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NOTICE

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

October 10, 2023

6:15 p.m.

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To: Board of Health Members

From: Sharon D. Hart, Director of Public Health

Re: A Board of Health Meeting (Hybrid) will be held on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the South Hadley Library.

1: Chair to Call the Meeting to Order

2: Acceptance of the Minutes of September 12, 2023 meeting.

3: Announcements and Open Forum (10 Minutes)

4: New Business:

(a): Director's Report

(b): Emergency Orders to Vacate – Ratify

28 Camden Street

12 Lawn Street

(c): Update - RSV Vaccine - Christine McKiernan

(d): Update - South Hadley Drug & Alcohol Prevention Coalition (Karen)

(e): COVID-19 preparedness

(f): Update - Conservation Commission – Pollinator Resolution

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

7: Adjourn Meeting

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

Summary	August 2022	September 2022	October 2022	November 2022	December 2022	January 2023	February 2023	March 2023	April 2023	May 2023	June 2023	July 2023	August 2023	September 2023
Complaints Received														
housing complaint	13	5	12	11	15	10	6	10	4	5	3	2	5	10
food complaints/questions	6	10	7	2	5	6	1	3	5	5	4	2	0	5
COVID inquiry/reporting	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
animal control	9	4	9	3	2	3	3	3	4	5	3	3	2	5
dumpster permit	6	1	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	5	2	2	0
hauler permit	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	3	1	1	0
septic permit	1	2	5	3	3	2	0	6	7	7	2	3	2	1
property care complaint	1	3	0	2	1	0	2	2	1	1	5	4	5	3
miscellaneous	3	13	11	7	8	4	3	3	6	6	0	0	0	0
Total	42	40	48	30	34	26	15	30	29	31	25	17	17	24
Notices Issued														
housing orders		1	0	1	0	3	3	2	5	5	3	4	3	12
condemnations	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	2	6	1	1	0
property care notices	1		0	0	0	1	0	1	4	3	5	4	5	9
compliance	2	1	3	1	0	5	2	4	1	0	4	2	2	2
educational/best practice material	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	2	3	0	1	1	0
dumpster violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	0	0	2	0
Total	4	4	3	5	0	9	6	14	15	16	18	12	14	23
Inspections Conducted														
food inspections	4	1	6	0	0	7	9	13	17	14	3	2	3	6
lodging/housing inspections	4	3	1	0	4	3	4	4	5	5	4	3	4	4
site observations	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	4	5	7	2	1	1	2
perc tests/septic installs												2	2	2
Total	10	6	7	0	4	10	15	21	27	26	9	6	8	14
Miscellaneous														
records requests		6	9	18	9	1	1	2	3	1	1	2	1	3
food plan reviews		1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	0	0	0
summer camp permits	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	2	0	2	0	0
Total		7	10	19	11	3	3	4	7	5	3	4	1	3

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Board of Health Minutes

September 12, 2023

Present: Christine McKiernan, MD, Chair; Jessica Collins, Vice-Chair, Karen Walsh Pio, Clerk; Tony Judge, Board of Health Member; Stephen Frantz, Board of Health Member; Jennifer Jernigan, Assistant Public Health Director; Tamara Gheit; Health Department Assistant, Joanna Brown; public.

The Board of Health Meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Chair McKiernan.

1. Acceptance of the Minutes of the July 10th 2023, Meeting:

Chair McKiernan introduced the minutes from the July 10th meeting and asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Karen Walsh Pio made the motion and Tony Judge seconded it. All members were in favor.

Karen Walsh Pio = Aye

Tony Judge = Aye

Stephen Frantz = Aye

Christine McKiernan = Aye

2. Announcements and Open Forum:

Joanna Brown is a South Hadley resident. She pointed out questions/comments regarding overall pandemic preparedness. Brown mentioned how challenging it was during the pandemic to find appropriate PPE and suggested to the Board of Health in possibly looking into purchasing masks in bulk. She suggests to better prepare for any future pandemic to purchase good quality masks and have them stockpiled so that they can be available for people to buy or to be distributed to public health clinics and other senior sectors. Chair McKiernan suggests discussing this in next month's agenda when more data is gathered. Brown announces there will be a Regional Conservation Partnership (RCP). RCP is a conference that is held annually and this year it will be on November 9th, 2023, at UMass campus. The conference focuses on environmental justice and people who are interested are welcome to attend.

