

WHATELY BOARD OF HEALTH

FOOTHILLS HEALTH DISTRICT

4 SANDY LANE

SOUTH DEERFIELD, MA 01373

MEETING MINUTES February 23, 2021

Called to order 5:33pm

PRESENT: Fran Fortino, Chair; Becky Jones, MD; Michael Archbald, Mark Bushee, District Health Agent

1. **Meeting minutes** for 2/9/21 and 2/16/21 reviewed, motion made to accept the two meeting minutes, voted unanimously to accept.
2. **Covid19 update and any School news.**
 - Currently two Whately residents have tested positive for Covid19.
 - Our in-town operation of Yankee Candle did have a significant grouping of 27 employees with covid. By all evidence with Mark's inspection, Yankee Candle has many policies in place, PPE available and does a lot in the building to care for their employees. Concern is that many carpool from other area towns and cities. They have also been working with our District Health Nurse Connie Schwaiger.
 - Manheim Farm currently has no active cases.
 - Next Vaccine Clinic scheduled for Thursday 2/25 and Friday 2/26 with 500 doses to give in total.
 - No updates regarding the manure pile on Chestnut Plain Road resident's property.
3. **FHD and other business**
 - CTC- no updates, overall communication has improved, more reach out from CTC to LBOH has been appreciated. Systemic issues like the street address/zip code issue have not been addressed.
 - Valley Neighbors is moving forward with training and bringing in both new members and volunteers.
 - The application for the Age-friendly status has been taken over by Lifepath who got a grant for regional collaboration on this initiative and should be ready in April. BOH is still considering if we should just sign on with LifePath to cover our region. Christina Johnson is on the age-friendly steering committee.
 - Mark brought up an additional business with the residence on the end of Swamp Road (#60), Mrs. Reed's duplex. A repeat tenant has filed another complaint that is being looked in to.

9. Monthly bills paid

Next Meeting set for: February 9, 2021.

Meeting adjourned 6:20pm

Respectfully Submitted by Michael Archbald, Member Whately Board of Health