

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

January 17, 2023 6:00 P.M.

LOCATION: REMOTE

PRESENT:

Chairperson Renee D'Argento, Member Stephen Themelis, Member Joe Radwich, Health Inspector Kalene Gendron, BOH Assistant Laurie Lessard

Chairperson D'Argento opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. She announced that the meeting was remote participation only; meeting is being cablecast live and recorded by Pepperell Community Media.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 6, 2022 AND DECEMBER 20, 2022

A Motion to accept the meeting minutes of December 6, 2022 and December 20, 2022 was made by Themelis, Seconded by Radwich, Motion Moved.

ACTION ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS/OPEN DISCUSSION

a. Joan Hamlett – Discussion of Tobacco Regulations

Themelis told the Board that he had gotten an text from Hamlett that she had a flat tire and would not be able to attend the meeting. Hamlett told Themelis that the draft regulations were under review and she would like to be put on the next agenda. Hamlett also said that she had visited all of the tobacco stores in town and had given them the Tobacco Law Education Packet and they were all in compliance. The Board had some questions and Hamlett will be before the Board at the next meeting.

b. 31 Mill Street #1 – Applicant is seeking written request

Gendron told the Board that this was before the Board again because they needed a full Board to be able to issue an order. Both parties were notified and there was no one in attendance. D'Argento recused herself. Radwich asked if there was lead paint. Gendron said that no lead paint was conducted. Radwich thought it would be more of a Building violation but Gendron said that she was called out on this and it is a housing violation.

After discussion, a Motion was made by Radwich to extend the violation to May 31, 2023 in order for the owner to correct the paint violation, Seconded by Themelis, Motion Moved.

c. CMRK (Clothing Contribution Check) – Donation bin for textiles.

The Board of Health received a check of over \$400.00 for the donation of clothing for the last quarter.

d. Zoning Work Group – Updates

D'Argento said that the first meeting of this group was last week. This is a group discussing input zoning updates and there is a representative from each Board. This is just a discussion for now and they will meet once a month.

e. Budget Priorities – Deadline 1/17/23

The budget is due to the Town Administrator by January 17, 2023 and it will be submitted tomorrow morning. The Board discussed last year's budget total and that the increase cannot be more than 2 ½%. After discussion, the Board was in favor of the budget as presented in the meeting packets.

f. Annual Report

Gendron told the Board that updates have been made and they are just waiting for numbers from Nashoba so it is still a work in progress. A draft has been sent to the Board. Report is due sometime in the middle of March.

HEALTH AGENT COMMENTS

a. Covid, Flu and RSV Updates, Discussion

Gendron said that she has been busy in the field and Covid, Flu and RSV are status quo. There have been no spikes and no schools have been closed.

b. Well Adult Clinic – January 18, 2022 at Albert Harris Center 10-12 pm

Gendron spoke to this stating that the clinic was tomorrow January 18th at the Albert Harris Center from 10-12. This clinic offers plenty for the seniors.

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

MATTERS THAT MAY BE RAISED THAT THE CHAIRPERSON DID NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATE

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Themelis to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Radwich, Motion Moved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

