

SUDBURY BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes of Board Meeting February 11, 2020

Attendance: Board Chair Carol Bradford, Board Member Linda Huet-Clayton, Board Member Susan Sama, Health Director William Murphy, Public Health Nurse – Phyllis Schilp , Social Worker Bethany Hadvab and Admin. Beth Porter, Residents - Kelley DeVaney 88 Ford Rd. Trisha O’Hagon 270 Concord Rd. Lincoln

Meeting commenced at 4:00 pm.

4:00: Opening comments – No Public Comments Chair Carol Bradford calls meeting to order.

4:01 Public Health Nurse Reported:

Flu has peaked. Flu literature was distributed to town building and significant sites. Resources were forwarded to school nurses and assisted living residences including prevention and cleaning protocol.

Coronavirus is emerging worldwide. MDPH conducted conference calls with municipal health departments. The Sudbury Health Director and Public Health Nurse constructed and posted relevant information on the website and distributed to the school nurses . The Board asked the Director to keep them apprised of this fluid situation and continue updates and outreach of current data and protocol.

Phyllis Schilp was certified for Stop the Bleed training. She conducted an emergency preparedness seminar at the Senior Center for MRC volunteers and hosted a Table Top Exercise for surrounding towns for FAST VAX – Emergency Dispensing Site EDS (dispensing vaccines for emergency purposes).

A pertussis case was investigated and addressed. Potential meningitis case was opened and tests came back negative.

4:10 Social Worker Reported:

There was a 20% increase in residents served- Only 8.4% were new clients.

Social Worker is addressing difficult homelessness, violence, child support and child related issues.

Homelessness has become an issue in Metro West. The area has seen a 45% increase over 2018. In addressing this issue, the Social Worker has developed a housing Power Point presentation that will provide information and layout a step by step resource guide. The goal is to assist and empower residents to resolve difficult housing issues.

Ms. Hadvab will be hosting 2 workshops for residents at the Goodnow Library. The workshops will address Senior Well Being and Affordable Housing.

Ms. Hadvab is doing research on different techniques that will bring about positive changes in individual’s behavior. It is termed “marketing health and well-being”.

The Social Worker is in the process of interviewing interns.

The Health Department sent condolences to the family of Harold Streeter. Mr. Streeter

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unexpectedly passed away. He worked as a Senior Tax Work-off employee for the Social Worker.

4:30 Residents request support from Board for Proposed By-laws and Bag Charge:

Residents Trisha O'Hagon 270 Concord Rd. Lincoln and Kelley DeVaney 88 Ford Rd were present. Sustainable Sudbury, Surfrider, and LSRHS Environmental Club will be presenting Town Meeting warrant articles to Board of Selectmen. This articles are to restrict use of disposable plastics (straws and stirrers), polystyrene containers and mandating a minimum .10 cent bag consumer charge to encourage reusable bag use. They are requesting support for these proposals from the Board of Health.

The Board had concerns with funding and demands on staff but unanimously felt supporting the bylaws would send a clear message that continued use of these materials in our waste stream ultimately effects human health and well- being.

Polystyrene (PS) reduction by-law. Styrofoam products and hard plastic products banned from being sold or used in on premises packaging. Exemptions would include, products prepared and packaged outside of Sudbury. The Board would have authority to deem products exempt.

Motion to support this bylaw made by Chair Carol Bradford, seconded by Board member Linda Huet-Clayton. Motion Passed 3-0-0.

Disposable Plastic Pollution reduction by-Law proposal to ban all (including compostable and biodegradable) plastic straws, stirrers and splash sticks, decreasing health and environmental risks of exposure to microplastics. Exemptions would include individuals with disabilities or medical conditions. The food establishment owners would be given a grace period to use current inventory so as to not burden them financially.

Motion to support by Chair Carol Bradford, motion seconded by Board member Susan Sama. Motion passed 3-0-0.

Proposed Checkout Bag Charge Authorization. Charging .10 cents per paper bag at checkout to encourage the use of re-usable bags and to reduce waste for bags that are designed to be durable for only 3 uses.

Motion to support by Chair Carol Bradford, seconded by Linda Huet-Clayton . Motion Passed 3-0-0.

4:45 Health Director Report:

Office Work and Inspections: has been extremely busy due to mild weather. Septic repairs, installs and upgrades have continue in winter months. Many septic plans have been submitted for review.

24 Church St.: Clean-up is complete. Upward of \$26,000.00 has been spent on this effort. Monies have been spent down from the Health Department's Contractor's Account leaving it in a deficit.

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Tobacco: Bob Landry – Contracted Inspector, has passed out new tobacco laws, literature and signage to each permitted establishment. He will be inspecting intermittently once the law goes into effect.

273 Lincoln Rd.: Home oil tank ruptured. Site clean-up has begun and is being monitored by a licensed site professional.

Coronavirus planning and response has demanded excessive man hours.

Cold Brook Crossing (Quarry North) has presented preliminary plans and has begun to address sewage, garbage, water and noise.

Office Space – Facilities will be creating space for a vaccine refrigerator, file cabinets and work space for interns. This is an effort to add space to resolve difficult office space issues.

Vaccine Revolving Fund: The Health Director will need funds for tobacco permit inspections once the law goes into effect. Town meeting approved the use of \$2500 from the successful Vaccine Revolving Account to fund efforts. Currently \$25,000.00 can be drawn from the account. The Health Department is petitioning to draw \$30,000.00 per annum.

Vote: Motion to Draw \$30,000.00 in Fiscal Year 2021 from Revolving Vaccine Account by Carol Bradford. By Susan Sama. Motion passed 3-0-0.

Annual Town Report: Entries submitted

Other- A presentation to the Select Board by the Director and Brian Farless from Eastern Massachusetts Mosquito Control will present information about 2020 response to EEE. The 2020 plan will include additional surveillance, an enhanced website, and additional adult mosquito control. This is in response to the confirmed human case of EEE in 2019.

The Sudbury Water District conducted a first round of PFAS testing. Confirmatory tests were recommended by DEP. The data will be shared with the Board of Health upon receipt.

29 Stone Road: Abandoned house posing a problem with residents disposing of debris on the site. Health Director requesting a hearing to condemn the dwelling and put an advertisement in the paper for owners/relatives attend. Failure to response require the

Board of Health to secure the property and lien all expenses to the current owner.

Correspondence:

EMMCP EEE Power Point Brian Farless
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Correspondence Cont.:

MDPH – Increase in HIV cases among those injecting drugs -Boston
Mass Medical Society Report Linking Gas Cooking to Asthma
Mass Health Officers Assn. Update on JUUL
MDEP – Legal Action Letter for 273 Lincoln St. Sudbury
Sudbury Health Dir. Summary of MDPH EEE Forum
113 Haynes Rd Outstanding issues
205 Marlboro Rd Housing Violation Correspondence
MDPH Pertussis Guide
CDC Coronavirus Information Sheet
CDC Coronavirus Public Health Risk Assessment Sheet
CDC Coronavirus US Outbreak Status Sheet
Sudbury Health Dept. Coronavirus Statement to residents
EOHHS update on reporting infectious diseases & illnesses.
EOHHS Coronavirus Announcement
MDPH Local Public Health “Best Practices” Power Point
Atkinson Pool Inspection Violations

Meeting Adjourned 6:00 PM