

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Tuesday October 11, 2022 – 5:00 PM

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

PRESENT: Andy Fisher, Chair; Louise Maron; Valerie Bird, Agent; Peter Cohen; Dr. Laurence Cohen; Tony Segal; Ned Saviky, Food Inspector; Phyllis LeBeau, Recording Secretary

Andy called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Review and Approve the Minutes of the September 14, 2022 Meeting: Peter moved that the September 14, 2022 meeting minutes be approved. He was seconded by Tony and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Walk-Ins: Valerie introduced Ned to the Board as the person who will be doing the food inspections for Richmond.

ACTION ITEMS:

DPH Capacity Assessment: The Board members were asked to complete Phase II. Phase I will be completed by Laura Kittridge and distributed to the board members. The purpose of this exercise is to determine the various capacities of local boards of health; possibly as a precursor to consolidation of towns' boards of health or the creation of a county board of health that might include further trainings for the members of those boards.

Flu/COVID Clinic: A short discussion indicated that the first one had gone well and the second one has been advertised.

Supplies and Equipment Stored at Community Health: Laurie noted that he was under the impression that all supplies have been used up or distributed. He will look into it to be sure.

OLD BUSINESS:

Alliance Report: In response to a request to have the Alliance nurses attend these meetings, Laura suggested that they only come when they have something important to discuss. Andy asked that the Board be advised of cases of communicable diseases in the area. Any concerns can be sent to Claudia Ryan who will bring it to the meeting. The purpose for this advice is purely for information to provide a sense of where Richmond stands in the general population in numbers of cases.

Current News and Events: None

Agent's Report: (See report attached) Val noted that Ned has done several of the items and that Colin Sykes will be attending the next meeting to introduce himself to the board.

Hilltop Orchard – complaint of a bee found in a bag of donuts. Val inspected their process and found that they were compliant with safety protocols.

140 Swamp Road: Occupant (illegal tenant) complained that the water had been turned off. The landlord had turned off the water to repair damage from water leakage. He turned it back on. Val asked the Building Inspector to follow up with the illegal rental situation. The Board agreed to leave the remaining tenant/landlord conflict to the parties involved.

Next Board of Health Meeting – Tuesday November 1, 2022 at 5:00 PM at Town Hall.

There being no further business before the board, Tony moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:25. Peter seconded the motion, which was adopted by unanimous consent.