



Hudson Board of Health

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MINUTES

May 2nd, 2023
5:30 pm
Hudson Town Hall
3rd Floor Conference Room

Board Members: Michael Delfino, Cassia Monteiro, Christie Vaillancourt

1. **Preliminaries**

- a. **Call Meeting to Order** – Ms. Vaillancourt called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.
- b. **Approval of Minutes from 4.4.2023 & 4.11.2023** – Ms. Monteiro motioned to approve the minutes from 4.4.2023 and 4.11.2023. Mr. Delfino seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

2. **Vouchers to be Approved** – Mr. Delfino motioned to approve the vouchers. Ms. Vaillancourt seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

3. **Housing Updates – 21 Felton Street #3**

- a. Ms. Antonelli and Mr. St. Louis re-inspected the property on April 21st 2023. They found most items that were deemed violations to be about 80% fixed. Mr. Langelier was at the property during the inspection. Mr. Langelier had reached out earlier in the week asking for a walk-thru ahead of the inspection date but we declined. Mr. St. Louis offered to be available to answer any questions Mr. Langelier may have over the phone. Pest Control did go out to the property. We will get a letter from exterminators outlining their findings. Mr. Langelier stated that he will repair the remaining items.
- b. A notice was sent out via certified mail to Mr. Langelier that included a list of the violations and which items were and were not completed. We are in communication with town counsel regarding the next steps to file in court. It is our hope that the remaining items are repaired by the court date.
- c. The Housing Authority's re-inspection will be May 4th, 2023. They had more items documented in need of repair.
- d. Ms. LaPlante requested certified copies of the Health Department's notice.

4. **OpenGov –**

- a. This is the town's new online E permitting platform. Over the last several months OpenGov has been meeting with each town department to set up all forms in order to create a system of applying and paying online. The Health Department's forms will be going live soon. Forms include but are not limited to, applications for Food Establishments, Septic, and Body Art. We are digitalizing all Health Department forms. The Building Department's transition has been very successful.
- b. We have recently made the decision to transfer the dumpster permitting over to Hudson Fire Department. This is a cumbersome job that includes Fire Code therefore the Chief wants the ability to enforce these codes. The Health Department will continue to permit the Trash Haulers to better monitor who is coming in and out of town.

5. **Staffing Updates** – We finally filled the position for the FT Regional Health Inspector. This position is under Shared Services. Position was originally PT. The Health Department still needs to fill the positions of Regional Public Health Nurse, and YSAP Coordinator.
6. **Community Nursing Updates:**
 - a. **Covid 19:** Expect cases to decline. 3 Probable 14 Confirmed
 - b. **Additional infectious disease numbers**
 - **Group A Streptococcus:** 1 Confirmed
 - **Hepatitis C:** 1 Confirmed
 - **Lyme Disease:** 2 Probable 1 Suspect
 - **Giardiasis:** 1 Probable
 - **TB:** 1 Confirmed 1 Suspect
7. **Overdose Data:**
 - a. We have an uptick in overdoses. So far in 2023 there have been 8, 3 of which were fatal. There hasn't been a fatal overdose in at least a couple of years. 2 of the fatal overdoses were homeless persons. The homeless population is growing here in Hudson. We are looking into possible outreach to evaluate needs and offer or connect with services. Possible distribution of necessities, food, socks, water, Narcan.
 - b. Pan-handlers are increasing in numbers.
 - c. Post-overdose committee meets monthly. This includes, the Health Department, Hudson Police Department and JRI out of Framingham.
8. **Updating BoH Regulations:**
 - a. The Health Department will be updating our Tobacco Regulations as there have been many changes with regards to vaping, flavored tobacco etc. We are also looking to draft regulations regarding marijuana. We are hoping to regulate and permit accessory shops as they can sell everything used to smoke except for the actual nicotine or marijuana. Framingham had put in place regulations so these businesses will also have to be permitted through the Health Department. Possibly having a cap on how many accessory businesses we allow. We are working with the MAHB Public Health lawyer to ensure that our regulations are in line with the state's fine schedule.
 - b. Inquiries have been made regarding a THC infused dinner at Charter Oaks Country Club and installation of CBD Vending Machines. Also want to make sure we are doing everything possible to protect the children in our community.
9. **Future Events:**
 - a. The Health Department will have a booth at Hudson's Arts Fest on Saturday, May 6th. We are following Natick's example by creating a project of inscribing wooden hearts to string together and display here in town. Looking to have a local artist take over this project in the future.
 - b. Hazardous Waste Day will be Saturday, May 13th from 9am-12pm at the Easterly Wastewater Treatment Facility in Marlborough. Eddie, Donna, and Cheryl will be working it.
 - c. May is Mental Health Awareness Month. We will be posting relative information on social media and the Community Social Worker will be conducting a virtual Mental Health First Aid Training on May 22nd. There will be a shorter training conducted at the schools.
10. **Chair and Co-Chair Nominations:**
 - a. Ms. Monteiro nominates Mr. Delfino as Board of Health Chairman. Ms. Vaillancourt seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0. Mr. Delfino nominates Ms. Monteiro as Board of Health Co-Chair. Ms. Vaillancourt seconded the motion and the motion passes 3-0.
 - b. Mr. Delfino thanks Ms. Vaillancourt for her service to the Board of Health. Ms. Vaillancourt guided us through many years of a global pandemic and she is greatly appreciated. We wish her luck.

Adjournment

Mr. Delfino motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 pm, Ms. Vaillancourt seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, June 6th, 2023 at 5:30pm 3rd Floor Conference Room Hudson Town Hall