

# WHATELY BOARD OF HEALTH

## FOOTHILLS HEALTH DISTRICT

4 SANDY LANE

SOUTH DEERFIELD, MA 01373

### MEETING MINUTES, Tuesday February 9, 2021

**Called to order 5:37pm**

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

1. Reviewed meeting minutes from February 2, 2021. Motion made to accept as written, seconded, unanimous approval of the 2/2/21 minutes.
2. Current Topics:
  - **Covid19 town and school updates.** No school updates. The Board is very much in favor of prioritizing all teachers, and in particular for 65 years and older. In town the farmworkers have become a focus. Challenges include language barrier, employer involvement, carpooling, and the transient nature of the work. We will continue to work with farm owners including making information available in multiple languages. The Board is open to assisting in any way possible to help address these challenges.
  - **Idle Free Zones.** The signs are in and Keith Bardwell, Head of the Highway Department has them
  - **Manure Pile.** Wayne H. spoke with Long Plain Road resident and shared again with him the letter sent by the BOH. We want to help find any opportunities for any state or regional funding assistance that might be available. We will review the Zoning Bylaws passed at Town Meeting last June. From the Zoning Bylaw:  
"Section E PROHIBITED USES<sup>[L]<sub>SEP</sub></sup>  
**The following uses are prohibited within the Aquifer Protection District:**  
#2R. storage of manure, unless such storage is within a structure designed to prevent the generation and escape of contaminated runoff and leachate; [Added ATM 6-23-20, Article 34]."
3. **CTC Meeting.** Fran reviewed with the Board the outline of the meeting. Maven as expected was a major topic. The challenges we've been having with actual address vs. zip codes was discussed. Becky Jones brought up the common sense idea being worked on in Vermont which is to have a universal registration to address some of the concerns of ethnicity identification, addresses, etc. <sup>[L]<sub>SEP</sub></sup>
4. Monthly bills paid

Next Meeting set for: February 16, 2021

Meeting adjourned 6:35 pm

Respectfully Submitted

Michael Archbald, Member Whately Board of Health