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NOTICE

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING  
(Hybrid – attend via Zoom Webinar or in person at South Hadley Library)  
&  
AGENDA

July 10, 2023

6:15 p.m.

To: Board of Health Members

From: Sharon D. Hart, Director of Public Health

Re: A Board of Health Meeting (Hybrid) will be held on Monday, July 10, 2023 at 6:15 p.m. *Participants attending via Zoom will be sent a unique virtual log-in.*

1: Chair to Call the Meeting to Order

2: 6:15 p.m. **Executive Session** – Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A sec 21(a)(3), and subject to the Chair's declaration that the public discussion of will have a detrimental impact on the litigating position of the Board, the Board will go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to litigation in the matter of Chicopee Concrete Service, Inc v. Hutchinson, et al. (South Hadley Planning Board and Board of Health) C.A. No. 2180CV00038; this session may be held jointly with the Planning Board.

3: Adjourn Meeting

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**7:00 p.m.**

Join Zoom Webinar from your Computer:

Please click this URL to join:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89583777618?pwd=OEtOWVgrZVRibUZUb2wrTjhrcThNZz09>

Passcode: 142450

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**NOTE: Not all the topics listed in this notice may actually be reached for discussion. In addition, the topics listed are those which the Chair reasonably expects will be discussed as of the date of this notice.**

**To: Board of Health Members**

**From: Sharon D. Hart, Director of Public Health**

**Re: A Board of Health Meeting (Hybrid) will be held on Monday, July 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the South Hadley Library.**

- 1: Chair to Call the Meeting to Order**
- 2: Acceptance of the Minutes of the June 13, 2023 meeting.**

- 3: Announcements and Open Forum (10 Minutes) – NOTE: Persons wishing to submit written comments/questions regarding items which are not a subject of a public hearing are encouraged to use the following Google form:

<https://forms.gle/vX7Ta4ST1LxB4f5U7>

4: New Business:

- (a): Director's Report
- (b): Update - South Hadley Drug & Alcohol Prevention Coalition (Karen)
- (c): Emergency Orders to Vacate – Ratify  
43 San Souci Drive

5: Old Business:

- (a): Tick Presentation - Status
- (b): Skinnerwoods Estates Septic System Installation – Status
- (c): Syringe Services Program – Update
- (d): Administrative Position – Status
- (e): Mt. Holyoke Biosafety Committee – Status
- (f): Water District #1 Report – Status
- (g): Pollinator Resolution Study – Stephen Frantz

6: Set Next Meeting Date – (TBD) at 6:00 p.m. at South Hadley Public Library

7: Adjourn Meeting

\*\*\* Please note: Meetings are recorded\*\*\*

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## Board of Health Minutes

June 13, 2023

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Present: Christine McKiernan, MD, Chair; Jessica Collins, Vice-Chair, Tony Judge, Board Member, Stephen Frantz, Board Member; Sharon Hart, Public Health Director; Jennifer Jernigan, Assistant Public Health Director

*The Board of Health Meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Chair McKiernan.*

### 1. Acceptance of the Minutes of the May 2023 Meeting.

Chair McKiernan introduced the minutes from the May 16, 2023 meeting and mentioned she would accept a motion to approve the minutes. Judge made the motion and McKiernan seconded it. A roll call was taken and all members were in favor.

### 2. Announcements and Open Forum:

None.

### 3. New Business

#### A. Director's Report

Director Hart provided an overview of the monthly production of the Department. Hart highlighted trainings, Syringe Program updates, Board and Committees updates, Public Health Excellence grant updates, Tobacco grant updates and upcoming collaborations with other town departments. An educational program on ticks is being collaborated on with the Conservation Department, for example. Director Hart discussed the records management scanning estimate that she had done for the Health Department files. She also discussed the Asthma Awareness outreach and men's health month activities that were done and Jernigan's diabetes practicum project that is in the works. A rabies situation that occurred with a bat in town was reviewed and how town-wide education was done on that subject. Director Hart stated that additional funding was approved for an Assistant Animal Control Officer. Several other job openings in the department were reviewed. Grant management was discussed along with the town's Wage and Classification study. The tall grass bylaw was discussed. Frantz is interested in meeting with the Conservation Department on their pollinator project.

