

Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2022, 3:30 pm
59 Main Street, Hatfield, MA

Present: Bob Osley, Chair, Member Liz Kugler; Vice Chair Jeffrey Zgrodnik

CALL TO ORDER Chair Osley called the meeting to order at 3:36 p.m.

PUBLIC FORUM Karen Brodeur addressed the Board about her experience with COVID. She asked the Board to get the word out that there are therapeutics for COVID but that you must start the therapeutics within 5 days of a positive result. She also informed the Board that her doctor's office told her that they go by the results of the home test. Also, she wanted the Board to know that even though she was prescribed oral therapeutics after monoclonal antibody treatment, there was not a pharmacy in the area that carried the medication. She asked the Board to reach out to senators or representatives to be sure that those medications can be obtained when needed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Vice Chair Zgrodnik made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of February 10, 2022 and February 16, 2022, Member Kugler seconded, all in favor, aye, minutes approved.

POSTED BUSINESS

TOPIC 1 COVID-19 Update: Chair Osley updated the Board with the numbers which are encouraging. There was discussion about ending the weekly robocalls beginning in April or May. The robocalls would resume should the number of COVID cases rise. The Board will take this topic up at their next meeting to agree on a date certain when the robocalls can stop.

TOPIC 2 Food inspections: new applications: Chair Osley and Vice Chair Zgrodnik mentioned there were a couple of new food applications. One company will be selling English muffins inside Sisters but would like to do some type of outside grilling in the warmer weather. Vice Chair Zgrodnik said he would stop by the area soon to see where this stands. Vice Chair Zgrodnik met the owners of the Old Mill Inn when he stopped by the property at 2-4 Prospect Street. He said the work is coming along nicely.

TOPIC 3 PERC tests and spring groundwater levels: Chair Osley wanted to remind the Board that this time of year can be difficult to perform PERC tests due to the ground still being frozen. You can do one of two things: 1) wait until ground thaws or 2) dig down below the frost line.

TOPIC 4 BOH budget review by Select Board and Finance Committee: Chair Osley informed the Board that he presented the Board of Health budget to the Select Board and Finance Committee Tuesday night. The only increase requested was \$1,400.00 for the Sharps program. We have been carrying a \$400.00 allocation, the cost went up dramatically. We have \$400.00 allotted and by December we spent \$600.00. On the plus side, it's a service being utilized by the community and keeps needles out of the trash. Chair Osley informed the Board of an upcoming expense, the Servsafe certificates for the Board members are coming due. Charlie Kaniecki is putting something together for May 10th at the Bluebonnet Diner. The cost is \$150.00. There should have enough in the educational budget to fund this.

UNANTICIPATED NEW BUSINESS: Member Kugler spoke about HPHPC. She spoke to Lauren Devine who would like to come to a Board of Health meeting soon to present her menu.

CONTINUED OLD BUSINESS:

ADJOURN

Vice Chair Zgrodnik made a motion to adjourn at 4:13 pm.; Member Kugler seconded, all in favor, aye, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully,

Karen Brodeur
Executive Assistant