



HEALTH DEPARTMENT

BOARD OF HEALTH

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Town of Holden Board of Health Meeting – Remote Meeting December 14, 2021

Members Present - Mr. Michael Mazloff, Michelle O'Rourke

Others Present: Pamela Harding – Director Planning & Development, Secretary, Tim Newton – Health Agent, Helen Ganas – Public Health Nurse, Denise Monteiro – Recording Secretary, Melissa Tuomi – Resident

Michael Mazloff called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM

Discussion of Board of Health Vacancy

Melissa Tuomi, resident of Holden attended the meeting and is interested in volunteering her time on the Board

Approval of Meeting Minutes November 9, 2021

Michael made a motion to approve, Michelle seconded – APPROVED

COVID DISCUSSION

Michael asked Helen if it was possible to get numbers on residents who have received boosters. Helen said they are not releasing that information yet, but as soon as they do she will send the information to us. Helen said the numbers are on the increase and are significantly higher. They seem to be Thanksgiving correlated. However, vaccination rates are excellent 78% fully vaccinated. Melissa said they are seeing a lot more people with fatigue, and vaccinated individuals are not getting a positive test as quick as before. Tim said the calls for COVID have decreased as opposed to last year.

Housing/Nuisance

Tim Newton reported there were no new, substantiated housing complaints for November 2021. Prior housing complaints have been resolved.

Food Inspections

Tim Newton reported there were 23 food inspections/reinspections in November. Everyone in town has done everything they were asked to do.

EDS Discussion

Pam Harding stated that Tim is working on the EDS plan and will be taking it over. We are required by the state to exercise a drill. Tim will coordinate with Jamie Terri to schedule the drill. Tim stated that the DPH is leaning toward regionalization. When this occurs it will not make sense for towns to have individual plans, but right now it is required.

Next Meeting January 18, 2021 at 5:30 PM

Adjourned 6:04 pm