

Town of Shelburne

Board of Health

Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. on Monday March 8, 2021 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 (Fritz)

Others Present: Randy Crochier (CPHS Health Agent), Jennifer Morse (BOH Clerk), Heidi Creamer (9:09 a.m.)

Minutes – February 22, 2021

Tabled to the next meeting

COVID-19

Jody and Randy shared that the clinics are going well and are very organized. Both felt that if more vaccines were available, they would be able to handle an increase in volume.

There have been two more confirmed cases of COVID over the weekend, numbers continue to fall to pre-Thanksgiving levels.

There was discussion regarding the number of doses coming into the county and the board members discussed how the information is constantly changing. Roundtable is this afternoon at 4 p.m. and they will be discussing vaccine distribution. The clinic that was scheduled for two days in Montague is now one day and there will be one day in Orange as well due to the lack of vaccine.

Health Agent Updates

The Franklin County Fridge is operating outside of Keystone Market, the first in Franklin County.

There was discussion on area businesses that are opening and re-opening including Catamount Traders, The Duck Pond, Baked and a possible new seafood shack on the Mohawk Trail (Old Mohawk Trading Post).

Western MA Attorney General Neighborhood Renewal Program – which is the new name for housing support from the state. It is tool for housing orders mainly for vacant homes. The program deals with housing court and receiverships. There was further discussion on the handling of housing complaints such as hoarding or unsafe living conditions were the home is still occupied. Randy will bring the topic back to the board again for a formal vote on joining the program.

Other

Jenn mentioned that the Board of Health is on the Select Board agenda for Monday March 29, 2021 to present the budget. It will be discussed again at the meeting on March 22, 2021.

Public Comments

Heidi Creamer asked about the Filming in the village – The Select Board has been handling all the logistics in both towns.

Heidi asked about tracking of the stages of vaccine distribution – which Randy said is on the mass.gov website. Further discussion that Franklin County is getting roughly 1000 vaccines a week. Heidi complained that her landlords continue to not wear masks in the hallway and there was discussion on the mandates and since Heidi is currently residing in Canada there was discussion on the difference in rules in Canada and Massachusetts.

Discussion

There was further discussion regarding clinics and homebound residents. Randy to get the homebound information from the Sherriff's Office and Senior Center. DPH is expecting to have a meeting on March 12, 2021 with the plan for vaccinating the homebound.

There was discussion on the Back to School mandate for elementary school beginning on April 5th.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:01 a.m. Vote: 3-0

Submitted:

Jennifer Morse
Board of Health Clerk
March 11, 2021