



BOARD OF HEALTH

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Meeting Date – September 26, 2023

Members Present - Michelle O'Rourke, Melissa Tuomi

Others Present: Denise Monteiro – Recording Secretary, Miriam Nyante – Regional Human Services Director, Trevor Brusco – Board of Health Agent, Town of Holden, Chris Montiverdi – Director of Health Operations, Town of Holden, Sandra Knipe – Public Health Nurse, Leicester Public Health Coalition, Christopher Wilson – Epidemiologist Leicester Regional Public Health Coalition

Melissa Tuomi called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

- **Approval of Minutes – July 25, 2023 – APPROVED**

Title V Inspections Completed

- 2443 Main Street – Passes
- 127 Putnam Road – Passes
- 782 Bailey Road – Passes
- 27 Piccadilly Circle – Passes

Systems Being Repaired

- 2339 Main Street – Replacement of existing infiltrator chambers with presby style leachfield
- 48 Fisher Road – D Box Replacement
- 179 Mixer Road – D Box Replacement
- 619 South Road – Install 4" sched 40 from existing septic tank to attached barn

Health Agents Report/Updates – Trevor Brusco

- Trevor reported he has done 44 food inspections, 11 follow ups, and investigated 4 complaints. 2 Orders to Correct were issued.
- Chris Montiverdi reported he and Trevor have been meeting once or twice a day, Trevor has been very busy catching up on the Food Establishment inspections, which he has achieved.

New/Other Business

- Status of Community Health Assessment Surveys – Chris Wilson reported that the surveys have been slow coming in, may have to go out and distribute assessments to town buildings with a lot of foot traffic. Melissa asked if the numbers are low with the younger kids. Chris responded yes and they are low for seniors and public as well. Melissa asked how to get the community more engaged. Chris responded they dropped the ball on Holden Days due to miscommunication, maybe advertise again? Chris Montiverdi said he can reach out to the schools and try to push them out there.
- Chris Montiverdi asked if there is any talk from Francis about hiring interns. Chris Wilson stated no. Chris Montiverdi suggested getting volunteers to sit at the Senior Center or elderly housing communities to hand out the assessment and help them fill it out. Trevor suggested writing a press release asking for the residents help/input on the surveys. Sandra Knipe mentioned that Seniors like health fairs, maybe set one up and hand out the surveys there. Another possibility would be at flu clinics, special town meeting, community events, etc.

Public Hearing – Amendment to the Private Well Regulations

- Michelle O'Rourke made a motion to open the Public Hearing, Melissa Tuomi, seconded.
- Chris Montiverdi stated the hearing was posted for 3 weeks in the Landmark and on the town website. One gentleman stopped in with a question, he asked if existing wells are grandfathered in, the answer is yes.
- Trevor noted on Page 5, the fee should be \$100. He also received a call asking if a permit is required for geothermal wells, the answer is yes, but this needs to be noted in the regulations as it is not currently.
- Melissa asked for clarification on Page 6, it was determined there is a typo which will need to be corrected.
- Trevor will make all of the corrections and send them to the Board before the next meeting. He suggested holding off on the vote until the corrections are made.
- Melissa asked if there were any other questions, there were not.
- Michelle made a motion to close the Public Hearing, Melissa seconded. Public hearing closed at 6:30pm.

Next Meeting October 24, 2023 at 6:00 pm

Adjourned 6:38pm