BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES



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TOWN OF SUTTON REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 22, 2020

Meeting Location: Zoom Meeting 863 0165 5079

Members Present: Tammi Marois, Diane Miller, Ken Malo, John Silverberg

Staff Present: Cheryl Rawinski, Judy Bater, Steve Donatelli

Absent: William Fredericks

Guest/s Present: Ray Gauthier, Food Inspector

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

Local Upgrades/Variances: None

Local Upgrades Approved/Review Only: None

Jims Pizza: Cheryl stated that the hand sink was finally installed at Jim's Pizza. It is adjacent to the other sink without a barrier. Cheryl explained how to wear a mask properly to one of the workers. They had no paper towels, no soap, no waste barrel. Ray will do another inspection on the sinks and guide them as to what needs to be done.

Ray Gauthier Update – Food Inspector: Cheryl stated that the Center Store has been sold and has a new owner. Ray stated that due to Covid he did not conduct the first round of inspections in May. He started in August and will finish up this week. Luv 2 Play is closed due to Covid. The bookstore is not serving food. Many churches have not opened their kitchens. Ray stated the camps have been inspected and then he will start out again in March.

Department Update: Cheryl stated that this has been the busiest year for septic. The tobacco, food and rubbish applications have been sent out for renewal. Cheryl has been involved with the Fire & Building Dept. in regards to the Econo Lodge. Full Inspection, quite a few building issues, not many public health issues. Republic Trash Removal has had a complaint that they are not picking up trash. They are blaming Covid according to their customers. John stated that they should not get a permit if they are not offering a minimum standard of service. Cheryl stated the company is very hard to reach. They feel it is public health issue if they don't pick up the trash.

Cheryl stated that we have penalties and fines as part of our solid waste hauler regulation. We need to find out what the issues are. Diane said maybe the trash wasn't out in time. The company said they were one week behind according to Judy. All decided to pursue further if we get other complaints. Camp Blanchard was re-inspected again and they opened for 4 days with a total of 6 kids from 9/8 to 9/11. John Silverberg commented on their dedication. Cheryl is working very diligently with the schools and the ever changing guidelines. School opened 9/14 with a two-week period of hybrid, 2 days on, 3 days off. Many meetings, many plans in place to reduce the spread of Covid. Then they will shift to remote. Due to a nurse shortage at the school, she has been working at the school. A nurse is needed for an isolation unit and one for office. Flu season is upon us, the vaccine has arrived and there is a pediatric vaccine shortage. Planning flu clinics.

COVID-19 Update: Cheryl stated she has seen an uptick in cases over the past week. Labor day parties are possible cause. State is at 73 for Sutton. We have 80. Cheryl stated that we get confirmed, suspect, probable and contact. The State only counts confirmed. However, our guidance states we treat probable & suspect as a case. With school starting we now have another layer we have to follow with contacts. The contact tracing is quite involved now. Uptick is also a result of college kids being mandatory tested and come home to quarantine and bringing it into our community.

Tammi stated that we are not following 75 cases from January 1st to September 22nd. Tammi is looking for more detail in regards to ages broken down to 0-20, 20-40,40-60, 60-80, and hospitalizations and deaths, to get more clarity on who is being effected by Covid19 and understanding some of the work Cheryl is doing and assist in decision making. Cheryl stated she covers 15 communities along with her regular BOH responsibilities. Cheryl stated it is not readily available information and she is not sure how to obtain what they are looking and how they want this specifically broken down. Cheryl stated some information is hipaa protected. Tammi wants to be crystal clear as to what the case numbers represent. Cheryl consulted with other towns and they stated that they do not compile that information, do not have access to that information or even know how to compile it. Cheryl stated she is not clear as to what the Board is specifically looking for and would like to meet with the Chair to explain the process and see how she could accomplish what he is looking for. Cheryl stated we have been working excessive hours as it is and trying to keep everyone happy. Tammi stated that she will get with Bill and contact Cheryl to go over this further.

Approve Minutes: Tabled.

Old/New Business: None.

Other Business Not Anticipated: None.

Review Fee Schedule: Tabled.
Review Well Regulations: Tabled.

Review Supplemental Title 5 Regulations: Tabled.

John stated he spoke to Bill regarding the regulations and fees and would like to assign a board member to each category. Diane asked about an off-site workshop. John stated that he has discussed this process with the Laura, Town Clerk, and a deliberating Board is not allowed to meet without a posted meeting. Diane will follow up with Laura and report back to the Board. The fees should be a public hearing. Steve has not had a chance to review in detail and has been extremely busy at this time and doubts he would review before the next meeting. Kenny stated we are just straight out for another couple months.

Even though we pushed this off from Jim and then Margaret but it is just too busy now until the end of the install season. The Board agreed to Review Title 5 in December.

Other Business Not Anticipated: Diane asked about a mandatory water ban. She stated Galaxy Way is watering. We are in the same aquifer, how are they allowed to water. Cheryl stated Galaxy has their own private wells. Diane stated that it is the same aquifer. Cheryl and Kenny stated their well is private. Cheryl stated the water company has its own rules. Cheryl stated if you recall, Galaxy came before the Board in regards to these wells and the Board approved these wells. John remembers that a specific question was asked about the concerns about the water used at the car wash and those concerns were addressed at that time. Diane stated Atlas Box uses a lot of water and that all got approved and now she has to conserve her water. Diane stated we will have to wait and see if this is an issue. Cheryl forgot to mention that she has a mandate/deliverable from Emergency Preparedness to conduct a drive through flu clinic. She is having a test run drive through flu clinic for 50 people on 9/29 at the Senior Center.

Diane asked about Trick or Treating. Cheryl stated it is being discussed. CDC recommends canceling.

Cheryl stated that effective Monday, you can sit at a bar again as long as you are eating. The Division of Labor and Standards are out inspecting that the Covid regulations are being followed to reduce the spread.

Next Meeting: October 27, 2020

Motion to Adjourn at 7:46 PM: Diane Miller – Seconded John Silverberg - Unanimous - Approved.

William Fredericks, Chairman

Tammi Marois, Vice Chairman

John Silverberg, Member

Diane Miller, Member

Ken Malo, Jr., Member