

Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
December 7, 2021, 3:30 pm
59 Main Street, Hatfield, MA

Present: Bob Osley, Chair, Member Liz Kugler; Vice Chair Jeffrey Zgrodnik

CALL TO ORDER Chair Osley called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

POSTED BUSINESS

TOPIC 1: Discuss and Vote on Memorandum of Understanding Between the Town of Hatfield and the City of Northampton: Chair Osley stated that this meeting has a single agenda item, to discuss and vote on whether the Board of Health is in favor of participating in the Public Health Excellence Grant for shared services. This topic was discussed at the November 9th meeting but no vote was taken. The grant will be administered by the Northampton Board of Health acting as the host organization. The grant will provide shared services for COVID monitoring, reporting and tracing as well as monitoring non-COVID related diseases on MAVEN. They will also help set up COVID vaccination clinics in the community. When cases and vaccinations slow down, they will offer public health prevention education through printed material, social media, community forums and education. They can provide reports on COVID-19 cases in Hatfield. A member of their team can attend Board of Health or Town meetings to provide additional information about the grant and workplan. Chair Osley informed the Board that the agreement can be terminated at any time with 15 days notice. Chair Osley also informed the Board that whenever there is a change in protocol and structure, there is a certain learning curve to find out who does what and he anticipates that may be a few glitches in getting the reports to the right person(s) at the right time. Member Kugler informed the Board that she attended the vaccination clinic the previous Saturday and she was impressed with their efficiency and organization. Also, the Northampton Board of Health was able to vaccinate a smaller number of people where other organizations would not. Member Zgrodnik stated that this is a regional program with a larger outreach. Chair Osley stated that he feels comfortable with the administration and delivery with this organization.

Member Zgrodnik made a motion to accept the Agreement between the City of Northampton Public Health Department and the Town of Hatfield; Member Kugler seconded; all in favor, aye, motion approved.

Member Zgrodnik made a motion to adjourn at 3:43p.m., Member Kugler seconded, all in favor, aye, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully,

Karen Brodeur
Executive Assistant