

## Meeting Minutes

Board of Health Meeting: August 25, 2020

In attendance: Katie Goldrick, Kat Tribulski, David Reilly, Abbey Myers

Open Meeting: 6:30pm

Katie Goldrick: David Reilly re-elected to the Board.

David Reilly: Motion to have Katie continue as Chairman.

Katie, David and Kat: All are in favor.

David Reilly: Motion to have Kat Tribulski as Vice Chair.

Kat Tribulski: Accepts.

Katie, David and Kat: All are in favor.

Kat Tribulski: Motion to have David Reilly as Clerk.

Katie Goldrick: Second this motion.

Katie, David and Kat: All are in favor.

Abbey Myers: Update on flu season. All kids 6 months and older need to be immunized for the flu, with exceptions made for medical and for religious reasons. Teachers however do not need to get a flu shot. Discussion on doing a drive-thru flu clinic to help prepare in case there is the need to do a COVID drive-thru clinic to see what works and what does not. Aiming to have this the beginning of October.

Abbey Myers: Discussion on the public health nursing position. Last June 2019 there was a tri-town public health nurse needs assessment between Holbrook, Avon and Randolph. It was decided to share one nurse. Discussion on tasks for the nurse. Randolph would hire the nurse and the other towns would pay Randolph so they could also use this same nurse.

David Reilly: Agrees with this arrangement for nurse coverage with a 6-month contract.

Kat Tribulski: Agree with this arrangement for nurse coverage.

Katie Goldrick: Motion that we take on this expense, and that we engage in a tri-town 6- 9-month contract, depending on the discussion with Randolph, to hire a public health nurse, and the re-evaluate at the end of the contract. Not to exceed \$7200 annually

David Reilly: Second motion.  
Katie, David, Kat: All are in fair.

Abbey Myers: Discussion about call from a resident who is renting on North Franklin Street. Found wooden staircase with wood splitting and this was not a safe means of egress. Next found there was not hot water in the kitchen and no running water in the bathroom. This automatically makes it uninhabitable for human living. Issued an emergency condemnation and an order to vacate. Tenants were formally notified to vacate multiple ways. They are given three days to vacate and if they do not vacate then any faults are on them. The owners have yet to reach out, but once they do, I am requiring them to board up the building or fix it within 21 days.

Abbey Myers: Discussion about the house on Suffolk Road with a failed system. There are many reasons for this to fail. The family expressed that they do not have the financial means to repair the system so we are looking for grants or anything that could help them out. This is a public health hazard.

Katie Goldrick: There are a couple of options: 1. They could take out a loan, but it seems like that is not possible. 2. Look for community preservation funds. The town could put a lien on the house and recoup the money when the house is sold.

Abbey Myers: Discussion of DEP placed monitoring wells on Weymouth Street. They were looking for 3 chemicals. Was found that all three wells were all below the Massachusetts standard. They will continue to investigate because they believe a property has been leaching chemicals into the water system. Once there is more information, I will bring that back to the board.

Abbey Myers: Update on the playground attendants. They are there every day 8:30am – 7:30pm. They are sanitized in between uses. Things are going well.

Abbey Myers: Update on Old Castle. We had a court hearing the beginning of August. Judge asked to submit additional information, and we are waiting for a response.

Abbey Myers: School update. The school committee and the superintendent went with the hybrid model for school. If anyone has any questions please contact the Board of Health. The schools have signs on the floor to social distance, they have signs on the walls and they created magnets with the symptoms of COVID that they were handing out. Discussion about if/when to close down the schools. We will be taking it on a case-by-case basis. Will get the name of the cleaning supplies being used to make sure it is on one of the EPA lists.

Abbey Myers: Currently 4 cases. The state is trying to preemptively get ready for another surge. Anyone exhibiting signs of COVID, you should get tested. If exposed, quarantine for a few days and then get tested – 4-5 days is the best time to be tested. PCR test is still the best test. Will update if the city color changes – white, yellow, red.


Katie Goldrick: We have a lot more activities - now we have sports going on, school is being started, a lot of people going back to college, lots of private schools – everyone needs to remember to follow the rules of social distancing, face coverings, and using hand sanitizer, avoid large crowds.

Katie Goldrick: August is overdose awareness month and we weren't able to get together this year to acknowledge in person, Holbrook cares has added purple cares to Mary Wells park.

Kat Tribulski: Motion to close the meeting.

Katie Goldrick: Second motion.

Katie / Kat: Both are in favor.

  
Kathryn Tribulski, AVO  
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