

## Minutes

Board of Health Meeting December 21, 2021

Present: Katie Goldrick, Allyson Pinkhover, Rose Domingo-Horne (via Zoom), Abbey Myers-Health Agent

Katie Goldrick: Opens Meeting

Abbey Myers: Prepping 2022 permits, applications are not complete if all parts of the application are completed i.e.: SERV safes, fees, insurance... Almost ready to print out current permits that completed the application.

Allyson Pinkhover: I move to approve all completed permits (Food, Tobacco, etc.) that have been submitted to the Health Agent.

Katie Goldrick: Second

All In Favor

Allyson Pinkhover: Discussion on EJ Community Outreach. Expressed concerns to DEP EJ Community Outreach Director that we do not have a lot of data on health outcomes. Would be passed on to Department of Public Health (DPH). Also spoke with DEP about why DPH declined to do a Public Health Impact study. DEP said they would look into it. Talked with DEP about TLA application and us being an Environmental Justice community. Abbey and I put together a list of places would be good places for outreach notification throughout the Town (religious groups, town organizations, shopping plazas, cultural organizations).

Katie Goldrick: Discussion on Contact Tracer, currently 91 COVID Cases, 6 probable. Vaccines are lowering mortality rate and hospitalizations are down. Discussion on help we provide ie. food delivery, isolation kits.

Abbey Myers: Would be helpful if person was in office a few times a week.

Katie Goldrick: I make a motion we hire a part time temporary contact tracer, no benefits, at \$25 per hour in order to support COVID-19 response.

Allyson Pinkhover: Second

All In Favor

Abbey Myers: Month of December total 196 COVID-19 cases. Article sent from DPH- 97% of breakthrough cases are mild cases. COVID-19 is still spreading, family spread is one of the main contributors in Holbrook. Vaccines were created to prevent severe disease, not to prevent COVID-19 in general. Talks about vaccine clinics.

Katie Goldrick: Discussion and Vote on Mask Mandate in the Town of Holbrook. Massachusetts just issued another Mask Advisory.

Allyson Pinkhover: Talks about MA COVID-19 Dashboard and Holbrook specific data.

Rose Domingo-Horne- States that she supports mandates, that viruses are very transmissible, that it would be helpful. States that she supports it to being Town-wide.

Allyson Pinkhover: Supports mandate and that the best practice would be universal indoor mandates.

Katie Goldrick: Pros/Cons of Mandate v. Advisory.

Katie Goldrick: Motion to mandate mandatory masking indoors on Town-owned properties and an advisory to the rest of the Town in-line with the State.

No Second

Rose Domingo-Horne: Currently we have an advisory but cases in our Town are still climbing. Believes mandating masking would be the best option at this time.

Discussion on potential requirements and thresholds with the potential mask mandate.

Abbey Myers: Talks about if we have a mandate and potentially revisit it at the end of January.

Allyson Pinkhover: Motion that the Town of Holbrook institute a universal indoor mask mandate effective through the end of January when it will be revisited by the Board of Health.

Katie Goldrick: Second

All In Favor

Abbey Myers: Discussion on chickens at 15 Laurel Park. Complaints were brought forward by a resident in regards to noise (rooster) and odor- no permit for livestock was issued for that address. A cease and desist was sent via certified mail to the homeowner.

Resident Jillian Weche/ 15 Laurel Park: We had chickens for a few years now, did not know a permit was needed to keep chickens. Only get female chickens, but this year- accidentally got a rooster. Mike, the rooster was been rehomed to reduce noise.

Senya Ehrstein/ Canterbury Crossing: Talks about noise complaints from residents of Canterbury Crossing, and that there is an odor that they believe is coming from the chickens.

Discussion about the clean up of the chickens/ smell. Health Agent has only received complaints about the noise ie. rooster.

Katie Goldrick: Table this matter until Health Agent can do a full inspection of the property in regards to the chickens. Add this to next meeting.

Abbey Myers: Health Agent updates- a house of S. Franklin is doing asbestos remediation; it is a full containment to the area of the attic. Letters were sent out to Highland Plaza for pest control reports- that the dumpsters are baited and cleaned. Informs Board about Language Line- it is a service that the State is paying for until June 2022. Café Asia had a small fire, had owner do a deep cleaning and ensure the hood was cleaned. January 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>- attending a FEMA ICS 300 class

which is required from DPH and Office of Preparedness and Emergency Management. We were not one of the communities that received test kits from the State, but we contacted the State about procurement of test kits. They are sending out procurement information in the upcoming days. Cases of flu are coming in, but it is not significant. Talks about flu and COVID-19 vaccinations- how they are available for residents.

Katie Goldrick: Discussion on PFAS. DEP has contacted, letting us know that the Blue Drop station will be tested for PFAS on a regular basis. Have Health Agent see if we can do an independent PFAS test for transparency.

Abbey Myers: November PFAS results 19.44ppt. which is under the MCL which is 20ppt.

Katie Goldrick: Have Health Agent look into other places who are having similar water issues around the country. Discussion on Blue Drop, town supplied water jugs. Discussion on availability to underserved populations ie. elderly who can't lift 5-gallon jugs, those without transportation to get water, etc. Discussion about notification about PFAS, who to target- restaurants, dentists, PCP's, pediatricians.

Rose Domingo-Horne: Speaks about letters going to be sent out to surrounding providers about what our PFAS situation is, so they can talk to their patients about it is as well.

Allyson Pinkhover: Letters are important for outreach.

Greg Hanley/ Town Administrator: Talks about the success of the COVID-19 booster clinic at Town Hall that day. Talks about Blue Drop and the pumps.

Allyson Pinkhover: Talks about a potential cost analysis, we should look at the exposure timeline for PFAS.

Katie Goldrick: Vote to allow Health Agent upon rehire, 2 weeks of vacation which would last through June 30<sup>th</sup> 2022.

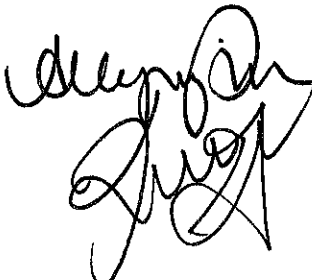
Allyson: Second

All In Favor 3-0.

Katie Goldrick: Motion to end meeting

Allyson Pinkhover: Second

All In Favor 3-0.

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