**B: Emergency Orders to Vacate – Ratify**

Chair McKiernan introduced the ratification of seven emergency orders to vacate as the next topic for consideration. Jernigan shared that all were condemned due to disconnection of utilities. Frantz was concerned about condemning units due to lack of payment. Hart explained that typically the utility provider has given quite a few chances to pay the bill prior to alerting the Health Department. The Health Department, per the State Sanitary Code, must condemn dwellings that are deemed uninhabitable, including for the lack of utilities. Chair McKiernan stated that she would accept a motion to ratify the emergency orders to vacate. Collins made the motion and Judge seconded it. Ratification was completed for the condemnations of:

79 Charon Terrace  
121 Main Street, Third Floor, Right  
69 Bardwell Street  
54 Bridge Street, Apt. C65  
55 School Street, Apt. B  
117 Main Street, Third Floor, Left  
20 Maple Street

All Board members were in consensus.

Stephen Frantz = Aye  
Tony Judge = Aye  
Christine McKiernan = Aye  
Jessica Collins = Aye

**C: Mount Holyoke Biosafety Committee**

The Board discussed that the committee is looking for 2 outside community members who are not part of the college to be on this committee. They would like one or two people from the Board of Health. The Board would like more information on the requirements of this committee position and Chair McKiernan will follow up on that.

**D. Water District 2- Consumer Confidence Report Certification**

The results of the Water District 2 report was discussed. When the Health Department receives any future reports from the water districts they will be sent out to the Board and put on the agenda for review and discussion again in the future.

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#### **4. Old Business:**

##### **A. Racial Equity 101 Training – Follow – Up**

Chair McKiernan followed up on the possibility of any future training dates. So far, there are no other future dates available. Municipal staff is encouraged to attend any future trainings as well as any governing Boards. Both Director Hart and Chair McKiernan will be notified once more trainings come out. Hart told the Board that the Town has some trainings offered by MIIA and she can send the Board that information if they wish. It is not required, but you can take them if you want.

##### **B. Master Plan Update – Status of updates**

Hart has started entering into the spreadsheet what Collins supplied.

##### **C: Syringe Services Program**

This topic was already discussed in the Director's Report portion of the meeting. Director Hart is just waiting to hear back on the program.

##### **D: Administrative Position – Status**

Director Hart is formulating a job description.

##### **E: Gun Violence Presentation – Status**

This topic will be deferred to next Board meeting. Collins will be putting together something on this and Frantz will reach out to Collins with any items he would like to have discussed on this topic.

#### **5. Set Next Meeting Date – (TBD) at 6:00 p.m. at South Hadley Library**

The next meeting date was set for July 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Trustees room at the South Hadley library. All present members were in consensus with the next meeting date being July 11 at 6pm at the library.

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**7. Adjourn the meeting:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m.

Respectfully,

Jennifer Jernigan  
Assistant Public Health  
Director

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ATTACHMENT A

RECORD LOCATION

BOH Meeting Minutes 05-16-23	BOH File
Director's Report	BOH File
Water District #2, Consumer Confidence Report	BOH File

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Summary	August 2022	September 2022	October 2022	November 2022	December 2022	January 2023	February 2023	March 2023	April 2023	May 2023	June 2023
<b>Complaints Received</b>											
housing complaint	13	5	12	11	15	10	6	10	4	5	3
food complaints/questions	6	10	7	2	5	6	1	3	5	5	4
COVID inquiry/reporting	2	1	1	0	0	0	0		1	1	0
animal control	9	4	9	3	2	3	3	3	4	5	3
dumpster permit	6	1	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	5
hauler permit	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	3
septic permit	1	2	5	3	3	2	0	6	7	7	2
property care complaint	1	3	0	2	1	0	2	2	1	1	5
miscellaneous	3	13	11	7	8	4	3	3	6	6	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Notices Issued</b>											
housing orders		1	0	1	0	3	3	2	5	5	3
condemnations	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	2	6
property care notices	1		0	0	0	1	0	1	4	3	5
compliance	2	1	3	1	0	5	2	4	1	0	4
educational/best practice material	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	2	3	0
dumpster violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Inspections Conducted</b>											
food inspections	4	1	6	0	0	7	9	13	17	14	3
lodging/housing inspections	4	3	1	0	4	3	4	4	5	5	4
site observations	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	4	5	7	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>											
records requests		6	9	18	9	1	1	2	3	1	1
food plan reviews		1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	2	2
summer camp permits	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	2	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>

