

BOH MEETING MINUTES

4/14/2021

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

Also in attendance: Cathleen Liberty, Director of Public health; Ginny McNeil, Health Agent, Tyler Paslaski taking minutes; Stephen Sherlock -**Meeting Called to order 5:02pm**

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.

- Reading and Acceptance of March 3, 2021 minutes. Vice Chair Cochrane Motioned, Member Harris Seconded. Unanimous acceptance of March 3, 2021 Minutes

2) OLD BUSINESS

- No Old Business

3) NEW BUSINESS

- **Covid-19 2nd Dose Vaccine Clinic Update:** Director Liberty: Two successful clinics were recently held at the Housing Authority and the Senior Center. 214 people were fully vaccinated as a result of the both clinics.
- **Discuss Mass Homebound Vaccination Program:** Director Liberty: DPH is working with local Boards of Health to help provide vaccines for homebound individuals. The Fire Department and DPH helped to administer vaccines to 16 homebound people. Despite the success of this service, it has been paused in part to the news about the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, which was being used for homebound patients. Chair Sweet: The severity of the implications about the J&J vaccine are important, but hopefully the DPH will come to a decision about using it as eligibility is set to open up to everyone April 19.
- **Discuss Metacomet Public Health Alliance:** DPH is providing a grant to revisit search for gaps in Health Department's abilities across the state to improve their ability to help address those issues. Particularly meant to help shared services

between Towns & Communities. Franklin is looking to combine efforts with neighboring towns in regards to inspectional services and public housing. Chair Sweet: 10 days for Health Departments to submit proposals.

Chairman opens the floor for any other new business

VA Clinic: Director Liberty: The VA is having a clinic for veterans to get vaccinated at the Senior Center on Saturday April 17 from 10:00am to 1:00pm. Please share this news with anyone who might not have been vaccinated yet. Details are also on Franklin Matters webpage.

Thanks to Doctor Daddario: Director Liberty: A medical doctor in Town named Dr. Diane Daddario volunteered at all of Health Department's vaccine clinics, and worked hard to organize and enable these clinics to help. Proclamation to thank Dr. Diane Daddario for her services tonight at 7:15.

76 Jordan Road Condemnation Update: Director Liberty: Board of Health condemned 76 Jordan Road, and owner has demolished the house there by himself. More than half is torn down as of today. Has not procured a dumpster for the rubble, and has not taken out a demolition permit.

27 Winter Street Condemnation Update: Director Liberty: 27 Winter Street went up for auction today, but no bidders. Bank will take ownership of it and will receive condemnation letter and likely begin cleaning up the property.

(4) CITIZENS COMMENTARY

5) ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Cochrane motions to adjourn, seconded by Member Harris. Roll call vote to adjourn meeting at 5:25pm.

Next meeting May 5, 2021