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## Board of Health Minutes

June 5, 2019

As Approved – August 14, 2019

Present: Diane Dietzen, MD, Chair; Walter Wolf, DPM, Clerk; Sharon Hart, Public Health Director; Jennifer Jernigan, Assistant Public Health Director; Kathleen Davis, South Hadley; Robert Pleasure, South Hadley; Walter Hamilton, South Hadley

*The Board of Health Meeting was called to order at 4:32 p.m. by Dr. Wolf.*

### 1. Acceptance of Minutes:

Dr. Wolf motioned to accept the minutes of the April 3<sup>rd</sup> and May 6<sup>th</sup> meetings.  
Dr. Dietzen seconded that. All were in favor.

### 2. Director's Report:

No Director's report due to Jen's vacation and the Director doing perc tests at the proposed North Pole Estates. Director Hart oversaw 55 lots having perc tests so far at North Pole Estates.

- a. Director brought to the Board's attention new condo subdivision on Amherst Road.
- b. The Mosquito Control District was reviewed and how it works - surveillance only being done. No chemical spraying going on. Dr. Wolf had been getting questions on what pesticides being used so it was discussed how it is surveillance only right now.
- c. Dr. Wolf asked about the Old Lyman Road group home and what it is for. He has been getting questions. According to Director Hart, there will be 16 beds at the home with the option to expand up to 32. The Center for Human Development (CHD) is doing it and there will be no fees exchanged. It is an Opioid recovery home - funded by the State and CHD will run it. It is not considered a lodging house. No food permit will be needed either.

### 3. Public Hearing: Institute Regulations on Water Testing in Municipal Buildings and Facilities Following DEP Standards - 4:45 p.m.

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Dr. Dietzen opened up the public hearing. Then Director Hart gave an update. The School Department is using the allocated funds for what has been done already. They are going to change out any appliances affected, starting with the High School. The new money comes in July 1, 2019. Hopefully they will have all three schools done by September, when school starts. Also, there will be a new facilities manager to handle the schools and town buildings.

Dr. Dietzen made a point that there needs to be testing in all municipal buildings soon. Director Hart agreed.

It was decided that the only change needed on the regulation was to re-write it to match the DEP standards like Director Hart had it originally. Dr. Wolf and Dr. Dietzen were in agreement on this.

Kathleen Davis from South Hadley asked where the money was coming from for the July 1, 2019 budget. Director Hart replied that it is coming from the town budget. Kathleen then replied that there was not a special vote on it at the town meeting this year. Director Hart stated that she would look into this. Kathleen then also stated that she was concerned about Mosier Elementary School. She said that they have had 30 outlets contaminated with lead above 1 ppb. They are going to do all the schools, per Director Hart. Not just the High School. Kathleen then requested a timeline. Director Hart responded that this just came out and the School Department is trying to do everything before September. Flushing the system was also discussed by the Board.

Dr. Wolf questioned page 1 of the yellowed-out copy of the water regulations. He asked why that yellowed-out section towards the bottom is not on today's regulations. Director Hart responded that the section there was taken out of context. Page 2 on the yellowed-out copy is not on page 2 of the new one either, per Dr. Wolf. Director Hart will add it. Dr. Dietzen then mentioned that they had also talked about adding a section about the importance of testing for copper, The reference on that was removed. Dr. Diezen then asked on the new state policy for water testing as well. It applies to both school and municipal buildings, she said. We are sticking with their standards, per Director Hart. Dr. Dietzen wanted to know if the way the regulation was written could be simplified by just stating that we are following the state guidance and then not change the buildings that we intend to cover. It was decided that it couldn't be. Robert Pleasure gave what he would like to see as changes. The regulation was then reworked with the Board. It was decided to alter the Standards definition on page 3 of the regulation. Kathleen Davis had a few more items to discuss about the regulation and stated how appreciative she is with the efforts of the Board of Health on this regulation.

