BOARD OF HEALTH
October 15, 2019
Minutes

PRESENT
Health Agent: Bruce Wilson, Jr.
Chairperson: Vincent Forte, Jr.
Member: Kelly McGovern
Minutes Clerk: Tina Griffin

ABSENT
Vice Chairperson: Patricia Leclair

CALL TO ORDER
Mr. Forte called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

MINUTES
Ms. McGovern made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 01, 2019 meeting, as amended. Mr. Forte seconded and the motion carried.

DISCUSSION
VAPING – RECENT EVENTS
Tobacco Agent, Marilyn Edge and MAHB Attorney, Cheryl Sbarra were present at tonight’s meeting to discuss the Vaping Ban. A copy of the correspondence that was issued to all tobacco retailers regarding the Massachusetts Vaping Product Ban was provided to Board members for review. On September 24, 2019, Governor Baker declared a Public Health Emergency in the Commonwealth and banned the use of e-cigarettes and vaping products. This order will last four months and might be extended further, if necessary. Ms. Sbarra told the Board about the details of this Ban and possible outcomes after the four months are up. Ms. Edge discussed the option of banning flavored products in Town and the process that would need to be completed before the State Ban ends. Board members asked Ms. Sbarra to provide them with the information needed before the next Board of Health meeting on November 5th in order to propose this Regulation change. If all Board Members agree with the proposed change, a Public Hearing would then be scheduled for the November 19th Board of Health meeting. This discussion will be continued to the next Board of Health meeting on November 5th.

OLD BUSINESS
FLU CLINIC DATES
Information was provided to the Board with the flu clinic dates. Mr. Wilson has been in touch with Convenient MD, located at 245 Hartford Avenue to administer the flu shots this season. The employee flu clinic will be held on Wednesday, October 16, 2019 from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. The flu clinic for all other residents and families will be held on Wednesday, October 23, 2019 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

CORRESPONDENCE
BUDGETS
Board members acknowledged and discussed the Department Budget information that was provided from the Chief Financial Officer, Mary MacKinnon.
MAHB ANNUAL CERTIFICATION
The Board discussed an upcoming MAHB Certificate Program that will be taking place on November 2nd in Marlborough, MA and November 16th in Taunton, MA. Mr. Forte and Mr. Wilson will coordinate their schedules in order to be able to attend one of these events together.

OFFICE CALENDAR - OCTOBER
Board members reviewed a copy of the Office Calendar for the month of October 2019.

GOALS
Mr. Wilson informed the Board that starting in January he would like to organize a “Hoarding Task Force” with local departments. Mr. Wilson said that he has talked to the Fire Department and Police Departments already and would like to organize this Task Force group to help people in hoarding situations. More details about this Task Force will be available as it gets closer to the new year.

HEALTH AGENT UPDATES
NEW AND PREVIOUS COMPLAINTS
The Board discussed new and previous complaints that have come into the Board of Health office since that last meeting, held on October 1, 2019.

FOOD INSPECTION REPORT WITH UPDATES
Mr. Wilson told Board members about some recent food complaints that the office has received. He will be meeting with Food Inspector, Robert Griffin this week to do some routine inspections and follow up on these complaints. No additional reports were reviewed tonight as all establishments are up to date on the inspection schedule.

EEE UPDATE
Ms. Wilson updated the Board on recent EEE cases in Massachusetts. The EEE threat is still high until the temperatures fall below freezing. However, the mosquito population is decreasing due to the spraying that was done by Norfolk County Mosquito and the colder nights that are starting to become more frequent. Mr. Wilson told Board members that people still need to protect themselves when doing outdoor activities.

BILLS
Ms. McGovern made a motion to pay $165.00 to the Postmaster for Postage Stamps. Her motion was seconded by Mr. Forte and carried.

Ms. McGovern made a motion to pay $150.00 to MAHB for Annual Dues. Her motion was seconded by Mr. Forte and carried.

BETTERMENT BILLS
398 HARTFORD AVENUE
Ms. McGovern made a motion to pay the Betterment Bill in the amount of $25,600.00 to Phil’s Landscaping and Marilyn Short for a septic system replacement at 398 Hartford Avenue. Mr. Forte seconded and the motion carried.

454 WRENTHAM ROAD
Ms. McGovern made a motion to pay the Betterment Bill in the amount of $3,500.00 to Borderland Engineering, Inc. and Mr. Richard for Perc Testing and Engineering at 454 Wrentham Road. Mr. Forte seconded and the motion carried.
BETTERMENT LOANS
20 BERTINE STREET
Ms. McGovern made a motion to approve the Betterment Loan Agreement between the Town of Bellingham and Mr. Goodwin for the septic system located at 20 Bertine Street. Mr. Forte seconded and the motion carried. The agreement was signed and notarized for recording at the Registry of Deeds.

84 LISA ANN DRIVE
Ms. McGovern made a motion to approve the Betterment Loan Agreement between the Town of Bellingham and Mr. & Mrs. Audet for the septic system located at 84 Lisa Ann Drive. Mr. Forte seconded and the motion carried. The agreement was signed and notarized for recording at the Registry of Deeds.

ADJOURNMENT
Ms. McGovern made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm. Her motion was seconded by Mr. Forte and carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina M. Griffin
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NEXT MEETING IS NOVEMBER 05, 2019 AT 7:00 PM