

Approved June 30, 2021

Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
May 27, 2021, 3:30 pm
59 Main Street, Hatfield, MA

Present: Board Chair Bob Osley and Member Elizabeth Kugler and School Nurse Jean Hobbie.

CALL TO ORDER Chairperson Osley called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS None

PUBLIC FORUM No one for public forum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Member Kugler made a motion to approve the April 15, 2021 Minutes, Chair Osley seconded, all in favor, aye.

POSTED BUSINESS

Chair Osley said a few Agenda items will be taken out of order.

TOPIC 2: COVID-19 Update: School Nurse Jean Hobbie informed the Board about the new CDC announcement regarding the schools/students. Nurse Hobbie informed the Board that students will no longer be required to wear masks when participating in outdoor activity but that they must continue to wear masks if they cannot socially distance. Nurse Hobbie informed the Board that the School Committee voted to amend the guidelines to reflect that. Information has been sent to families stating that if students are not fully vaccinated, they must wear masks. Member Kugler asked if Nurse Hobbie knew how many students are vaccinated but Nurse Hobbie was unable to answer. Nurse Hobbie did mention that Walgreens will be doing clinics at schools depending on how many students want to be vaccinated. Chair Osley asked how many teachers are vaccinated and Nurse Hobbie informed him that most of them are with the exception of a couple.

TOPIC 3: Mosquito education for spraying opt-out program: Member Kugler informed the Board that because the Town is opting out of mosquito spraying, the Board of Health has chosen education for their back-up plan. The State wants towns that opt-out of the spraying to have a background plan. Educational brochures will be available and will be posted on the Town's website and Facebook.

TOPIC 4: Food inspections status: Health Agent Kanicki previously informed the Board that food inspections are a little under a half.

TOPIC 5: Legacy Smoke House cooler: This issue has resolved. Chair Osley did an inspection after a downpour and there was no standing water. Letters have been sent to the property owner and the manager stating the issue has resolved.

TOPIC 6: 320 West Street Update: During the previous week, Agent Kaniecki and Chair Osley went to the property and at that time there has been dramatic progress made. Chair Osley informed the Board that there are a couple of concerns left to be dealt with before the Board of Health could sign off on a Certificate of Occupancy. Chair Osley informed the Board that he and Agent Kaniecki will inspect the property periodically.

TOPIC 8: 2021 LBOH Arbovirus Coordinator: Chair Osley informed the Board that every year around this time we are entering EEE and West Nile season. The State updates their information as to who contact person for the Board of Health will be. Chair Osley volunteered to be the main contact but the State needs a secondary person. Member Kugler agreed to be secondary person.

Regarding TOPIC 1 and TOPIC 7 Chair Osley tabled these items until all Board members are present.

Adjourn: Member Kugler made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Chair Osley seconded the motion, all in favor, aye, motion to adjourn approved and the meeting adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

Respectfully,

Karen Brodeur
Executive Assistant