



# Town of Adams ■ Massachusetts 01220

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## Adams Board of Health – Public Meeting Minutes

1<sup>st</sup> Floor Mahogany Room (in-person only)

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

**BOH Members Present:** Chairman Dr. David Rhoads, Co-Chair Dr. Amy Oberlin, Member Ms. Jess Wilson

**BOH Members Not Present:**

**Others Present:** Sherrie Leon-Administrative Assistant, Sarah Lesure, Code Enforcer, Attorney St. John

**Call to Order:** Dr. Rhoads called the meeting to order January 10, 2024, at 4:00pm. Dr. Rhoads stated that the meeting is being recorded.

**Public Comment:** N/A

### Approval of Minutes:

- **December 6, 2023:** Approval of minutes

Dr Rhoads motion to approve the December 6, 2023, minutes, Dr Amy Oberlin so moved, Jess Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup>. All members voted yes unanimously.

**Public Hearing (4:10 p.m.):** Dr Rhoads motioned to open the public hearing. Dr Amy Oberlin so moved, Jess Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup>; All members voted yes unanimously.

No public attendance.

Dr Rhoads motioned to close the public hearing. Dr Amy Oberlin so moved, Jess Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup>; All members voted yes unanimously.

Dr Rhoads recapped the revisions made to the Tobacco Sales Regulation. Attorney St. John agreed with the the changes to the regulations.

Dr Rhoads motioned to accept the proposed revisions Dr Amy Oberlin so moved, Jess Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup>, All members voted yes unanimously.

### Code Enforcement Officer:

- **Report:** Sarah Lesure reported that the applications submitted for 2024 permits are 98% complete.
- Attorney St. John communicated a hoarding situation that Sarah Lesure had asked for his assistance. He continued to explain that this hoarding situation possesses a health risk condition from both the exterior and interior of the home. He obtained a search warrant, but the homeowner refused entry. All correction orders went unanswered, and the homeowner would not come to the door per Sarah Lesure, triggering Attorney St John to file with the Housing court to get the homeowner in front of the judge. He stated that the hearing is scheduled for January 24, 2024 @ 9am in Pittsfield. Sarah Lesure *will* be present.

**Old Business:**

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- **Adams Vegetation Management Plan:** Yearly Operational Plan hearing 12-15-2023.  
Update: Dr Rhoads attended along with Kevin Rayner, Community Development who was hosting the meeting. Mr. Clayton Edwards (MDAR) was also in attendance. He oversees the Five-Year Vegetation Management Plan. He continued to say there will be an operational plan in the Spring that will be posted in the Eagle. Dr Rhoads asked Attorney St John why the Board of Health was not informed about the meeting. He would like to be included in any communication of upcoming events or meetings that pertain to the Board of Health. Attorney St John will relay this request to the appropriate parties.
- **Solid Waste Advisory Committee** update (Transfer Station inspection report?)
- Dr Rhoads said that Linda Cernik as a certified inspector, inspected the transfer station the Summer of 2023 and found two violations. One being insulation and the other a non-working carbon monoxide. Dr Rhoads has a document which states that the report should be forwarded to the Board of Health by November 2023. Dr Rhoads will contact Howard Rosenberg and Christine Hoyt for updates.
- **Website updates:** Covid-19 update; extended date April 5, 2024, for covid test.
- **Ideas for 2024 public health program;** Ed St John suggested there be some type of training for seniors regarding isolation. Town clerk would have a list of seniors in Adams.

**New Business:**

- **2023 Annual Report:** Thoughts on promoting public health in 2024, anticipate February draft.
- **Shared service agreements:** Public Health Nursing, as needed inspectional services.
- **TRAIN:** Training tracking system (information will be provided)

**Local & County Updates:**

- None

**Upcoming Events:**

- 2024 Preparedness Conference, March 25-28, 2024; Cleveland, OH. Livestream registration cost is \$475.00. Jess Wilson to attend.

Dr Rhoads called for a Motion to appropriate funds, Dr Oberlin so moved, Jess Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup>; all members voted yes unanimously.

**Review Mail:**

- **BCBOHA** calendar for January & beyond

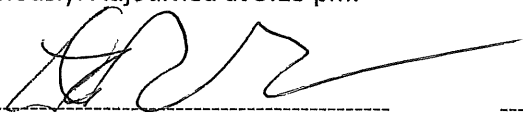
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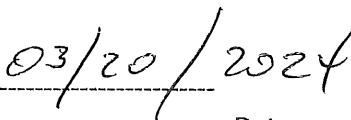
- None

**Schedule Next Meeting:** February 7, March 6 remotely

**Adjournment:**

Dr Rhoads motioned to adjourn., Dr Oberlin so moved, Jess Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup>. All members voted yes unanimously. Adjourned at 5:15 pm.

  
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Sherrie Leon (Administrative Assistant)

  
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Date

*David B Rhoads, Chair*