Board of Health Meeting Minutes April 4, 2022 9:30 am Via Zoom

Call to Order: Chair, Ron Kelter opened the meeting at 9:32 am. Members present: Fred Vohr. and Joanne (Jody) Stetson. Others in attendance included: Terry Narkewicz, Town Administrator.

Acceptance of Minutes: Ron made a motion to accept the minutes of March 7, 2022 as presented. Fred seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Appointments: None

Randy Crochier, FRCOG Health Agent Update: Randy was not present for the meeting.

Covid-19 Update: Numbers remain relatively low in our area at present. A second booster is available for individuals over the age of 50.

Other Business:

Revised Cease & Desist Order for Tobacco Control – In June, 2020 a new state tobacco law, “An Act to Modernize Tobacco Control” and state regulations (105 CMR 665.000) took effect. Along with higher state fines, which are payable to the municipality, the regulations state that if the first violation is a sale to a person under the age of 21, the tobacco sales permit shall be suspended. Local Boards of Health’s have the discretion to decide how many days the permit suspension will be. Members of the Board decided to table the discussion until their next meeting in order to discuss with Randy Crochier.

Alert Network RE: Blood Donation Policy – The Massachusetts Department of Public Health is urging Boards of Health to send a letter to Commissioner, Robert Califf of the Food and Drug Administration to express concern for the nationwide shortage of blood and blood products, which is exacerbated by a discriminatory federal policy that categorically restricts sexually active gay and bisexual men as potential donors. The policy was enacted in the 1980’s and is believed to be ineffective, unnecessary, and discriminatory given the incredible advancements in both the development of highly sensitive HIV diagnostic platforms and our scientific understanding of HIV transmission. Fred presented a motion to send a letter to Commissioner Califf on behalf of the Shelburne Board of Health. Jody seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Tick Testing – Fred mentioned that it is the season to be wary of ticks. The UMass Laboratory of Medical Zoology has partnered with the Cooperative Public Health Service District so that residents can receive tick testing for $15.00. Visit [www.tickreport.com](http://www.tickreport.com) for more information.

Administrative Assistance: Terry met with Buckland resident, Marjorie Liscombe who may be interested in serving the Board of Health in an administrative capacity. Marjorie attended today’s meeting to meet the Board of Health members, to answer any questions anyone might have, and to get a better sense of the position. Following a brief discussion, Jody presented a motion to recommend Marjorie’s hire to the Select Board. Ron seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. If Marjorie is interested in pursuing the position, Terry will present the recommendation to the Select Board on April 11, 2022.

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: None

Next Meeting: May 2, 2022 @ 9:30 am

Adjournment: Ron presented a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:06 am. Jody seconded the motion. Motion passed.