

BOH MEETING MINUTES

01/05/2022

Attending
Bridget Sweet, Chair
Jeff Harris, Vice-Chair
Timothy Cochrane Jr., Member

In attendance: Cathleen Liberty, Director of Public Health; Bridget Sweet, Chair; Jeff Harris, Vice-Chair; Member Timothy Cochrane Jr.; Ginny McNeil, Health Agent; Matt Tanis, Health Agent; Alicia Deptula, Public Health Nurse; Melissa Kiriacopoulos taking minutes; Steve Sherlock recording and residents Alan Earls, Paula and John Lombardi, Frank Falvey, Ed Peterson, Kevin Kearns and Maxwell Morrongiello.

Meeting called to order 5:00 pm

❖ Reading and acceptance of December 8, 2021 minutes.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing opened at 5:04 pm. Matt Tanis explained that there were concerns with upgrade and repair plans being presented to the board of health putting the burden of certifying septic tanks and their structural integrity on the homeowner. Matt explained that in making a regulation, it would put the responsibility on the engineer, not the homeowner. Matt emphasized that this does not mean if you get your tank pumped, you have to upgrade your tank in anyway. This is solely for a situation where your septic has completely failed and has to be replaced. Questions and discussion were had by residents to which Agent Tanis and the board answered. It was decided that Matt Tanis, along with the health department will revise and write in laymen's terms for the residents as requested at the meeting for their own records and understanding. Public hearing was closed at 5:31pm. Motion to accept amended language by Vice-Chair Harris, seconded by Timothy Cochrane Jr., Member. Motion to roll call vote by Vice-Chair Jeff Harris, seconded by Timothy Cochrane Jr., Member. These regulations will go into effect April 1, 2022. Motion to go into effect by Vice-Chair Jeff Harris, seconded by Timothy Cochrane Jr., Member. Motion to roll call vote by Vice-Chair Jeff Harris, seconded by Timothy Cochrane Jr., Member.

27 Winter Street Update

Director Liberty updated the board that an asbestos abatement was done on December 27, 2021 on this property and noted that the contractor pulled a demolition permit. Agent Tanis stated he noticed that all asbestos siding has been removed and they are moving forward as requested by health department. The owner is keeping in touch with the department as progress moves forward regarding property. Member Cochrane noted that in keeping with the November meeting minutes, the owner should provide a time frame of work to be done by the February meeting.

Metacomet Shared Service Grant Regional Inspector's Report

Health Agent Matt Tanis updated the board with an inspector's report for Franklin for December 2021 stating he had 1 housing inspection, 2 housing re-inspections, 1 nuisance re-inspection, 13 bi-annual inspections, 1 food establishment re-inspection, 1 food complaint inspection and 2 food borne illness inspections. Agent Tanis also informed the board of his participation in the youth Covid-19 clinic as a vaccine administrator as well as attending a habitable house taskforce meeting.

Public Health Nurse Update

Public Health Nurse Alicia Deptula updated the board stating there is still only 1 active TB case, 28 confirmed cases of influenza - 2 suspected, 998 cases of Covid-19 for month of December 2021. Alicia updated the board on the next upcoming kids Covid-19 vaccine clinic being held on both January 9th and February 19th for the second dose. Alicia stated she is working on a health plan to bring to Central Park Terrace as well as starting a blood pressure and blood sugar clinic.

Covid-19 Testing Kits

Director Liberty updated the board stating that the health department has ordered testing kits for Franklin residents and we are waiting for them to come in. These are antigen kits that have been ordered.

Metacomet Shared Service Grant Epidemiologist

Director Liberty updated the board stating that an epidemiologist has been hired and will start January 10, 2022. She will be located out of the Senior Center location working alongside our Public Health Nurse.

69 Cleveland Ave. Local Upgrade

Director Liberty stated that the upgrade comes recommended by Wade Saucier who is the town's contracted engineer. The request is to allow a 12' separation between a leaching facility and a basement where 20' is required, utilizing a 40MIL high density polyethylene barrier. Motion to accept upgrade by Jeff Harris, Vice-Chair, seconded by Timothy Cochrane Jr., Member. Roll call to vote for upgrade by Vice-Chair Jeff Harris, seconded by Timothy Cochrane Jr., Member.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

4) CITIZENS COMMENTARY

Maxwell Morrongiello reached out to ask for consideration on mandating or strongly advising masks. The board will meet at a later date to discuss options and possibilities on this issue/concern.

5) ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Jeff Harris motions to adjourn, seconded by Member Timothy Cochrane Jr. Roll call vote to adjourn meeting at 6:02pm.