

BOH MEETING MINUTES

11-4-20

Attending
Bridget Sweet, Chair
Timothy Cochrane, Vice Chair
Jeff Harris, Member

Also in attendance: Cathleen Liberty, Director of Public health; Ginny McNeil, Tyler Paslaski taking minutes; from public: Bill Gottwald-Engineer for Abbey Lane-**Meeting Called to order 5:00pm**

Due to the growing concerns regarding the COVID-19 virus, we will be conducting a remote/virtual Board of Health Meeting. In an effort to ensure citizen engagement and comply with open meeting law regulations, citizens will be able to dial into the meeting using the provided phone number (Cell phone or Landline Required) OR citizens can participate by clicking on the attached link (Phone, Computer, or Tablet required). The attached link and phone number will be active for the duration of the meeting for citizens to ask questions/voice concerns.

- 1) Reading and Acceptance of October 21, 2020 and October 28, 2020 meeting minutes. Vice Chair motioned to accept also meeting minutes from October 7, 2020 in addition to other two meeting minutes, Member Harris seconded. Unanimous acceptance of all meeting minutes

2) OLD BUSINESS

3) NEW BUSINESS

Discuss Title 5 plans for 4 Abbey Lane

Director Liberty gave an overview of the local upgrade being requested. Bill Gottwald states they are looking for local upgrade approval to change Title 5 requirements separation from 4 feet to 3 feet and asking for an additional waiver for work that is within 12 inches of groundwater. The board asked Bill questions about the system. Director Liberty noted that the Title 5 contractor supports the variance/upgrade. After much discussion Vice Chair Cochrane motion to grant requested variance and local upgrade, Member Harris seconded. Unanimous acceptance of variance and local upgrade will be drawn up tomorrow November 5.

- **Discuss Chapter 238: Manicurist Establishments**

Director Liberty discussed the Manicure Regulation was written in 2006 and the state took over manicure licensing within the past 12 years and Director Liberty feels that charging them fees for a permit is moot. Chair Sweet noted that some towns have

held on to authority to protect workers from workplace hazards. Director Liberty discussed that the State enforces regulations. After much discussion Vice Chair Cochrane notes that because we are removing a regulation, we should place a public hearing notice beforehand on an agenda. Public hearing for repealing regulation will be December 2, 2020.

- **Recruitment of volunteers for vaccine clinic**

Director Liberty tells the board that she put out survey looking for volunteers with medical expertise, to prepare for the EDS for COVID 19 vaccines and received 39 responses to date. Vice Chair Cochrane notes that there are a lot of nursing students struggling to find opportunities to volunteer, we should make sure to reach out beyond Franklin to find volunteers. Member Harris asked what the volunteers will be doing and Director Liberty went over the flow of volunteers at a clinic.

- **New orders regulating gatherings, early closing for certain businesses and revised face covering**

No discussion on regulations, but update on current state of cases.

- **Update on 27 Winter Street dwelling**

After the dwelling was condemned, Director Liberty requested police reports for the AGO's office and discovered that over 80 calls to police over disputes at the dwelling over the past 5 years. She also noted that the dwelling has been placarded and the condemnation letter was mailed to the owner.

Chair Sweet has to leave, yields chair to Vice Chair Cochrane

Chairman opens the floor for any other new business

(4) CITIZENS COMMENTARY

None

5) ADJOURNMENT

Roll call vote to adjourn, Member Harris and Vice Chair Cochrane vote yes to adjourn at 5:28pm.