

BOH MEETING MINUTES

12/08/2021

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

In attendance: Cathleen Liberty, Director of Public Health; Bridget Sweet, Chair via Remote; Jeff Harris, Vice-Chair; Timothy Cochrane Jr., Member; Ginny McNeil, Health Agent; Matt Tanis, Health Agent; Alicia Deptula, Public Health Nurse; Melissa Kiriakopoulos taking minutes; Steve Sherlock, recording.
Meeting called to order 5:00pm

❖ Reading and Acceptance of November 3, 2021 minutes.

OLD BUSINESS:

27 Winter Street

Agent Matt Tanis updated the board stating that as of December 6, 2021, there have not been any demo permits pulled, but stated that he did acknowledge that the property has since been cleaned up and noted that certain areas on the house have been secured that previously were considered a hazard. Director Liberty is requesting a written time-line and updates from the owner prior to the next scheduled meeting held on January 5, 2022. The board agreed that should the homeowner's proposal not be sufficient, the homeowner will be required to attend the following meeting held on February 2, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Health Nurse

Public Health Nurse Alisha Deptula updated the board on Communicable Diseases stating that there is currently only 1 active TB case, 5 confirmed Influenza cases and 209 confirmed Covid-19 cases for November, 2021. Alisha also updated the board on the recently held 5-11 year Covid-19 clinic that 287 kids received their 1st dose and 283 followed up to receive their 2nd dose. Alisha stated that she is currently working on starting a blood pressure and blood sugar clinic as well as an educational program for the residents at Central Park Terrace.

Use of Existing Septic Tanks in Repair or Upgrade Situations

Agent Matt Tanis updated the board that there have been issues with engineers putting on the septic plans for repairs and upgrades that if the tank is to be re-used, they want it to be structurally inspected and certified by a Title 5 inspector. Matt made a note that Title 5 inspectors are not engineers and is recommending that this not be allowed on plans as it is a burden to the homeowner and stated that the engineer should be evaluating this themselves if they are proposing to leave the original tank. Agent Tanis is also recommending a short regulation be made to state that any septic tank that doesn't meet the current Title 5 minimum capacity of 1500 gallons for a repair upgrade should be automatically replaced or if the tank was installed prior to March 31, 1995. If a tank meets the above requirements and

the engineer wants to re-use the tank, whomever is designing that septic plan should be the one to certify and inspect tank for re-use (Professional Engineer or Registered Sanitarian).

Board of Health 2022 Meeting Schedule

The 2022 schedule for the Board of Health Meetings was reviewed.

Monthly Health Observances

Director Liberty updated the board that each month for the 2022 year there will be a health observance “link of the month” on our website to educate the public.

Metacomet Shared Service Regional Inspector Report

Agent Matt Tanis updated the board that for the month of November, 2021 there was 1 housing inspection, 4 housing re-inspections, 1 nuisance inspection, 2 nuisance re-inspections, 12 bi-annual inspections and 1 food complaint inspection. Matt stated that the food complaint inspection was followed up on and is now in compliance and will continue to follow up weekly to ensure compliance.

Metacomet Regional Epidemiologist

Director Liberty updated the board that there are currently 3 applicants for this position and is looking to hire by January, 2022. Director Liberty also updated the board stating that an MRC volunteer has volunteered to do contact tracing for the Health Department and anticipates that position to start shortly.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY

No citizen comment

ADJOURNMENT

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