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## **Adams Board of Health – Public Meeting Minutes** **1<sup>st</sup> Floor Mahogany Room (in-person only)** **Wednesday, April 5, 2023**

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

**BOH Members Not Present:** None

**Others Present:** Howard Rosenberg-Board of Selectman Member, Sarah Lesure-Code Enforcement Officer, Michelle DeRose-Administrative Assistant, Attorney Edmund St. John-Town Counsel

**Call to Order:** Chairman Rhoads called the meeting to order at 4:00pm and mentioned that it is being recorded. Mrs. DeRose will be filling in as the administrative assistant until a replacement is found, due to a resignation.

**Public Comment:** none

**Approval of Minutes: March 15:** Dr. Oberlin motioned to approve with the correction the spelling of a name. Ms. Wilson seconded. All approved unanimously.

**Public Hearing:** None

### **Code Enforcement Officer:**

- **Report:** Mrs. Lesure shared that she is now is a licensed lead degerminator and have more training certification programs lined up for the Fall as far as Title 5 inspections (septic systems) and soil (perc) testing more specific to lead determination and sending the samples to the state. Dr. Rhoads questioned if you would need a college degree for that. Mrs. Lesure responded that the pre-requisite required for this particular class is that you work with the Board of Health and one year of experience. Dr. Rhoads mentioned that there are not many Title 5s in town and that is why we relied on the Alliance to perform the inspections at \$75 per hour and a lot cheaper than certifying someone.

### **Old Business:**

- **Consideration of strategies to facilitate recycling at apartment buildings**  
Dr. Rhoads stated this is in a holding pattern and is gathering further information at this time. He is working with Linda Cernik-Northern Berkshire Solid Waste District Management
- **Program update & grant expectations: Up & Adams Wellness Initiative 2023**  
Mr. Rosenberg provided an update. The program has been extended to include two Thursdays for outdoor foresting programs and learn about the wild plants growing in this area. He has learned many things attending these programs such as the largest organ of the body is the skin in which the FDA does not control topical products that is put on your skin that are absorbed into the blood stream such as makeup and skin care products. Participants are engaged and are

attending yoga classes regularly. The informational sessions are open to anyone to attend. Dr. Rhoads inquired how these informational sessions would be publicized. The board members suggested posting into Facebook pages as most individuals would not necessarily know to go to the town's website to see events of this nature. Mr. Rosenberg will discuss with the program coordinator how best to do this. The sessions run on Thursdays, May 4 to June 8 from 5:30pm – 7:00pm and Fridays, 6:00pm - 7:15pm. Dr. Rhoads asked Mr. Rosenberg to create an announcement that can be posted on the town's website calendar.

- **FY2024 budget request (status)**

Dr. Rhoads asked Mr. Rosenberg said that the \$1000 requested is in the budget. Dr. Rhoads said they intend to have a booth at the June 24<sup>th</sup> Adams Street Fair and noted that there are no more kids' sunglasses to give away. He requested Mrs. DeRose to see if we have funds available, \$125 sunglasses and \$75 tick removers. She will look into. Ms. Wilson suggested acquiring a water spray misting van to bring a lot of engagement at the booth. Dr. Rhoads will look into the availability of the misting van for the event. Other suggestions were information with the local compost business who may also have a booth at the event.

- **Solid Waste Advisory Committee; reconstitution: Status:**

Dr. Rhoads will follow up with Jay Green, Town Administrator. He will keep the board and others informed.

- **"No Smoking" signs on the Ashuwillticook Rail Trail**

Dr. Oberlin had not received any feedback and will reach out again. Dr. Rhoads contacted Jim Wilusz and was told that we would need DCR permissions to post any signs Dr. Rhoads is also awaiting a response from Cheryl Sbarra, consulting lawyer for the Health Association Boards and will follow up. Dr. Rhoads asked Mrs. DeRose how the Dog poop signs were put on the trail. He believes this happened in the fall of 2021. Mrs. DeRose will look into. The hope would be that DCR would pay for the signs and Dr. Rhoads said that the board would have the authority with DCR permissions to post signs and would expect to only post at the entrances of the trail within Adams.

- **Private waste haulers: List of permitted submitted for BOH web page**

Dr. Rhoads asked Mrs. Lesure if Stanley's Lumber has a current permit now. Mrs. Lesure will confirm. The board will provide the recyclable informational page "Recycle Smart" from the town website. He will follow up with Linda Cernik of Northern Berkshire Solid Waste Management District. The plan is to have the waste haulers recycle and to communicate with their clients and they would work out the process on managing their recycling pick-ups. Ms. Wilson suggested that the PDF can be provided and suggested to haulers to make into a refrigerator magnet for their clients for quick access of what can be recycled.

- **Annual Report: Status:**

Dr. Rhoads to submit the annual report.

**New Business:**

- **None**

**Local & County Updates:**

- **BPHA Governing Board/DPH Capacity Assessment: Briefing:**

Dr. Rhoads shared a meeting with the Health Alliance 2 weeks ago. There was a high response rate in Berkshire County. They will be going to the next steps. We are awaiting feedback on what we submitted.

- **BCBOHA Spring Dinner / public health & emergency planning mobile vans: Recap**

Dr. Rhoads said that the Emergency van would be nice to have.

- **Racial Equity 101 Training: Sessions through April 14 announced**

Dr. Rhoads asked the board members if they took the training yet. They have not as the session is a 3 hour and unable to commit to that time all at once.

- **Other?**

**Upcoming Events:**

- **6/17-6/18: Adams Faerie Fest – Anyone up for a BOH booth?**

Dr. Rhoads will not be available and asked the members if they were interested in working the booth

- **6/24: Adams Street Fair, Saturday Noon-6 pm**

- **4/30: Any other?**

Dr. Rhoads said Massachusetts Association Health Board is running a certificate program and would like to attend but is unable due to a family obligation. Dr. Oberlin may be able to attend the Holyoke session on June 3 and will check her schedule. There is a training online. Mrs. DeRose will check with Mr. Garner for budget availability funds of \$100 for Dr. Oberlin.

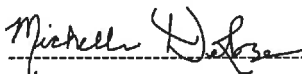
**Review Mail:**

- **BCBOHA calendar for April:**

**For the Good of the Order:** None

**Schedule Next Meeting:** May 3, 2023 to try to maintain the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month.

**Adjournment:** Dr. Oberlin motioned to adjourn. Ms. Wilson seconded. All members voted Yes unanimously. Adjourned at 4:53pm.



Michelle DeRose  
Administrative Assistant

6/8/2023

Date