

Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2022, 12:00 pm
59 Main Street, Hatfield, MA

Approved: November 9, 2022

Present: Bob Osley, Chair, Member Liz Kugler; and Charlie Kaniecki, Health Agent

CALL TO ORDER Chair Osley called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

PUBLIC FORUM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Member Kugler moved to approve meeting Minutes of September 29, 2022; Chair Osley seconded; no discussion; all in favor – aye; motion approved.

POSTED BUSINESS

TOPIC 1 COVID-19 update: Chair Osley asked if there was an update this week from Northampton Public Health. Health Agent Kaniecki said yes, and the numbers are still very low. Member Kugler told the Board there was a flu clinic at the Hatfield Senior Center on October 18 and 76 people came. The Northampton Public Health has given Member Kugler 3 possible days in November for COVID clinics. Member Kugler advised the Board there has been an issue ordering COVID vaccines so there are no definitive dates yet.

TOPIC 2 320 West Street: Health Agent Kaniecki informed the Board that he went back to 320 West Street and his business card was gone from the door. Although he can't say if the owner took the card or someone visiting the property took it. Health Agent Kaniecki did not see anything further out of order at the property. The Board agreed that they would continue to keep an eye on the property. The Board agreed that unless there are really bad health issues showing, the Board will let it be. Maybe in the springtime, minus any complaint, the Board will check on the owner then.

UNANTICIPATED NEW BUSINESS: 50 Bridge Street: Barb Oshepa called the Board of Health about her neighbor's disheveled yard. Health Agent Kaniecki asked the Board if he should send a notice about an official inspection. He informed the Board basically there are three cars, the yard is mowed and looks okay. The Board agreed that the Building Inspector would deal with the car issue, especially if they are unregistered. Health Agent Kaniecki spoke with the complainant about this, and she wants something done about the messy yard. The Board agreed that there is no sufficient evidence to conduct an investigation at this time.

The Board discussed the Public Health analysis and the information they are seeking. Member Kugler informed the Board it is her thinking that the Northampton Public Health Department may be looking to see where deficiencies are and who they would have to hire to cover all this. Health Agent Kaniecki met with other communities, and they are not going to regionalize. Chair

Osley thought maybe we should think the same. Member Kugler mentioned the Northampton Public Health has done a great job thus far for Hatfield.

Member Kugler asked the Board when the next meeting will be and thought it would be a good idea to schedule the next meeting during the current meeting. The Board agreed that the next meeting will occur on November 10 at 3:00 p.m.

CONTINUED OLD BUSINESS:

5 School Street: Health Agent Kaniecki informed the Board he has not had time to re-inspect this facility but will do so soon.

Board of Health Office: The Board of Health agreed that the Board of Health office will only be used by Board of Health officials.

ADJOURN Member Kugler made a motion to adjourn; Chair Osley seconded; no discussion; all in favor – aye; motion approved; meeting ended at 1:06 p.m.

Respectfully,

Karen Brodeur
Executive Assistant