6:18 p.m. Jessica Collins arrived to the meeting.

3. New Business:

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A. Director's Update:

Will be discussed in next meeting.

B. Emergency Orders to Vacate- Ratify

Jernigan introduces the ratification of two emergency orders to vacate. She shared that all were condemned due to disconnection of utilities. Judge was concerned about how delinquent one must be before utilities are shut off. Jernigan explained that typically the utility provider gives quite a few chances before notifying the Health Department. The Health Department, per the State Sanitary Code, must condemn dwellings that are deemed uninhabitable, which includes the lack of utilities. Jessica Collins made a motion to ratify the emergency orders and Pio seconded it.

- 20 Spring Street
- 28 Camden Street

Board members in consensus.

Tony Judge = Aye
Stephen Frantz = Aye
Christine McKiernan = Aye
Karen Walsh Pio = Aye
Jessica Collins = Aye

C. RSV Vaccine- Christine McKiernan

McKiernan announced there are several new RSV vaccines. She mentioned a monoclonal antibody that will be available for all infants under eight months of age and those between eight and nineteen months who are considered a higher risk. In addition, a new vaccine has been approved for individuals over the age of 60 called RSVpreF or RSVpreF3, which has a couple of versions. McKiernan informed it is unclear when the State is planning to make it available but hoping this will be rolled out sometime in October separately or with the flu and covid vaccines in Fall. McKiernan is excited to announce a new RSV vaccine has been newly approved for expecting mothers. This vaccine is given to women while pregnant for infants to be born with antibodies. In next months meeting more information will be discussed regarding information on vaccine rollouts.

D. Update- South Hadley Drug & Alcohol Prevention Coalition (Karen)

Karen Walsh Pio states Drug & Alcohol Prevention had a panel presentation and will be meeting again September 13th at 6:30pm in the South Hadley High School. More information will be gathered after attending the meeting and will be provided in the November meeting.

4. Old Business:

A. Skinnerwoods Estates Septic System Information- Status

Jernigan states the status is ongoing. Director Hart will be doing perc tests for the other side of the street. More information will be available.

B. Syringe Services Program-Update

No update.

C. Pollinator Resolution Study- Update- Stephen Frantz

Have no feedback yet, will discuss in future meeting

D. Dry Brook Aquifer Study- Update

Director Hart sent email stating that sampling started in July. McKiernan informs there will be one year of data collection before any results are available.

E. Migrant families- Update

The Town of South Hadley and the surrounding towns (Chicopee, Holyoke) were mentioned in a Mass Live article informing the town of an influx of migrant families. The article mentioned the possibility of the State offering assistance to the Town in order to house and feed the families. Director Hart reached out to Lisa Wong who is the Town Administrator and as of right now she has not been notified of any families that will be brought to the South Hadley area.

F. Board Member Final Approval of updated Tobacco Regulations

Jernigan sent the approved updated tobacco regulation and stated it was reviewed by Town Counsel. She explained minor changes were made and noted. This regulation is focused on the disposal of lithium batteries. Jernigan explained this regulation is taking our normal tobacco regulation and adding a proper disposal plan for retail business owners who are selling the batteries. The Board of Health all agreed and signed.

Tony Judge = Aye
Stephen Frantz = Aye
Christine McKiernan = Aye
Karen Walsh Pio = Aye
Jessica Collins = Aye



5. Set Next Meeting Date- October 10th @ 6:00 p.m.:

All present members were in consensus with the next meeting date being October 10th at 6pm at the library.

6. Adjourn the meeting:

Chair McKiernan mentioned she would accept a motion to adjourn the meeting. Collins made the motion and Walsh Pio seconded it. All members were in consensus.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully,
Tamara Gheit



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