



Hudson Board of Health

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MINUTES

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

Board Members: Michael Delfino, Cassia Monteiro, Allyson O'Malley

1. **Preliminaries**

- a. **Call Meeting to Order** – Mr. Delfino called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and welcomed Ms. O'Malley to the Board of Health.
- b. **Approval of Minutes from 5.2.2023** – Ms. Monteiro motioned to approve the minutes from 5.2.2023. Mr. Delfino seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

2. **Vouchers to be Approved** – Ms. Monteiro motioned to approve the vouchers. Ms. O'Malley seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

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

- a. Ongoing issue between tenant and owner. Several violations went before the Board of Health. The Board of Health upheld the inspection results. Some repairs have been made but not all. Town Council processed documents to take owner to court and go before a judge. The owner of the property has a new attorney so the court date has been pushed out to June 27th 2023. It is our hope that this issue will be mediated prior to the court date. Ms. Antonelli and Mr. St. Louis returned to 21 Felton, Apt. 3 some things were taken care of but still not all. They shared the information with Town Council and the owner's attorney.
- b. The Tenant notified us that they would be vacating the premises next week. The issue still exists between the tenant and the owner as the Health Department still requires the property to be up to code.
- c. The Housing Authority is withholding rent vouchers until work is complete and they have also notified owner that they will not be going forward with him as a future landlord.
- d. If this case does go to court it is this Health Department's recommendation to impose fines to Mr. Langelier the owner of 21 Felton Street Apt. 3.

4. **OpenGov –**

- a. Online E-Permitting systems have been setup for many town departments. The Health Department has been working weekly with IT and hoping to launch July 1st 2023. There will be a transition period of roughly a month or two where residents and businesses can submit paper forms as well.
- b. The online system will send reminders for annual renewals.

5. **Staffing Updates –**

- a. The Health Department has hired a Regional Inspector under MetroWest Shared Public Health Services which encompasses eight towns with Hudson being the lead. Hudson is responsible for hiring all staff. Mr. Casey Mellin started May 17th and his position is 100% grant funded.

- b. We are still looking to fill the full time Regional Public Health Nurse position and the Youth Substance Abuse Prevention Coordinator position.
6. **Community Nursing Updates:**
 - a. **Covid 19:** 1 Probable 11 Confirmed
 - b. **Additional infectious disease numbers**
 - **Lyme Disease:** 1 Suspect
 - **TB:** 1 Confirmed
7. **Appointment of Health Agents:**
 - a. In the event of a crisis, emergency, or natural disaster, Town Council has recommended that we appoint Health Agents. Appointed Health Agents will include all three Board of Health members, The Director of Public & Community Health, The Sanitarian, and the Public Health Nurse.
 - b. Mr. Delfino makes a motion to appoint Board of Health Members as Health Agents these members are: Michael Delfino, Cassia Monteiro, and Allyson O'Malley. Ms. Monteiro seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.
 - c. Mr. Delfino makes a motion to appoint Lauren Antonelli, Director Public & Community Health as Health Agent. Ms. Monteiro seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.
 - d. Mr. Delfino makes a motion to appoint Eduardo St. Louis, Sanitarian as Health Agent. Ms. Monteiro seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.
 - e. Mr. Delfino make a motion to appoint Michelle Andrade, Public Health Nurse as Health Agent. Ms. Monteiro seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.
8. **Updating BoH Regulations:**
 - a. The Health Department is starting the process of reviewing/writing new rules and regulations governing tobacco and marijuana in Hudson. We do not have a determined time line for our next steps. There will have to be an open public hearing with two weeks public notice. We will determine if we need a higher town government review.
 - b. We will be working with the Massachusetts Association of Health Boards. Sudbury's Town Council drafted regulations governing marijuana by a small margin. These regulations dictate zoning and potential cap on number of establishments. The town would regulate and permit these types of establishments. This process was previously sidelined due to COVID.
 - c. We currently have two dispensaries in town. Temescal Wellness and Native Sun.
 - d. With regards to tobacco the State has minimum requirements but Hudson could be stricter with defined rules and regulations governing vaping and vaping products. We have the ability to fine up to \$1,000 for first violation and up to \$2,000 for second offense. Hudson has done well during planned and unplanned state inspections.
9. **Future Events:**
 - a. Hudson Fest is Saturday, June 10th and the Health Department will have a booth.
 - Resources
 - Bubbles for kids
 - First Aid Kits and ice packs
 - Promoting our heart art project
 - YSAP water bottles
 - Promoting Naloxone Distribution and training

Adjournment

Ms. Monteiro motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 pm, Mr. Delfino seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

Next Meetings

Tuesday, June 11th, 2023 at 5:30 pm 3rd Floor Conference Room Hudson Town Hall

Tuesday, August 1st 2023 at 5:30 pm 3rd Floor Conference Room Town Hall