

WHATELY BOARD OF HEALTH

4 SANDY LANE

SOUTH DEERFIELD, MA 01373

MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 7, 2021

Called to order 5:35 pm

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

1. **Minutes** of BOH meeting from 11/2/2021 reviewed and unanimously accepted as written.
2. **Current Topics**
 - **Schools and Town Building Guide/Covid 19 Updates.** Michael reviewed current numbers of Covid cases in town. Eight total cases, several are coming off quarantine. With the increase in cases seen in our community the BOH is not changing any guidelines for public buildings in town.
 - **215 State Road.** Issue regarding inadvertent puncture of septic tank by gas installer has been resolved with replacement of the tank.
 - **Housing Issues at 60 Swamp Road.** Due to a complaint from the tenants a brief inspection of both apartments revealed numerous issues: railings; stair safety; electrical issues including outlets that 'smoke' when used; improper outlets near sinks; outlets that don't work at all; roof leaks apparent from fresh water stains; sump pump in the cellar appears to be running constantly and dumping near the septic system; front doors need insulation; leaking toilets and appearance of damaged wood under toilets; question of potential cross metering from one apartment to the other. Mark was clear the assistance of the FRCOG inspectors will be required and they are apparently very busy. Mark/Alex White will work with property owner providing a list of needed repairs and a timeline.
 - **White Birch Campgrounds:** Mark will clarify there are no campers left
 - **ARPA Funds.** Board continued to refine our recommendations for health and wellbeing ideas for the residents of Whately. Including: creating a BOH secure space, storage for digitized BOH files, PT Community Health Worker, supplies to stand up clinics as needed, etc.
3. **Monthly bills paid**

Next Meeting set for: January 4, 2022

Respectfully Submitted

Meeting adjourned 6:45 pm

Michael Archbald

Member Whately Board of Health