Dr. Dietzen motioned and Dr. Wolf seconded to sign the regulation. They did sign it and it is effective July 1, 2019. The Public Hearing was then closed.

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#### 4. New Business:

##### (a): Gun Control Speaker

Dr. Wolf talked of his concern felt with the active shooter training situations in the schools. He was there when one was going on at the High School. They were all herded into a closet where they could have been all killed. Director Hart reviewed the types of trainings done, as part of her Emergency Management role here in town. She discussed the change coming through where the focus isn't on being locked down. If you can get out, you get out. But she also stated that these type trainings aren't done with the children yet as there is still a decision to be made on what they are going to do. Various trainings that Director Hart and Jennifer Jernigan took part in were reviewed.

The speaker on gun control was then discussed. The Board agreed to have her in to talk at a board meeting for 20 minutes or so. It could generate ideas for the Board of Health to help in this area.

##### (b): Food Regulation

Director Hart stated that the food code has changed. Retail food sales used to be included. Now it isn't. A lot of cities and towns want to check them still because of CBD, recalls, etc. A model regulation was used by other towns or cities and Director Hart has looked at it for South Hadley.

CBD products were discussed. No one should be selling it, per Director Hart. It is not legal in any food product right now. Retail stores wouldn't be checked for it if we don't put in a regulation. Bed and breakfasts are no longer required to be inspected either, per Director Hart. The cottage food definition is the same as a residential kitchen and that was reviewed. Director Hart would like to continue what we have done in the past.

Dr. Wolf made a motion to have a public hearing on these regulations at the next Board of Health Meeting. Dr. Dietzen seconded. All were in agreement.

The next Board of Health meeting was set for August 14, 2019 per Dr. Wolf and Dr. Dietzen.

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## 5. Old Business:

### (a): North Pole Estates

Director Hart did 55 lots for perc tests and deep holes. She described the process.

The letter went out and we have not heard back.

Some percs will need to be redone in the future and they will do percs where storm water retentions are.

Dr. Wolf asked if Director Hart saw trucks when doing percs. Walter Hamilton spoke and stated that there are lots of trucks. They go all day, from 8 am – 4 pm. Director Hart stated that they were doing lots of screening this week. Dr. Wolf then stated that most of the natural filter will be gone anyway, even if Water Department 2 tries to get funding to purchase the land. Robert Pleasure then questioned the perc tests designated by the preliminary plan. At the Planning Board meeting someone had questioned about gravel and soil being removed for the housing development. He wanted to know if the perc tests being done now at the site will have to be done again later. Director Hart said that with the definitive plan, those areas that have grade changed will have to be perced again. Robert Pleasure then stated that this is giving valuable information about the risk to the well. The fact that it percs means that the aquifer is working, per Doctor Dietzen. Director Hart stated that there is beautiful top soil there that she hopes stays.

It was then discussed that next Tuesday, Dr. Dietzen, as Chair, is invited to a Planning Board meeting with other departments to discuss environmental concerns and safety. Robert Pleasure stated that he wants them to negotiate for their missions at this meeting. The Board of Health's mission is to protect the water. Kathleen Davis asked if it was an open meeting and was told it wasn't, as far as Director Hart knows. She said that she could check with the Planning Board on that. Director Hart asked the audience to give information to her or Dr. Dietzen if it applies to public health and they want it discussed at that meeting. Dr. Dietzen is still waiting to hear on her letter to the Attorney General on what their power is.

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**6. Adjournment:**

Dr. Wolf motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. Dr. Dietzen seconded and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer J. Jernigan  
Assistant Director of Public Health

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**ATTACHMENT A**

**DOCUMENT**

**RECORD LOCATION**

South Hadley Board of Health  
Food Establishment Regulation

BOH File

Gun Safety Presentations Email  
dated May 2, 2019 from Stephanie Strand

BOH File

Letter to the Attorney General’s Office  
From Diane Diezen, Chair dated May 22, 2019

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Letter from the Board of Health to Chicopee  
Concrete Services dated May 7, 2019

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