BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES



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TOWN OF SUTTON REGULAR MEETING APRIL 27, 2021

Meeting Location: Zoom Meeting 849 8108 1877

Members Present: William Fredericks, Diane Miller, John Silverberg, Tammi Marois

Staff Present: Cheryl Rawinski, Judy Bater, Steve Donatelli

Absent: Ken Malo

Guest/s Present: Pam Suprenant, YMCA, Dave Elliott, YMCA

Call to Order: William Fredericks opened the regular meeting of the Board of Health at 7:00 PM.

YMCA-Camp Blanchard: Cheryl stated we have updated camp guidance; Governor announced today reviewing the mandates. Cheryl asked about and staffing issues they may be having. Cheryl asked Pam if she is familiar with the DPH guidance and following all regulations. Pam stated they are familiar and following all DPH guidance. Pam stated that they are flexible to all of the regulation. Pam stated that previously, Jim Philbrook, created two policies that were beyond the minimum requirements. No transportation and the health care supervisors needed to be a nurse or EMT. Pam needed to understand if she follows Jim's standards or DPH. Cheryl will work with her on the busing, however, she agrees with Jim's requirement of a nurse or EMT. Pam stated that they will have one bus in a stable cohort. Pam stated that Jim wanted two nurses at all times. They are only looking for 82 to 100 kids vs. the typical 150. Pam asked Cheryl if she will require 1 or 2 Nurses or EMTs. Cheryl wanted some time to think about this ratio. Pam stated the kids can't register until they have a license and further asked when Chervl wants the binder for review. Pam stated timing is critical. Pam asked when can they schedule a physical visit from you? Cheryl stated that staffing is big key piece and that associated documentation is critical. Cheryl stated DPH will be very strict with inspections this year. Cheryl wants to work to together to achieve a common goal. Dave stated the fire department is coming tomorrow and he is working with the building department and has applied on line. Pam stated that they are allowed to start hiring on May 10th. They will be ready to go before June. She has no concerns about staffing. Dates will be June 28th to August 22nd, 9 weeks of camp. Dave said White Water is coming to do a water test very shortly. Judy stated that she had sent instructions to Theresa regarding the email addresses to send the water results.

Local Upgrades/Variances: None

Local Upgrades Approved/Review Only: 34 Heritage Road – Separation to ground water for gravity system.

Department Update/Covid 19 Update: Cheryl stated new reopening guidelines regarding staffing and cohort sizes have changed. Cheryl wants to see the flow with inclement weather and sick kids. Judy sent everyone new Tobacco Regulations. The Governor stated today a lot of guidance changes are starting 5/10/21. Will be relaxing the mask wearing and opening up larger gatherings. Covid case count is still steady. Sutton is 24 out of 26 weeks still in the red. A news station wanted to interview Cheryl but she is not the public information officer and forwarded to Jim. Cheryl said Judy is working very hard to forward all guidance changes to the proper entities. Hosted 2nd does clinic for senior affordable housing. Cheryl has been working at the Uxbridge Clinic. Judy is booking people for appointments. Cheryl will be visiting the High School to get the kids vaccinated on May $25^{th} - 50\%$ of H.S. have at least one shot. Our town has the highest rate of residents vaccinated, yet, we are a red community. Links to private clinics are available prior to going public. Judy sends email to establishments to assist people in getting vaccinated. Bill asked if any thoughts to why we are so much in the red. Cheryl stated that 51% of our population has at least one dose which is the highest in comparison to surrounding towns. Covid positive age population is teenagers to adults all across the board. Clusters appear to be due to sports activities that are not under school jurisdiction. Not social distancing, not wearing masks. Traveling is another cause. Most kids are asymptomatic. Runny nose and headaches, people assumed it was allergies. She has not seen anything serious. Meeting some resistance with contact tracing and not forthcoming with information even though it is all confidential. Just finished dealing with an outbreak. Basketball courts are still closed. Chervl spoke to the person who runs the summer program and she is an athletic advisor at Bryant College and she fully understands the reasoning behind keeping the courts closed. Cheryl said they review every week. Judy is sending out a lot of renewals. Campground renewals have been sent out. Old Holbrook owner has passed away and we are not sure if they will be reopening. DEP has contacted us inquiring about the status of Old Holbrook. A couple of complaints have come in. Cheryl went to investigate Singletary Ave. animal/water runoff complaint and the animal inspector also made a site visit. Cheryl did not notice anything. The complainant said the surface water runs across the street onto his property and it is an old factory trespass nuisance. Bill investigated, as well, and he did not see how the surface water could flow across the road in that manner and he has never noticed it. Bill said the farm with the animals have been here since he has been here, without issues. Cheryl stated she received a complaint on Heritage Road (safety issues, fire hazard) and it is being addressed by the Building Department. Market 32 had issues with refrigerants and the issue has been resolved.

Car Wash Update: Water Test Results – Judy said Steve has not been in to look at the results. Bill looked at the water results and did not see anything out of range. Steve will review.

Approve Minutes: MOTION: John Silverberg made a motion to accept the minutes January & February 2020 Minutes. 2nd by Tammi Marois. All in Favour. Approved. March and April of 2020 held no meetings due to Covid.

Old/New Business: Tammi asked about the time frame of in person meetings. Christine stated it will most likely be hybrid meetings in June, after Town Meeting. Tammi asked about the Library opening. Christine stated May 10th, along with Town Hall.

Review Fee Schedule: Tabled. Steve stated that we have a few items that need to be included in our fee schedule based on reviewing other towns.

Review Well Regulations: Tabled – John asked to get together with Steve to review the Well Regulations and they will review at the next meeting.

Review Supplemental Title 5 Regulations: Tabled – Ken met with Steve on Title 5. They want to eliminate some items of the current regulation as it is duplication of Title 5. Steve sent Judy some changes to the regulations. The Board agreed to remove all duplications and simplify the supplement.

Tentative date is September for a public hearing on Fee's, Wells and Title 5.

Other Business Not Anticipated: Tammi asked about Judy sending out Covid vaccine links and if they are being posted. Cheryl explained they are booking the appointments because the link is only valid for a short amount of time. Cheryl works the Uxbridge clinic in Upton on Saturdays and Judy is booking people for these clinics. Cheryl said if they no anyone who needs a vaccine they should call the office for assistance.

Next Meeting: May 18, 2021

Motion to Adjourn at 7:50PM: Tammi Marois Seconded by John Silverberg - Unanimous - Approved.

William Fredericks, Chairman

Tammi Marois, Vice Chairman

John Silverberg, Member

Diane Miller, Member

Ken Malo, Jr., Member