

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Tuesday December 6, 2022 – 5:00 PM

Richmond Town Hall, 1529 State Road, Richmond, MA 01254

PRESENT: Andy Fisher, Chair; Louise Maron; Laurence Cohen; Tony Segal; Valerie Bird, Agent; Phyllis LeBeau, Recording Secretary

Approve Minutes of the November 1, 2022 Meeting: Laurie moved to approve the minutes as read. The motion was seconded by Tony and passed by unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

BCBOHA Fall Dinner – December 8, 2022: Andy noted that the Annual Fall Dinner will be held at the Lee Country Club this time. Several members will be attending

NEW BUSINESS:

COVID Update: (see attached) Andy noted that the State had sent an update on the COVID and Flu cases reported and included suggestions for ways to protect oneself and one's family members. He said that while the numbers of cases have gone down, 3,000 new cases in the State is a lot of cases and he anticipates a new uptick in the holiday season. He suggested that the information received from the State should be posted in the Richmond newsletter to indicate that the pandemic is not over, and everyone should remain vigilant. The members all agreed that would be useful and Phyllis was asked to incorporate that handout in the next issue of the newsletter, which she will do.

There was a discussion of how the virus is perceived by the public and how restrictions meant to prevent the spread of the virus are being relaxed – basically, the COVID virus is now being treated more like the flu. Andy noted that Flu cases in Western Massachusetts were listed as “moderate.”

Agent's Report: (See attached) Val went over the inspections listed in her report for November 2022, expanding on some of them with some clarifications.

Next Chair: Louise Maron was in line to assume the role of Chair for the next six-month period. There was a discussion of the relative lack of urgent agenda items and that a meeting could be cancelled in the event there were no items requiring voting. The Agent's Report could be emailed to the individual Board members in the event of a cancellation so that the information would be available on a regular basis.

Next Meeting Date: The first Tuesday in January will be January 3, 2023. The Board will meet at 5:00 PM on that date with Louise chairing.

There being no further business before the Board, Tony moved that the meeting be adjourned at 5:30 PM. The motion was seconded by Louise and passed by unanimous vote.