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**NOTICE**

**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING  
(Hybrid – attend via Zoom Webinar or in person at South Hadley Library)  
&  
AGENDA**

**September 12, 2023**

**6:00 p.m.**

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**NOTE: Not all the topics listed in this notice may actually be reached for discussion. In addition, the topics listed are those which the Chair reasonably expects will be discussed as of the date of this notice.**

**To: Board of Health Members**

**From: Sharon D. Hart, Director of Public Health**

**Re: A Board of Health Meeting (Hybrid) will be held on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the South Hadley Library.**

- 1: Chair to Call the Meeting to Order**
- 2: Acceptance of the Minutes of the July 10, 2023 meeting**
- 3: Announcements and Open Forum (10 Minutes)**

**4: New Business:**

- (a): Director's Report
- (b): Emergency Orders to Vacate – Ratify
  - 20 Spring Street
  - 28 Camden Street
- (c): RSV Vaccine – Christine McKiernan
- (d): Update - South Hadley Drug & Alcohol Prevention Coalition (Karen)

**5: Old Business:**

- (a): Skinnerwoods Estates Septic System Installation – Status
- (b): Syringe Services Program – Update
- (c): Pollinator Resolution Study – Update - Stephen Frantz
- (d): Dry Brook Aquifer Study – Update
- (e): Migrant Families – Update
- (f): Board Member Final Approval of Updated Tobacco Regulation
- (g): Update - South Hadley Drug & Alcohol Prevention Coalition (Karen)

**6: Set Next Meeting Date – (TBD) at 6:00 p.m. at South Hadley Public Library**

**7: Adjourn Meeting**

\*\*\* Please note: Meetings are recorded\*\*\*

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## Board of Health Minutes

July 10, 2023

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Present: Christine McKiernan, MD, Chair; Karen Walsh Pio, Clerk; Tony Judge, Board Member, Stephen Frantz, Board Member; Sharon Hart, Public Health Director; Jennifer Jernigan, Assistant Public Health Director

*The Board of Health Meeting was called to order at 7:18 p.m. by Chair McKiernan.*

### 1. Acceptance of the Minutes of the June 2023 Meeting.

Chair McKiernan introduced the minutes from the June 13, 2023 meeting and mentioned she would accept a motion to approve the minutes. Pio made the motion and Judge seconded it. All members were in favor.

### 2. Announcements and Open Forum:

None.

### 3. New Business

#### A. Director's Report

Director Hart provided an overview of Jennifer Jernigan's Diabetes Prevention Program, to be held at the Senior Center on August 4th. A nutritionist will be available and information on footcare will be provided. The time of the meeting will be 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at the Senior Center. Director Hart also states there will be a veteran's "Picnic in the Park" on August 13<sup>th</sup>, in which the Health Department is participating. There was a first case of West Nile virus in Brookline Mass. No humans were affected. Also, the Health Department positions are posted and applications are being reviewed by the HR Department. Hart discussed the number of applications received and a request was submitted to post on different recruiting sites. She also stated that she and Jennifer have done some of the farmers market inspections and housing inspections due to down positions. Hart attended a Department of Mental Health meeting. She met with the Town Administrator and the Building Commissioner on the abandoned housing program and will be working on that. Hart also participated in the Wellness Fair with

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the Public Health Nurse Maureen Couture and the Assistant Director Jernigan at the Council on Aging and had a table set up.

Director Hart is trying to close out grants and still applying for new ones. She has at least 12 new contracts to write for the new fiscal year.

#### **B. Update-South Hadley Drug & Alcohol Prevention Coalition (Karen)**

A Drug and Alcohol presentation on opioids and Narcan training was done by 4 panelists at the Senior Center and was advertised in The Reminder. There was no official meeting of the coalition due to this presentation and no meetings until September.

#### **C. Emergency Orders to Vacate – Ratify**

Chair McKiernan introduced the ratification of an emergency order to vacate as the next topic for consideration. Sharon Hart states a call was made by police and fire who went to a house on 43 San Souci Drive. On arrival at the property, electricity was shut off, and a condemnation was conducted. Chair McKiernan stated that she would accept a motion to ratify the emergency orders to vacate. Frantz made the motion and Judge seconded it. Ratification was completed for the condemnations of:

43 San Souci Drive

All Board members were in consensus.

Stephen Frantz = Aye

Tony Judge = Aye

Christine McKiernan = Aye

Karen Walsh Pio=Aye

#### **4. Old Business:**

##### **a. Tick Presentation**

Director Sharon Hart, Public Health Nurse Maureen Couture and Conservation Administrator/Planner Rebekah Cornell are conducting a tick presentation on Aug 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. A presentation and PowerPoint will be conducted. Giveaway bags will be available for

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attendees which include insect repellent, tick removal tweezers, and lint removers. The State's Bite Lab is also on display at the library.

