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TONY JUDGE

SHARON D. HART, Public Health Director

Board of Health Minutes

July 08, 2020

As Approved – September 15, 2020

Present: Jessica Collins, Chair; Walter R. Wolf, DPM, Vice-Chair; Karen Walsh Pio, LICSW, LADC 1, Clerk; Tony Judge; Sharon Hart, Public Health Director; Jennifer Jernigan, Assistant Public Health Director

Jennifer Jernigan alerted all present at the virtual meeting that it was being recorded and started the recording.

The Board of Health Meeting was called to order at 4:44 p.m. by Jessica Collins.

Jessica discussed with the Board the resignation from the Board of Health given by Linda Duguay. They still have a quorum for tonight's meeting so the meeting went on. They will have to look into how to get another fifth member.

1: Acceptance of Minutes:

Walsh Pio made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 16, 2020 meeting. Wolf seconded. All were in favor.

2: Announcements:

Walsh Pio announced that the Mount Holyoke Campus is now open. There are new signs placed around the campus to social distance and wear masks. Hart discussed their opening plans for students with the Board.

3: Director's Report:

Hart discussed the Corona/Lyme project as well as the re-opening plans that she and Jernigan are reviewing due to the COVID-19 crisis. Hart and Jernigan are reviewing plans now for businesses that they don't typically do, if requested, due to the crisis.

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Phase 3, Part 1 of the Governor's reopening plan was also reviewed with the Board.

Enforcement was covered as well as the numbers for the town.

New food plan reviews were discussed for the Drunken Rabbit and The Whiskey Barrel.

Director Hart reviewed with the Board her work on the new round of tobacco grants.

4: New Business:

(a) Racism as a Public Health Crisis

Collins told the Board that the Selectboard put out a statement on this topic. She asked the Board if they were interested in doing something with this topic.

Walsh Pio was interested in a potential review of police policies. She wondered if they were already doing this, however. Wolf asked Hart if this was under the Board's jurisdiction. Hart told the Board that she received a grant for a part-time position in the Health Department so that they could interface with the police department. Wolf thought that having an intermediary between all Boards may be a good approach.

It was discussed then how handle such a broad topic. What would the Board of Health's goals be? It was decided that the Board would take an opportunity to think about this topic. Collins will forward to all Board members what other towns have done with this topic so they could begin to formulate a plan. Collins would like to keep this on the running agenda so that the Board can talk about it and make a plan.

It was decided by the Board to look at what Chief Gundersen has done and to acknowledge her leadership. An email will be sent to Gundersen from the whole Board. Collins will draft it up and Hart will review it. Then Hart will put it out to all Board of Health members.

Wolf motioned to send email to Gundersen. Walsh Pio seconded and all were in favor.

(b) COVID-19 Testing Information in The Town Reminder

Judge spoke to Keith Turley at The Reminder regarding placing a notice in the paper on how to get tested for COVID-19 but when he tried to confirm with The Reminder, he couldn't reach anyone there. Judge also stated that no one responded to him from the

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Board of Health on what was developed either? The Board told Judge that they never received anything from him.

The Board then decided that the topic was still germane. Hart went over when the test is free and how that works. Judge will send the copy to the Board for review.

(c) Require Restaurants in South Hadley to Retain Phone Number of Someone in the Guest Party for Possible Contact Tracing

Hart described the recommendation by the State that restaurants retain the phone number of someone in guest parties for possible contact tracing but told the Board that this is not a requirement. Hart said that making it a requirement would be helpful for the Health Department.

The Board had questions on how long the restaurant would need to keep the information, that the information only be used for COVID-19 contact tracing, that HIPAA rules are being followed, and what to do with people that won't comply. Wolf suggested that Hart check with Yee, owner of a bunch of restaurants in town to see if requiring this would be onerous for restaurants. Walsh Pao agreed that checking with a bunch of restaurants for their opinions would be helpful. It could also be a selling point for a restaurant. Hart will look into this.

5: Old Business:

(a): Status on North Pole Estates

Collins stated that the Board of Health met on June 16, 2020. She said that there had been one more public hearing of the Planning Board since the Board of Health has been together. The Board of Health submitted their letter to Richard Harris and Chair Hutchison. The next Planning Board meeting next week does not have North Pole Estates on their agenda. Hart stated that she has not received any response back from Chicopee Concrete yet regarding the Third-Party review. Collins stated that there is still a lot of feedback being given on the project.

Wolf asked if there was any feedback on the Board of Health's letter to Chair Hutchison and Richard Harris. Hart said that when she spoke to Harris, he had sent it to the applicant and his Board. Collins stated that she did get an email from Chair Hutchison that he received their letter but they didn't get the letter until the afternoon of the public hearing. Walsh Pao will speak to Joanna Brown of the Planning Board to see if she has heard anything on the Board of Health letter. Wolf said if this is checked, then the Board of Health can say "We Provided you with our recommendation and what are you doing with it?" Collins will share with the Board of Health emails received from all the people working on this issue.

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The Board then discussed the septic regulations reviewed last summer for Cape Cod. Hart stated that the Zone 2 requirement was made for the whole town on one of them. Hart stated that this wouldn't apply for South Hadley. As the Board was looking for future planning, Hart stated that they could look into requiring one large system per subdivision for certain areas in town. The Board of Health would need to work with the Planning Department. Research would need to be done because it may be needed to be done for the whole town, not just Zone 2. When asked by Collins if the Board was interested in looking into this, Wolf said he was. Judge wanted to know what the Board of Health will do if the North Pole Subdivision is approved. He questioned the letter from Lisa Mead, Town Attorney, entitled: "Role of Board of Health under Subdivision Control Law" dated June 9, 2020. Collins asked that this letter be on the next agenda. She felt that it is a good place to start on what the Board of Health can weigh in on.

5:51 p.m Wolf left the meeting.

Walsh Pio agreed that this would be good to look into for future regulations. Hart offered to come up with items and then have the Town Council join a Board of Health meeting like the Town Administrator had offered. This sounded good to the Board.

The next Board of Health meeting was set for August 12, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer J. Jernigan
Assistant Director of Public Health

ATTACHMENT A

System Pumping Records 305 River Road 258 Hadley Street 110 Woodbridge Street 49 Pearl Street 5 Bach Lane 22 Cove Island 113 Woodbridge Street 95 Woodbridge Street	BOH File
COVID Numbers	BOH File
Statement on Racism – Selectboard	BOH File
Letter dated June 19, 2020 from Board of Health to Brad Hutchison, Chair of Planning Board Regarding North Pole Estates	BOH File
Director’s Report	BOH File