

WHATELY BOARD OF HEALTH

4 SANDY LANE

SOUTH DEERFIELD, MA 01373

MEETING MINUTES November 2 , 2021

Called to order 5:32pm

PRESENT: Fran Fortino, Chair; Becky Jones, MD; Michael Archbald, Mark Bushee, District Health Agent, Cyndi Steiner, Joyce Palmer Fortune, Adelia Bardwell, Chris Larrabee

1. **Minutes** of BOH meeting from October 6, 2021 reviewed, voted unanimously to approve as amended
2. **Current Topics**
 - **Schools and Town Covid 19 Updates.** Some increase in cases being observed in Franklin County. Schools have been increasingly challenging places to keep students social distancing.
 - **Town building and public in-person meetings.** For town public meetings the Board supports the CDC and DPH recommendations of adequate ventilation for the space size and number of attendees. As vaccines continue to be the most effective tool to prevent spread of the virus the Board will continue to make that message central. Town related meetings need to accommodate residents vs. “entertainment” events. The Library (Cyndi) is looking to hold events (“Friend Union,” and a Union 38 “Story Group”) that are both safe for the health of the participants as well as entertaining and educational. The Board of Health will continue to assist with guidance based on latest science based recommendations.
 - **60 Swamp Road** Mrs. Reed requested an extension for the remaining two campers at the campgrounds. Was given until 11/2/2021 to close grounds for campers. Tempers are dropping rapidly and there is concern for the safety of the campers.
 - **Town ARPA Funds Committee:** The Committee is still looking for resident input. From a health perspective Bec Jones is looking at items from tents and supplies to stand up potential clinics to environmental ideas like more walk/bath paths, trails with a focus on creating connectivity and safety for residents.
 - **FHD** No current issues or news
3. **Monthly bills paid**

Next Meeting set for: December 7, 2021

Meeting adjourned 6:25pm

Respectfully Submitted

Michael Archbald

Member Whately Board of Health