**b. Skinnerwoods Estates Septic System Installation- Status**

The southern portion of the development on one side has been approved which is closest to the road. Director Hart states a perc was witnessed for lot one and a plan is in motion. Once the southern side is complete, percs for the northern will be conducted.

**c. Syringe Services Program-Update**

A letter was sent, and Director Hart has not heard back yet.

**d. Administrative Position – Status**

Already discussed during directors' report

**e. Mount Holyoke Biosafety Committee**

At the last Board meeting, it was discussed that the committee is looking for 2 outside community members who are not part of the college to be on this committee. They now have 1 community member already enlisted by the name of Melissa Labonte from the Water Pollution Control; they are looking for the 2<sup>nd</sup>. As stated previously, they would like one or two people from the Board of Health. Stephen Frantz had expressed interest but wanted more information and if he is unable that Sharon would be interested. The meetings are held 2 times a year, typically one in November and one in May which is an hour and a half each and can be in person or remote. New facility research projects that have biosafety implications or concerns will be reviewed from a biosafety standpoint for approval. Frantz wants to be on the committee and so Chair McKiernan will let the committee know.

**f. Water District 1 Report- Status**

Director Sharon had previously forwarded everybody the Water District 1 Report for informational purposes. There are no specifics to be discussed. When the Health Department receives any future reports from the water districts they will be sent out to the Board and put on the agenda for review and discussion again in the future.

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**g. Pollinator Resolution Study – Stephen Frantz**

Frantz provided information in regards to the study and stated that resolution is a non-binding resolution for the protection specifically in pollinator species and the enhancement of pollinator habitat, based somewhat on the Amherst model. Stephen Frantz announced how important it is to educate and encourage the general public about the value of taking this kind of approach while bringing awareness to the average homeowner. It is being adopted by a lot of other communities. The Conservation Commission is currently reviewing the resolution. With the “Growing Wild Massachusetts” initiative that this plan represents, you can apply and get a kit for signage, etc. This non-binding resolution would be for private property and not town property. Judge made a motion to approve the Pollinator Non-binding Resolution. All were in favor.

Walsh Pio- Aye  
Frantz- Aye  
McKaernan- Aye  
Judge – Aye

Hart will now send the Resolution to Town Council for review and the Board will sign it once reviewed.

**5. Set Next Meeting Date – (TBD) at 6:00 p.m. at South Hadley Library**

The next meeting date was set for September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Trustees room at the South Hadley library. All present members were in consensus with the next meeting date being September 12<sup>th</sup> at the library.

**6. Adjourn the meeting:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully,  
Tamara Gheit  
Health Department Assistant

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**ATTACHMENT A**

**RECORD LOCATION**

BOH Meeting Minutes 06-13-23	BOH File
Director's Report	BOH File
Pollinator Resolution Study	BOH File
Emergency Order to Vacate -43 San Souci Dr	BOH File

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Summary	August 2022	September 2022	October 2022	November 2022	December 2022	January 2023	February 2023	March 2023	April 2023	May 2023	June 2023	July 2023	August 2023
<b>Complaints Received</b>													
housing complaint	13	5	12	11	15	10	6	10	4	5	3	2	5
food complaints/questions	6	10	7	2	5	6	1	3	5	5	4	2	0
COVID inquiry/reporting	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
animal control	9	4	9	3	2	3	3	3	4	5	3	3	2
dumpster permit	6	1	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	5	2	2
hauler permit	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	3	1	1
septic permit	1	2	5	3	3	2	0	6	7	7	2	3	2
property care complaint	1	3	0	2	1	0	2	2	1	1	5	4	5
miscellaneous	3	13	11	7	8	4	3	3	6	6	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Notices Issued</b>													
housing orders		1	0	1	0	3	3	2	5	5	3	4	3
condemnations	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	2	6	1	1
property care notices	1		0	0	0	1	0	1	4	3	5	4	5
compliance	2	1	3	1	0	5	2	4	1	0	4	2	2
educational/best practice material	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	2	3	0	1	1
dumpster violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	0	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Inspections Conducted</b>													
food inspections	4	1	6	0	0	7	9	13	17	14	3	2	3
lodging/housing inspections	4	3	1	0	4	3	4	4	5	5	4	3	4
site observations	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	4	5	7	2	1	1
perc tests/septic installs												2	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>													
records requests		6	9	18	9	1	1	2	3	1	1	2	1
food plan reviews		1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	0	0
summer camp permits	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	2	0	2	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>