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Board of Health Department

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Adams Board of Health – Public Meeting Minutes

1st Floor Mahogany Room and Zoom

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

BOH Members Present: Chairman Dr. David Rhoads, Vice-Chair Joyce Brewer, Member Dr. Peter Hoyt
Others Present: Michelle DeRose-Administrative Assistant, Howard Rosenberg-Board of Selectman Member, Gerry Garner-Building Commissioner, Atty. Edward St. John – Town Council, Brian Rhodes-iBerkshires (virtual), Catherine Foster (virtual)

Call to Order: Chairman Rhoads called the meeting to order at 4:00pm and read the notice on the recording of the meeting

In person or virtual participation in this meeting is allowed by Ch.20 of the Acts of 2021 suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, MGL c.30 §20. The Zoom information is given below. This meeting will be recorded via Zoom; a copy can be provided upon request.

Notices on Recording & Post-Pandemic Waiver to Conduct Public Meeting Virtually (Above)

Note: if you are having trouble joining, please call David B Rhoads, PH.D. BOH Chair, at 781-507-1627.
Direct link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82213926463?pwd=RENOYTI6bm9oWnpwb1hhU1JlcnJsQT09>
or go to “zoom.us/join” or call 1-929-436-2866 (New York) and enter meeting information
Meeting ID: 822 1392 6463
Passcode: 824976

Covid-19 Report: Current report (#24), other Covid-19 news

Dr. Rhoads shared the latest Covid update that continues to be posted on the website regularly. Cases are on the rise with about 3 per day. The number of deaths is staying low. Dr. Rhoads said he may go back to weekly reports if this continues to rise. The vaccinations are at 72% for the Town. Boosted with the 3rd shot is at 40%. Everyone is encouraged to get vaccinated and boosted to help stop the spread.

Public Comment: Comments on Covid-19 responses:

None

Public Comment: Comments on other issues:

None

Public Hearing:

None

Approval of Minutes: April 6, 2022

Dr. Rhoads provided one edit. Ms. Brewer motioned to approve minutes as amended. Dr. Hoyt seconded. All voted yes unanimously.

Dr. Rhoads asked about this subject for the next meeting's minutes, how would it be voted upon without Dr. Hoyt and Ms. Brewer no longer on the Board. Atty. St. John answered that you have a quorum when there are 2 of the 3 members present and for most voting situations, that is required, however, you should only need the 1 vote for the approval of the minutes, in this case.

Code Enforcement Officer:

- **Status** Dr. Rhoads stated that Mr. Mark Blaisdell is on a leave of absence. Mr. Gerry Garner will handle much of the nuisance complaints, permitting and inspection requests in his absence with the assistance of Mrs. Michelle DeRose

Old Business:

- **Sunglasses for Kids (plus educational materials from DPH)** Dr. Rhoads said that the sunglasses have arrived and will be available at the Health Dept Booth at Town events.

New Business:

- **BOH booth at town events: recommendations for more educational materials**
Dr. Rhoads noted that there will be useful public health education materials available at the Board of Health booth at Town events for distribution. Dr. Rhoads may explore placing the materials in Town Hall as well.
- **Nominations for public service during the pandemic (list to be presented at BCBOHA spring dinner)**
Dr. Rhoads said that there is usually 2 meetings annually and were suspended due to Covid. There were some remote meetings. There will be an in-person meeting in mid-June. The topic will be regarding After Action Report on Covid. The association had performed surveys and some of the findings were that there was some criticism of emergency plans available at PTH state level, but were not utilized, local Boards of Health were ignored. Fortunately, in Berkshire County, we have a strong collaboration amongst the municipalities and there is still room for improvement. We would like to have a list of local individuals that provided exceptional service above and beyond during the pandemic. Some of the names that contributed were Jay Green, Christine and Pete Hoyt, Erica Girgenti. Dr. Hoyt will compile a list and send to Dr. Rhoads.

Local & County Updates:

none

Upcoming Events:

- **BCBOHA Spring Dinner – tentatively June 13 or 14.** Dr. Rhoads said that the board members are invited.

Review Mail:

- **Western Mass Waste Newsletter (April 2022) / use of Recycling Dividend Points.** Dr. Rhoads noted that the first item was the recycling dividend fund. Currently, we have accrued a little over \$11,000 and there are thoughts on applying that money towards reducing the brush pile located at the Wastewater Treatment plant.

For the Good of the Order

Those present wished Dr. Hoyt and Ms. Brewer well.

Farewell & Thanks to Pete Hoyt and Joyce Brewer

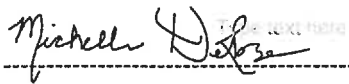
Gratitude was presented towards Ms. Brewer and Dr. Hoyt for their service by Dr. Rhoads, Mrs. DeRose and Mr. Rosenberg.

Schedule Next Meetings: May 11 [Note: Town Election is May 2] to accommodate the 2 new board members

Adjournment:

Dr. Rhoads asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Brewer so moved, Dr. Hoyt seconded. Voted Yes unanimously.
Adjourned at 4:20pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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Michelle DeRose
Administrative Assistant

5/19/2022

Date