



BOARD OF HEALTH

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Meeting Date – April 25, 2023

Members Present - Mr. Michael Mazloff, Melissa Tuomi

Others Present: Denise Monteiro – Recording Secretary, Miriam Nyante – Regional Human Services Director, Christopher Wilson – Epidemiologist Leicester Regional Public Health Coalition, Trevor Brusio – Public Health Coordinator Leicester Public Health Coalition, Chris Montiverdi – Director of Health Operations, Town of Holden

Michael Mazloff called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.

- **Approval of Minutes** – March 28, 2023 – **APPROVED**, February 21, 2023 Tabled to next meeting

Title V Inspections Completed

- 102 North Street – Passes
- 75 Wood Street – Fails
- 4 Union Street – Passes

Systems Being Repaired/Installed

- 8 New Construction Lots on Elmwood Ave
- 597 Malden Street – Add a single trench to existing system for the addition of one more bedroom
- 64 General Hobbs Rd – Replacing existing failed system

Health Agents Report/Updates

- Trevor stated their office has been down one person and he himself has been in a class for soil testing, so food establishment inspections have been slow. He has the schools scheduled for inspections and will continue to work on getting the other food inspections that are due done.

New/Other Business

- Michael asked the status of the Community Health Assessments. Chris Montiverdi stated he has spoken to the schools and they are good with sending the survey out to families on their contact lists. He has been working with Christopher Wilson and Miriam Nyante to get a one page letter to be sent out. The letter will be sent out to schools and the senior

center for distribution. Chris spoke to Holden Municipal Light Department about including the letter in the light bills, however we would need to make 6600 copies which is too large for in house. It would cost approximately \$1,000. The Health Department does not have that kind of money in the budget. Michael asked Christopher Wilson what are other ways besides through light bill mailing to get this out. Christopher answered they got a lot of responses from the schools when they did it in Leicester. He suggested distributing to town buildings and cable access as well as schools and senior center. Chris Montiverdi added that when he was in Worcester they promoted it through social media, town websites and senior center. He will reach out to the local cable access to inquire getting it on there. Melissa stated that she agrees as it seems to be the most reasonable way to do it without the expense. Michael agreed and asked that this item be kept on the agenda for next month for updates on the progress.

Discussion of Citizen's Petition for Proposed Ban on Single Use Plastic Bags

- Michael stated he has filed a Citizen's Petition for Proposed Ban on Single Use Plastic Bags. The Board of Health had approved this back in 2019, we were then told this needs to be approved at Town Meeting, so the item will be on the warrant for the meeting on May 15th. Melissa stated she is in favor, however she feels with a citizen's petition being required the vote from the Board of Health didn't matter. She feels the Board does not have a voice.

Review of Town's Standard Well Regulations

- Chris Montiverdi stated that a week ago an Engineer Firm reached out looking for the well regulations for the Town of Holden. When providing them with the regulations, he realized they were from the year 2000, there have been a lot of changes with DEP. Chris proposed to look at the DEP model regulations and work with Francis and staff to update the regulations to make them more current. Once complete we would need to hold a Public Hearing to adopt them. Michael agreed but wonders why the Board can make a decision like this on regulations but not on plastic bag ban. Chris will reach out to Town Manager's office to see if the Selectmen need to be involved and will let the Board know. Michael wonders if it would be different if the Board was elected instead of appointed.

Next Meeting May 16, 2023 at 6:00 pm

Adjourned 6:06 pm