



BOARD OF HEALTH

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Meeting Date – March 28, 2023

Members Present - Mr. Michael Mazloff, Melissa Tuomi

Others Present: Denise Monteiro – Recording Secretary, Miriam Nyante – Regional Human Services Director, Francis Dagle – Director Leicester Regional Public Health Coalition, Christopher Wilson – Epidemiologist Leicester Regional Public Health Coalition, Trevor Brusco – 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.

- Michael Mazloff announced Chris Montiverdi, Lieutenant Holden Fire, has been appointed Director of the Health Department, Town of Holden.
 - Chris stated that the Town Manager's office approached him to see if he would be interested in taking the responsibilities as Director of the Board of Health for the Town of Holden. Chris accepted and was appointed by the Board of Selectman. Prior to joining the Fire Department, Chris had worked in the health field for many years. Michael welcomed Chris and stated he looks forward to working with him.
- **Approval of Minutes** – Tabled to next meeting

Title V Inspections Completed

- NONE

Systems Being Repaired/Installed

- 770 Salisbury Street – repair of leach field
- 71 River Street – Decommission and tie into town sewer

Health Agents Report/Updates

- Trevor has been doing the Food Inspections for Holden. He has done 4Ever Golf, Harvest Grill, Val's and Cheoy Lees. No issues found. Trevor is working on catching up the food inspections to date.
- Michael asked Francis the status of hiring a health agent for Holden. Francis responded the ad is still posted and they are still accepting applications, nothing yet. Francis stated

he may have to get creative since there are no qualified applicants, Trevor may take a bigger role.

- Francis informed the Board there is currently one housing case open – 98-100 Chapel Street – This has been in court for a while now, but we are still receiving calls weekly from the tenant and landlord. All corrections have been made by the landlord. Case remains open while in court.

New/Other Business

- Michael asked the status of the Community Health Assessments. Chris Wilson responded that he is waiting to hear when the survey will be posted on the website and through Light Dept. mailings. Chris Montiverdi responded that the posting has been held off due to wanting to connect with schools, seniors, etc. There is a meeting scheduled with the school department next week, they wanted to look over the surveys and talk about the best way to distribute them. There has been contact with the Director of the Senior Center, Karen and the plan is to include it in one of the monthly newsletters. Chris Montiverdi noted he will know more in a few weeks.
- Michael asked Francis to speak on the Tobacco Control Grant. Francis stated he came across a grant through the state, he would like the Board to approve Michael as the Liaison for the grant. Michael asked if the RFP already went out. Francis replied yes, you would be an add-on. Michael Mazloff replied there has been a lot of discussion on needs, but we have not heard about tobacco or that it is a need. Melissa stated from experience that the problem is still there, especially vaping, it seems to be a co-occurrence with behavioral health. Melissa asked if there is any data on it. Chris Wilson said he has data from Leicester, definitely a problem there, seems to be a universal problem across the board. Melissa made a motion to appoint Michael Mazloff to be the signatory for the Board of Health for the tobacco grant. **APPROVED.** Michael asked Francis how long until we hear about this. Francis responded hopefully three weeks or so but it is up to the state.
- Michael asked Melissa to talk about Patient Safety Awareness Week. Melissa said the week has passed but what she did was put together education for the hospital staff to work with inpatients and outpatients. This is a Public Health Crisis so they are trying to educate both staff and patients to keep them safe.
- Michael Mazloff talked about CPR and other education he and Chris Montiverdi have discussed. Chris stated one of the goals would be to educate the community on CPR and Stop the Bleed. Melissa stated if help is needed for the trainings the hospitals would be a place to look. She also stated Narcan administration and Stroke Awareness would be good too. Chris will keep the Board apprised.

Next Meeting April 25, 2023 at 5:30 pm

Adjourned 6:08 pm