

Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2023 at 3:30 pm
59 Main Street, Hatfield, MA

Approved May 18, 2023

Present: Bob Osley, Chair; Member Liz Kugler and Vice Chairperson Jeff Zgrodnik; Health Agent Charles Kaniecki

CALL TO ORDER Chair Osley called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

PUBLIC FORUM No one

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Member Liz Kugler moved to accept the minutes as written. Seconded by chair. All in favor. Minutes accepted.

POSTED BUSINESS

TOPIC 1: Erica Gees – Discussion of Potential Request for Variance of Private Well: Erica Gees, principal in the design firm Nomad Design Group presented layout design for an addition and proposed well location at the Stiebel facility on West Street. The location meets setback recommendations from property lines and buildings. The water will be used for pressure testing water tanks manufactured at the facility with purported low volume use. Due to soil condition and space restraints, a SAS could not be used and would be put into the Town sewer system. She said that after passing through the incorporated filtration system, the effluent is potable in other facilities owned by the company in Europe. The Board made it clear that they will need to contact the Water Department to arrange for proper metering of the discharge into the Town sewer system. Erica will present final drawings to the Board with the granted variance for the well location.

TOPIC 2: Hampshire Public Health Preparedness Coalition: Liz Kugler attended an online meeting April 19th. See attached meeting notes. Regarding the capacity survey, they asked what additional help we need to complete inspections of all kinds. HES requested contact to address vaping. Meredith O'Leary will get contact information for Heather Warner who handles school education programs. Next HPHPC in-person meeting is May 17th, 5-7 PM at the Northampton Senior Center.

TOPIC 3: Update 16 North Street: Charlie Kaniecki attended the hearing in Housing Court on April 10th. The judge remanded the case to the State Land Court for a final decision on ownership of the property. It is hoped that this will give clear title and allow the receiver to move forward with demolition.

TOPIC 4 May Meeting Date: May 18, 2023 at 3:30 PM This would be after the election and allow the Board to meet the new Board member and reconstitute the Board organization.

Unanticipated Business

Liz Kugler has decided not to run for an additional term on the Board. The Board wishes to thank her for her dedicated service during her term on the Board, particularly with her involvement with the Shared Services coalition with Northampton, setting up vaccine clinics, coordinating public health education presentations, acting as liaison to the schools, as well as other direct BOH issues. She will be missed as a member of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Osley
Chair