

Town of Shelburne

Board of Health

Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m. on Monday November 16, 2020 by member Ron Kelter. The meeting was held via Zoom due to the Coronavirus- COVID-19 Pandemic.

Board of Health Members Present: Ron Kelter, - Chair, Jody Stetson, Fred Vohr

Others Present: Randy Crochier (CPHS Health Agent)

Minutes – November 2, 2020

A motion was made by Fritz and seconded by Jody to approve the meeting minutes of November 2, 2020 with one change. VOTE: 3-0

COVID-19

One more case of COVID was reported, Jenn noted that she only knows when to change the number when told by the board. County Wide there was forty-three cases in the last seven days. Ron inquired about hospitalization and will contact Lisa White directly for more information. Discussion on COVID preparedness compared to April 2020, COVID fatigue and the Flu Vaccine distribution when available. Reminder of the COVID Roundtable meeting this afternoon at 4 p.m.

Thanksgiving is coming and is problematic. Jody reported that the COVID task force made up flyer for distribution. Jenn shared in chat that she had posted the Thanksgiving guidelines from Mass.Gov. Randy shared the new holiday FRCOG flyer.

Discussion regarding the Board of Health message being the new Holiday flyer and the Article in My Turn from the Public Health Nurses regarding COVID – quarantine. The information will be posted to the website. Jody shared that the flyers and papers are important for those who don't have computers, flyers are distributed at the transfer station, Highland Village and through Meals on Wheels.

Health Agent Report

The Health Agents continue to do Outreach and work with the community and business around COVID. Food Permits and Short-Term Rental applications have been sent out and are coming back.

Discussion on the possible COVID vaccines and the importance of assuring the community that they are safe.

Chris Meyers had forwarded an email to the Board regarding the Shelburne Falls Business staying open late on November 27th for holiday shopping. Carmela reported that the larger plans have been cancelled. The board agreed that they are not comfortable with putting their name at the bottom of the flyer sent by the Greater Shelburne Fall Business Association, the flyer follows the state guidelines.

Housing Issue- Randy reported that he will be visiting the home again and was able to find a local church and donor to help the person with their heating issues. Jody was thankful for Randy and the work he does, all agreed.

There was discussion the former Anchorage Nursing home and the current use.

Other Business

None

Next Meeting: November 30, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

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A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:29 a.m. Vote: 3-0

Submitted:

Jennifer Morse
Board of Health Clerk
November 16, 2020