## Town of SOUTH HADLEY

### Board of Health

#### **DRAFT Non-binding Resolution for the Protection of Pollinator Species and Enhancement of Pollinator Habitat**

WHEREAS, bee species and other pollinators (butterflies, moths, flies, beetles, and wasps, hummingbirds, etc.) are a crucial component of a healthy ecosystem and a vital link in our food system, providing animal-mediated pollination responsible for over three quarters of the world's plant species, and for one out of every three bites of food that we eat; and

WHEREAS, pollinator populations are in sharp decline or are critically endangered due to human land mis-management practices that are causing ongoing habitat loss and fragmentation, the expansion of pesticide use by consumers and professionals (e.g., neonicotinoids, synthetic pyrethroids, chlorpyrifos, 2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic acid [2,4-D], glyphosate & various fungicides), the spread of pathogens and parasites, and the global climate crisis; and

WHEREAS, locally grown crops such as apples, blueberries, strawberries, squash and tomatoes depend on pollinators and thus are at risk; and

WHEREAS, extensive research has documented that neonicotinoids and other systemic pesticides have been shown to cause illness and death to bee species, butterflies, moths, other insect pollinators and beneficial insects; and

WHEREAS, guidelines for organic land management practices are available that allow residents, businesses, farms and towns to manage their land in non-toxic ways that increase pollinator forage and nest sites while decreasing maintenance costs;

WHEREAS, the monetary and social costs of maintaining pollinator-friendly landscapes can be less expensive than costs associated with maintaining toxic chemically-treated monocrop (i.e., grass) landscapes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this Board of Health that the Town of South Hadley is hereby declared a Pollinator-Friendly Community

and that the town encourages the adoption of policies and practices that protect and support pollinator health by eliminating the use of toxic insecticides, herbicides and fungicides; and by discouraging the commercial sale of harmful lawn chemicals;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of South Hadley (for all town-owned/operated property by employees and contractors) will set an example by adopting the pollinator friendly practices noted below and encouraging private & rental property owners, residents, business owners and institutions to adopt pollinator-friendly practices including:

Planting more pollinator-supporting forage on their property, emphasizing native plant species, and adopting organic lawn and non-toxic landscaping practices as specified by the Northeast Organic Farming Association (NOFA - Standards for Organic Land Care: Practices for the Design and Maintenance of Ecological Landscapes), the Organic Material Review Institute (OMRI), and Beyond Pesticides (Products Compatible with Organic Landscape Management) or another comparable low-toxic equivalent.

Avoiding the planting of flowering plants from plant nurseries and other commercial growers that are treated with systemic insecticides, and avoiding the use of seeds coated with systemic neonicotinoids or other toxic pesticides;

Avoiding the use of synthetic insecticides (including all toxic systemic insecticides), herbicides such as glyphosate and herbicide-fertilizer-fungicide mixtures (e.g., 2,4-D) on their property.

Combining an outdoor patio or deck with lawn-replacement habitat using a mosaic of wildflowers, herbs, vegetables, berries, shrubs and trees that supports biodiversity, including insect pollinators, birds and other wildlife. Note that short-cut grass is basically a desert for pollinator species; taller grass shades weed sprouts from sunlight and helps crowd them out. Obviously, some families need lawns for recreational purposes, young children and pets. If turf grass is needed, it can be managed with the above organic methods (note that the best mowing height can vary with turf grass species, the site and the climate).

Growing pollinator gardens, along with herbs, berries, vegetables, etc., meets another critical necessity, the universal human need, that is both physical and psychological, for outdoor time and connection with nature.

This Town of South Hadley “Protection of Pollinator Species..” plan reflects tenets of the “Growing Wild Massachusetts” initiative [effective 07/10/2023] of the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), in partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR), that aims to promote and preserve pollinators throughout the Commonwealth. This local plan should be publicly promoted including posting signage and showing such areas to neighbors and others in the community to help spread the word on the importance of pollinator habitat.

Effective Date: This Non-binding Resolution shall take effect on the date of signing: Voted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023.

Board of Health Members:

Christine McKiernan, Chair

Jessica Collins, Vice Chair

Karen Walsh Pio, Clerk

Tony Judge

Stephen Frantz