



Hudson Board of Health

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MINUTES

October 10th, 2023
5:30 pm
Hudson Town Hall
3rd Floor Conference Room

Board Members: Michael Delfino, Allyson O'Malley

1. Preliminaries

- a. **Call Meeting to Order** – Mr. Delfino called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm. Ms. Monteiro is not in attendance.
- b. **Approval of Minutes from 9.12.2023** – Ms. O'Malley motioned to approve the minutes from 9.12.2023. Mr. Delfino seconded the motion and the motion passed 2-0.

2. Vouchers to be Approved – Ms. O'Malley motioned to approve the vouchers. Mr. Delfino seconded the motion and the motion passed 2-0.

3. Tobacco - We have the final version of the regulations after the public hearing in August and the most recent Board of Health meeting. The Board of Health voted on the updated and amended Regulations. All Board members were present, and all Board members signed the new regulations. The Health Department has publicized this in the Community Advocate paper and a mailing will be going out to all business owners. Permit renewals will now be online. The Health Department is asking the Board to approve a new Tobacco Control Manager. This new hire will replace former agent Olivia Dufour. This new Tobacco Control Manager must be voted in as an extension of the Board of Health. He's been in training and is well equipped to enforce the Tobacco Regulations. Mr. Thillaigovindan is hired through a regional tobacco control collaborative that is funded by a state grant. Ms. O'Malley motions to appoint a new Board of Health Agent/Tobacco Control Manager. Mr. Delfino seconded the motion and the motion passed 2-0. The Health Department will send a letter from Mr. Thillaigovindan to business owners introducing himself. There is a warrant article for November updating the regulations to reflect that the age to purchase was changed to 21 from 18. This was never updated in the town charter in the past and has now gone through town council and will be on the warrant at the November town meeting.

4. Housing Updates – 19 Lakeside Avenue – Property requires a septic system upgrade. The property is very small. A sink hole developed while owners were on vacation. Test holes showed good sand and no ground water. Engineer needs access to construct through the neighbor's property. Contractors would come across the back of the property to install a 450-pound tank. Would bring in small equipment to dig

out area. Engineer is asking for a variance for less than 20 feet to actual house in order to mitigate recommended 40 ml poly barrier. Ms. O'Malley motions to approve the variance from 20 to 10 feet. Mr. Delfino seconded the motion and the motion passed 2-0.

5. **Migrant Response:** Health Department has taken the lead in the support of the homeless families placed in the Town of Hudson. They have been placed here as part of the state's emergency shelter program. Our department is stepping in to meet critical needs such as food, hygiene, medical, and clothing. There have been 26 families placed here in Hudson. The members of the Health Department team are working to support these families while waiting for state service providers to be assigned. The National Guard is there 7 days a week overseeing operations. The state will assign non-profit service providers to eventually move these families out of shelters and into more permanent homes. We have received generous donations from residents, businesses, and non-profits. The Health Department is very grateful for the community support. It is our hope that it will continue. The time frame of how long these families will be here is unknown at this time as things are ever changing. The Health Department is in constant communication with the state. There are 80 municipalities across the commonwealth where homeless families have been placed. 50% of these families statewide are America families. 50% are refugees.

6. **Recent Events:**

- a. Annual Flu Clinic was on September 23. Flu, Covid and RSV vaccines were offered. This was a recently approved Covid vaccine, and we didn't receive as many as we were hoping for. Only 50 Covid vaccines were acquired. The Senior center clinic is on October 24th and a clinic for town employees will be held later that day.
- b. YSAP 5k was held for a second year in a row at Assabet. There was a great turnout with many local businesses sponsoring.
- c. Household Hazardous Waste Day had lower numbers due to the rain. We did bring in 200 cars that dropped off hazardous waste and electronics. The event was free of charge for Hudson and Marlborough residents.

7. **Other Business:**

- a. Health Director is off next week.

Adjournment

Mr. Delfino motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:48 pm, Ms. O'Malley seconded the motion and the motion passed 2-0.

Next Meeting

November 13, 2023