

WHATELY BOARD OF HEALTH

4 SANDY LANE

SOUTH DEERFIELD, MA 01373

MEETING MINUTES for Tuesday, September 6, 2022

Called to order 5:35 pm

PRESENT: Fran Fortin (Chair), Becky Jones (member), Michael Archbald, (Member), Mark Bushee (Foothills Health Director), Niki Vaughan (Health Inspector), Mrs. Bich-Thuy Reed, Mr. Reed, Atty Stanley Komack (representing Mrs. Reed), Jen Cortis, John Williams, Sandy Schwitzer, Jody Radigan

1. **Appeal Hearing re: property on 60B Swamp Road requested by Owner** Mark Bushee reviewed the list of issues/code violations that have been of concern as well as what work has been completed. Mark plans to continue to work with Mrs. Reed and 60 Swamp Road tenants to monitor progress. One issue remains that Mrs. Reed states she gives tenant notice that repair people are coming, and tenant does not allow them in and the tenant states she rarely gets notice or it's the night before and a message is left on her voicemail. Request made by Mrs. Reed/Atty. Komack to rescind the current fines imposed on Mrs. Reed (approx. \$4,000), Board took this under advisement. Agreement made with Mrs. Reed to give proper notice for work scheduled and for Jen Cortis (Tenant) to work with her. At this point Ms. Cortis stated she would be moving out in the next one-two weeks.
2. **Minutes** of BOH meeting from July 12, 2022 and August 2, 2022 reviewed by the Board, motion made to accept as written, seconded, and unanimously voted to accept.
3. **Covid19 Updates/PHN Clinics/Policy Changes for town buildings/AED Lifepak** Michael Archbald as PHN reports clinics have begun in Whately, Williamsburg and Westhampton. Covid19 update: currently there are two residents who have tested positive via PCR, no reports, questions or concerns voiced from home-tested residents. Have received calls regarding new vaccine availability/timing. No new information to report on Monkey pox. Board also discussed AED Lifepak in town office and to what extent do we want multiple town employees to be trained. Michael will reach out to Zak Smith, EMS Director, South Co. Emergency Services.
4. **Housing: White Birch Campgrounds-** No updates. **18 Whately Glenn-** Michael reviewed visit with Don Bates. Mark Bushee will visit, review waste system, confirm status on the residence itself (condemned or not). **149 Haydenville Road-** Mark reviewed his visit to the currently two-apartment home. The owner told him a third apartment is being planned. Several issue/concerns identified, one apartment has no working stove, attempts to turn it on immediately trips breaker, no proper outlet, no smoke detectors (reported to WFD), and lacking a second egress.

Installed septic system was designed for four bedrooms. Future inspections will be needed to confirm no more than four bedrooms when construction/repairs are completed.

5. **Composting/Recycling for Town sponsored public Events-** Becky Jones has developed some ideas she plans to bring to the Selectboard. While there are details to be flushed out the entire Health Board is unanimous in advancing the goal to keep trash out of landfills and Compost/Recycle whenever, wherever possible.
6. **Tri – Town Beach water testing-** Health Director has now been receiving test results, and will determine what closing date for the season is/was.
7. **Hazard Waste collection 09/07/2022, Bulky Waste collection 10/23/2022**
8. **Foothills Update-** Next meeting scheduled for **Sept 21, 2022, 6:30 p.m.**
9. **Monthly bills paid**

Next Meeting set for: October 4,th 2022

Meeting adjourned 7:12 pm

Respectfully Submitted

Michael Archbald

Member Whately Board of Health