

BOH MEETING MINUTES

12/2/2020

Attending

Timothy Cochrane, Vice Chair standing in as Chair for Bridget Sweet

Jeff Harris, Member

Also in attendance: Cathleen Liberty, Director of Public health; Ginny McNeil, Tyler Paslaski taking minutes; from public: Isabella Caruso-**Meeting Called to order 5:01pm**

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.

2) OLD BUSINESS

- Reading and Acceptance of the November 4, 2020 meeting minutes. Member Harris Motioned, Vice Chair Harris Seconded. Unanimous acceptance of November 4 2020 Minutes

3) NEW BUSINESS

- **Discussion of Rooster Residing at 145 Beech Street**
-Over past month or two, several complaints have been received about a rooster crowing at 145 Beech Street. A letter was sent to the owner on November 29, 2020 stating she needs permit for chickens and roosters are prohibited. We have had no response, so another letter was sent on November 23 summoning her to tonight's meeting. The homeowner is not in attendance right now. Vice Chair Cochrane says he supports getting the owner into a board meeting, even if another meeting is needed this month. Next step may be going to 145 Beech Street in person or delivering letter by constable.
- **324 Prospect Street**
The owner of the property wants to sell the dwelling as a 5 bedroom home but Title 5 describes the dwelling as a 4 bedroom home but the gallons per day of septic system is equivalent to a 5 or 6 bedroom home. Shea Engineer & Surveying, the designer of the system, has written a letter saying the house can accommodate another bedroom, and homeowners can sell the property as a 5 bedroom home. No disagreement about allowing them to do as such.
- **Update on 76 Jordan Street Dwelling**

- This house is burned down several years ago and the AGO Abandoned housing Initiative is working with the owner to decide whether the owner will demo it or rebuild it. The owner has until March 2021 to come up with a plan.
- **Prescription Pharmacy**
 - Isabella Caruso and Director Liberty have partnered with the senior center to start the program as a pilot program. Director Liberty presents the program with Isabella Caruso:

In trying to combat increasing chronic disease in the community, this program introduces more health/nutrition to community. In program, the Senior Center and/or community doctor will help to diagnose chronic conditions and give a prescription for what people need, diet and nutrition-wise. They have seen success in other communities where the program has been tested. Over the next few months, Director Liberty will keep Board of Health updated. They will also create a website for more information and create brochures to be present at the Winter Farmer's Market to help reach out to those who would need/benefit from program.

Chairman opens the floor for any other new business

Director Liberty was notified by several parents that the Dance Studio owned by Patti Eisenhower is planning to go to NH for a three day competition this coming weekend. There is currently a ban on interstate travel to NH and traveling for a sports competition is also banned. Director Liberty has recommended to Patti Eisenhower that she provide names of every student traveling to NH to and make sure they quarantine otherwise they will receive a \$500 fine if they are not in compliance with the travel ban.

Director Liberty is asking permission to write a letter to Patti Eisenhower requiring her to provide a list of which students are going to this competition and Constable the letter. If the owner of the dance studio disregards the ban, she will be ordered to go before the BOH. Member Harris and Vice Chair Cochrane support sending a letter. The board of health understands need to keep studio going, but cooperation and regard for health is important. This problem could be district-wide, since students can come from other towns to the Dance Studio, so the Director will try to reach out to other towns about this trip.

Member Harris: Patti Eisenhower and attendees will have to quarantine if they go, which does not seem good business-wise...

Covid-19 case numbers have increased, town is still in Yellow. 2711 tests taken in last 2 weeks, 123 came back positive.

Vice Chair Cochrane: Is there plan to notify community if town goes into red?

Director Liberty: By social Media, possibly automated phone calls to homes and businesses. Guidance from Town Administrator would be sought as well.

Vice Chair Cochrane: With holiday season approaching, it may be a matter of time when a notice has to be sent out. Director Liberty: There is also a concern for churches and faith groups during the Holidays. Director Liberty will reach out to the faith groups for educational purposes.

Stephen Sherlock: Congratulations to Director Liberty for one year at the Franklin Board of Health, and good work to the board of health with handling the challenges of the previous year

(4) CITIZENS COMMENTARY

5) ADJOURNMENT

Member Harris motions to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chair Cochrane. Roll call vote to adjourn meeting at 5:36pm.

Next meeting January 6, 2021