

Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2022 at 3:00 pm
59 Main Street, Hatfield, MA

Approved January 12, 2023

Present: Bob Osley, Chair, Member Liz Kugler; Vice Chairperson Jeffrey Zgrodnik; Charlie Kaniecki, Health Agent

CALL TO ORDER Chair Osley called the meeting to order at 3:13 p.m.

PUBLIC FORUM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Member Kugler moved to accept the Minutes of November 9, 2022 as written; Vice Chairperson Zgrodnik seconded; no discussion; all in favor – aye; motion approved.

UNANTICIPATED NEW BUSINESS:

Chair Osley brought up the potato smell because of a complaint by a North Street resident. Chair Osley went there this morning and did not notice an odor. At this time, Chair Osley doesn't see anything that would suggest issues.

POSTED BUSINESS

TOPIC 1 16 North Street: Chair Osley thanked Health Agent Kaniecki for his work on this issue. Vice Chairperson made a motion to determine the building unfit for human habitation, a nuisance or may cause sickness or accident to the public; Member Kugler seconded; no discussion; all in favor – aye; motion approved. Vice Chairperson Zgrodnik made a motion instructing Health Agent Kaniecki to go into Court and obtain an Order; Member Kugler seconded; no discussion; all in favor – aye; motion approved. Vice Chairperson Zgrodnik suggested the Board write up an outline of the process to be posted on the Town's website and Facebook notifying the neighbors that something is being done. Health Agent Kaniecki informed the Board that he will be filing in Housing Court rather than Superior Court.

TOPIC 2 Opioid Settlement Funds: There was some discussion about how these funds can be used. Vice Chairperson Zgrodnik mentioned it's too bad the DARE program isn't around. Chair Osley mentioned implementing a validated local child assessment. Member Kugler will contact Nurse Jean Hobbie to see how many kids they have who may benefit from this.

TOPIC 3 Shared Services Update: Member Kugler updated the Board about vaccination clinics: there was a clinic today with 52 people signed up for covid and flu shots. On December 15, the Council on Aging will hold another vaccination clinic. Chair Osley asked the Board if

everyone feels comfortable with Northampton Public Health in providing services. The Board was happy with all that Northampton Public Health has done so far.

TOPIC 4 2023 Annual License Renewals: Member Kugler made a motion to approve the 2023 annual license renewals; Vice Chairperson Zgrodnik seconded; no discussion; all in favor — aye; motion approved.

TOPIC 5 January Meeting Date: The next meeting date will be January 12, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

CONTINUED OLD BUSINESS:

ADJOURN Member Kugler made a motion to adjourn; Vice Chairperson Zgrodnik seconded; no discussion; all in favor — aye; motion approved; meeting ended at 4:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Brodeur
Executive Assistant