

Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2023 at 3:00 pm
59 Main Street, Hatfield, MA

Approved February 23, 2023

Present: Bob Osley, Chair, Member Liz Kugler; Charlie Kaniecki, Health Agent, School Nurse, Jean Hobbie

CALL TO ORDER Chair Osley called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

PUBLIC FORUM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Member Kugler moved to accept the December 8, 2022 Minutes as written; Chair Osley seconded; no discussion; all in favor – aye; motion approved.

UNANTICIPATED NEW BUSINESS:

POSTED BUSINESS

TOPIC 1 16 North Street: Health Agent Kaniecki informed the Board, at this point, everything is in place; the court date is January 30; there are no heirs and no probate has been filed. Mr. Kaniecki will go before judge and ask the judge to appoint a third party to clean up the mess. Once the judge rules in our favor, it could be within a few weeks for the clean-up to occur. Member Kugler asked what happens after it's cleaned up? Mr. Kaniecki said the receiver motions the court for a public auction. The public auction takes place, first the Town gets paid, then the receiver and, if there is a bank involved, they get their funds. Mr. Kaniecki informed the Board that the residence on King Street which had the fire is all cleaned up.

TOPIC 4 Construction Materials at the West Hatfield Well: Chair Osley and Mr. Kaniecki visited the area on Route 5 where the construction company was putting the fill. They noticed that the mound is a distance from the well. The material is not contaminated. If anyone is concerned about the construction materials, they should call DEP. Mr. Kaniecki said the Board of Health does not have direct jurisdiction over this.

TOPIC 2 Infectious Disease Update: Chair Osley informed the Board we have flu, COVID, strep and RSV- there are a lot of infectious things going on. A lot of this is in schools. Nurse Hobbie informed the Board COVID cases are at 8 this year, last year 16. Nurse Hobbie said some of the iHealth tests were duds but DPH will replace those. Regarding the Binax kits, the FDA extended the expiration date for 22 months from date of manufacture. Mr. Kaniecki asked Nurse Hobbie if she has seen pink eye and she replied yes. Nurse Hobbie expressed concern that parents cannot find childrens' Tylenol and ibuprofen. Mr. Kaniecki told her to try

Costco and BJ's. Nurse Hobbie thanked Member Kugler for the vaccine clinic last month, about 45 people showed up.

TOPIC 3 Shared Services Update: Member Kugler informed the Board last year there were seven vaccine clinics for COVID and flu and six presentations on different health topics, all for free from the Northampton Public Health.

TOPIC 5 February Meeting Date:

Next meeting February 23, 2023 at 3:00 PM.

Member Kugler asked about the illegal tattoo parlor: Do the owners have to comply with us? Mr. Kaniecki answered no but they open themselves up to a liability issue. If they are running this out of there, the landlord is in violation as much as the business owner. The landlord may not know a tattoo parlor is being run out there.

CONTINUED OLD BUSINESS:

ADJOURN Member Kugler made a motion to adjourn; Chair Osley seconded; no discussion; all in favor – aye; motion approved; meeting ended at 3:47 PM.