

BOH MEETING MINUTES

5/5/2021

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, Maureen Vlaco, Martina Frangis Roger Trahan, and Lisa Frankina-**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.

- Reading and Acceptance of April 14, 2021 minutes. Vice Chair Cochrane Motioned, Member Harris Seconded. Unanimous acceptance of April 14, 2021 Minutes

2) OLD BUSINESS

- No Old Business

3) NEW BUSINESS

- **Reopening Update:** Director Liberty gave an update on the updated guidance on face coverings. Chair Sweet asked if there has been an update on masks being worn during sports. At this time, sports are not exempt from face coverings.
- **76 Jordan Road Demo Discussion:** Director Liberty noted that the health department received word that the owner was demolishing the remnants of the house without demolition permit. Because no permit was pulled, there was no asbestos abatement done, and when DEP investigated they found asbestos traces. Debris from the torn down house is sitting in pile in backyard of house. Lots of debris and junk found on the property after a walk-around was conducted. Comment from abutter to ask about if any announcement was going to be made to abutters regarding the asbestos, and why the house took so long to be demolished. Director Liberty noted that she has been working with Attorney General's Office and compelling homeowner to take action on his property for over a year. Asbestos traces are only in

remnants of materials found in interior of the house, so there is no concern that the asbestos may be leaking over to abutters' properties. Lisa Frankina: Curious about timeline for abatement on property. Director Liberty: The abatement is something that must happen now, and the DEP will issue significant fines to the homeowner if he does not proceed. Maureen V: Has personally seen the homeowner of 76 Jordan dump home debris behind her property that might contain asbestos-filled materials. Director Liberty: If Maureen calls tomorrow, BOH can take a report and investigate. Maureen: 76 Jordan homeowner is also using diesel-fueled equipment that emits fumes which make it hard to breathe outside. Director Liberty: Will talk to homeowner of 76 Jordan about it.

- **27 Winter Street Sale Discussion:** Director Liberty gives an update on the sale of the dwelling and notes that the Deed has not been recorded and cannot bring owners to housing court until Deed has been recorded. Working with AGO on receivership.
- **Discuss Metacomet Public Health Alliance:** The grant has been approved and we started working out logistics of this collaboration. \$7.7million was released to towns planning on expanding shared services. Director Liberty will keep us updated in coming weeks.
- **274 Prospect Street:** This dwelling added a master bedroom but never provided a septic tie in design. In researching this dwelling three of the Title 5 reports noted it was a three bedroom and one listed it as a 5 bedroom. The dwelling added on a fourth bedroom. Chair Sweet: unless they are going to upgrade, they have to revert back to a 3-bedroom system. Director Liberty will go to the engineer. Homeowners have ignored requests made for past three weeks. The board agreed that a letter should be sent to the contractor requesting a septic design to review to confirm the system is the proper sizing for a four bedroom house. Chair Sweet: Take information to DEP and they will assist.

Chairman opens the floor for any other new business

(4) CITIZENS COMMENTARY

5) ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Cochrane motions to adjourn, seconded by Member Harris. Roll call vote to adjourn meeting at 5:29pm.

Next meeting June 2, 2021