seconded, all in favor, aye, motion approved.

TOPIC 4: Charlie Kaniecki said things are starting to ramp up with food establishment inspections. Mr. Kaniecki said a number of facilities are not running strong but just doing take-out. Charlie Kaniecki told the Board that food trucks will be on an active list very soon.

TOPIC 11: Chair Osley spoke about the application fees for food establishments. The fees will be half because no one is fully up and running. Member Kugler made a motion to have fees cut in half until July 1st then the fees will go back to 100%. Chair Osley seconded, all in favor, aye, motion approved. Chair Osley said if circumstance change, we can reassess the fees at that time.

TOPIC 7 and 8: Chair Osley mentioned there are a couple of one day event permits and food truck permits. Chair Osley said there should be no problem with people adhering to 6 foot distances.

TOPIC 6: UMass Catering: Charlie Kaniecki, Health Agent, went over to Smith Academy to conduct an inspection but didn't want to interrupt them trying to get organized and running.

TOPIC 5: Chair Osley said the topic was brought up at the recent Selectboard meeting. The Selectmen are aware there are two issues 1) being a member and opting out of spraying and mitigation. One thing that was brought up was the cost of being a member of the Mosquito Control District and the discussion didn't pursue beyond that. Chair Osley stated that if there were outbreaks in towns around Hatfield those who conduct monitoring would conclude that Hatfield would be at risk. Member Kugler reiterated part of the problem is that you pay \$5,000.00 but if you need anything further, spraying, traps that Board of Selectmen didn't know how much it would cost. Chair Osley pointed out that as we get into the summer months when the species that carry the disease are more prevalent, we can send out education literature in the senior newsletter.

TOPIC 12: Rabies exposure. Recently a dog tested negative for rabies.

UNANTICIPATED NEW BUSINESS

There have been some complaints of trash and odors on Main Street. When the Board of Health investigated, they found no trash and the odor was coming from generators.

Regarding the basketball court, there are no rules that it cannot be open. The reason it was shut down is because people were not wearing masks and other people complained. The Board agreed that the courts could reopen but that if there is a disregard for the rules then we will shut it down. Chair Osley would like to take another look at State recommendations about courts and other basketball, which is a higher risk sport than tennis. The Board of Health's recommendations are with State and CDC guidelines.

Elizabeth Kugler made a motion to adjourn; Chair Osley seconded the motion, all in favor aye. The meeting ended at approximately 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully,

Karen Brodeur
Executive Assistant