

WHATELY BOARD OF HEALTH

4 SANDY LANE

SOUTH DEERFIELD, MA 01373

MEETING MINUTES for Tuesday October 4, 2022

Called to order 5:45pm

PRESENT: Mark Bushee (FHD), Niki Vaughan, Fran Fortin, (Chair), Becky Jones, MD, member, Michael Archbald, member, Mrs. And Mr. Reed

1. **Minutes** Meeting minutes from 9/6/22 reviewed, motion made to accept minutes as written, seconded, unanimous vote to accept minutes.
2. **Housing updates: 60 Swamp Rd.; White Birch Campgrounds; 18 Whately Glenn and 149 Haydenville Road**
 1. **60B Swamp Rd** Review of current status, a short list of small tasks remain which Mrs. Reed stated she can finish up while the rental unit is currently vacant. Mrs. Reed states she is having difficulties hiring contractors. Mark will follow up when Mrs. Reed reports the final items have been addressed.
 2. **White Birch Campgrounds:** Mrs Reed was asked about the approximately 12-14 campers on the grounds, she states her understanding that all campers must no longer be staying there past 10/31/22 per the Whately Zoning Board. A couple of the campers (structures, not individuals) have deteriorated, are no longer inhabitable and will need to be removed, she states she is seeking bids for that work.
 3. **18 Whately Glenn.** Mark reports a letter was sent from the FHD requesting an inspection. Concerns are the resident is staying in a camper running a hose and electrical extension cord from the house (approx. 180') and with an unknown waste management process. Mark to follow up.
 4. **149 Haydenville Road.** Mark reports there are communication issues between tenant and landlord. Tenant has reported to Niki that she doesn't want to/won't work with the landlord, and complains of heating issues but until she talks to the owner that can't get rectified. Mark/Niki will continue to encourage tenant to work with the owner.
3. **Covid19 Updates/PHN Clinics/Policy Changes for town buildings (if changes)**

Michael reports little news on COVID19 front, vaccinations in S Dfld on Friday 9/30/22 brought in 300 people, flu clinic that morning brought in 80. Increasing concern identified for this year's annual flu as immune systems untapped for fighting flu these last couple years with masking/social distancing, etc may be less than idea for this year's season. Bottom line- the more people who get the flu vaccine the better for the health of the whole community.

4. **Review of composting (and recycling) policy for public events in Whately.** Becky reported that the Historical Society Fall Festival was a success in educating our residents on our goals and recycling where we could. Ideally that will be the last Whately Town supported event that will permit non-recyclable/compostable plates, cups, utensils, etc. Next steps include purchasing of bins for the town and development of a timeframe to make recycling a mandatory requirement for all future town sponsored events.
5. **Bulky Waste Oct. 22 -need volunteers** Fran has most shifts filled but is looking for a couple more folks to step in.
6. **FHD and beyond: PHE capacity assessment -Phase 2, FHD next mtg.** Fran explained the importance of completing the PHE Cap Assessment and resent via email. Next FHD set for Wednesday 10/19/22 at 6:30pm.
7. **Monthly bills paid**

Next Meeting set for: November 1, 2021

Meeting adjourned 6:35pm

Respectfully Submitted

Michael Archbald

Member Whately Board of Health