

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

Present: Bob Osley, Chair; Jeffrey Zgrodnik, Vice Chairperson; Member Elizabeth Kugler;
School Nurse Jean Hobbie and Kerry Flaherty

CALL TO ORDER Chair Osley called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS None

PUBLIC FORUM No one for public forum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Member Kugler made a motion to approve the May 27, 2021 Minutes, Chair Osley seconded, all in favor, aye, minutes approved.

Prior to going to posted business, the Board heard from Jean Hobbie, School Nurse who sent the Board information about a substance abuse program called SPIFFY. SPIFFY has grant money available for communities who want to partner with government organizations about policies regarding substance abuse. The cost is \$12,000.00 for 2 years. SPIFFY is also intended to be “community” based as well as school based. Nurse Hobbie told the Board Northampton has six open and running marijuana dispensaries and are licensed to have 13. Vice Chairperson Jeffrey Zgrodnik asked Nurse Hobbie if she has presented this to School Committee and she said that both the school officials and committees are not in session and are reorganizing. Chair Osley mentioned that the program is good for the community as well as the schools. Member Kugler asked if the schools have any substance use programs in place now. Nurse Hobbie said that there is a program where they work with children trying to find out if they are using or if a member of their families use substance. Nurse Hobbie asked if the Board would want to hear about these types of programs in the future. Vice Chairperson Zgrodnik suggested that it should be brought before the School Committee before the Board of Health.

Kerry Flaherty brought to the Board’s attention the issue of emails that mentioned Sharon Hart monitoring the MAVEN system as that is not the case. It has been Kerry Flaherty monitoring MAVEN throughout the pandemic along with Charlie Kaniecki. Claudia Sarti is still monitoring MAVEN. Kerry Flaherty told the Board that MAVEN would notify you if there were cases in your area. Chair Osley said it makes sense to have someone still monitor MAVEN but that the federal government dropped the funding of MAVEN to the towns.

POSTED BUSINESS

TOPIC 1: Chair Osley reminded the Board that as of July 1st of every year the different boards need to reorganize. Member Kugler made a motion to have Bob Osley remains Chair; Vice Chairperson Zgrodnik seconded, all in favor, aye, motion approved. Vice Chairperson Zgrodnik

made a motion that Board members, with the exception of the Chair, reduce their stipend by 25% for the fiscal year to balance the budget and for MAVEN monitoring. Member Kugler seconded, all in favor, aye, motion passed.

TOPIC 2: The Board discussed scheduling and attending inspections. The Board agreed that they would schedule inspections, not the contractors.

TOPIC 3: Walgreen's called and asked if the Town will be interested in doing a flu clinic. Member Kugler made a motion to contact Walgreens and to contact Gerri, Director Council on Aging to support a flu clinic; Vice Chairperson Zgrodnik seconded, all in favor, aye, motion approved.

Recess was called at 4:45 pm because of the severe storm outside.

The Board was back on the record at 4:55 p.m.

TOPIC 4: The Board discussed how the workload would be distributed equally between the Members of the Board.

TOPIC 5: Chair Osley stated that he met with Marlene Michonski, Town Administrator about funding for MAVEN monitoring and contact tracing. Chair Osley has been looking into shared funding for continued monitoring.

TOPIC 6: Chair Osley informed the Board that it is his understanding that COVID case numbers will be low until around the Fall of 2021 and that Claudia Sarti is still monitoring MAVEN.

TOPIC 7: Chair Osley suggested to the Board that monthly meetings going forward will be held on the second Thursday of each month at 3:30 p.m. Member Kugler made a motion to change the monthly meetings to the second Thursday of each month; Vice Chairperson Zgrodnik seconded, all in favor, aye, motion approved.

TOPIC 8: Chair Osley reminded the Board that when they go out for inspections to take notes and pictures for the respective files.

TOPIC 9: The Executive Assistant asked if all emails going forward should include Charlie Kaniecki and she was told yes.

UNANTICIPATED NEW BUSINESS:

There was a telephone complaint regarding 77 Elm Street. Vice Chairperson Zgrodnik spoke to the landlord who was going to contact the tenant. Vice Chairperson Zgrodnik reached out again today and has not heard back from the landlord but he knows the landlord is out of town. Vice Chairperson Zgrodnik asked the landlord to give him a timeframe of when the issue will be taken care of but has not gotten back to him. Vice Chairperson Zgrodnik will drop by again.

Chair Osley told the Board that he spoke with Ethel Dwight on North Street and Chair Osley went for a site visit of her property and noticed that it stinks because of rotting potatoes from the fields. A follow up needs to occur.

TOPIC 10: Member Kugler updated the Board about the pamphlets being put out in Town Hall and Council on Aging. Chair Osley reminded the Board that if there are positive cases of EEE, Zica, West Nile MAVEN picks it up. Chair Osley mentioned that there should be a Code Red phone call if there are positive cases in Town.

TOPIC 11: Member Kugler asked about 320 West Street. Charlie Kaniecki informed the Board that the matter is now closed but if something changes, the Town can go back to Court.

Member Kugler moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:16 p.m.; Chair Osley seconded, all in favor, aye, motion to adjourn approved.

Respectfully,

Karen Brodeur
Executive Assistant