

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Tuesday, August 2, 2022 – 5:00 PM – Via Zoom

PRESENT: Tony Segal, Temp. Chair; Andy Fisher; Laurence Cohen; Rick Bell; Claudia Ryan;

ABESENT: Peter Cohen; Louise Maron

Tony called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM

Approval of the Minutes of the July 2022 Meeting: There being no questions about the minutes, Andy moved to approve the Minutes as read. He was seconded by Laurance and the motion passed by unanimous consent.

Public Comment: Rick Bell advised the Board that he had submitted the septic design to Valerie Bird, the BOH Agent, and asked whether, after her approval, it would have to go back to the Board for its approval. He was assured that Val's approval would be all that would be necessary, and that Tony would contact Val who, is currently away on vacation, to determine if she has approved the design. If so, he will advise Rick that he can go ahead with the project.

OLD BUSINESS:

Pond Reports: Andy reported that the water-testing reports he has been receiving for Richmond Pond have all been clear of contaminates. He did receive a report that more mosquitos are being found in the area carrying the West Nile Virus, but that there have been no cases of West Nile virus illnesses reported west of Worcester.

There have, however, been 90 cases of Monkey Pox reported across the State. Monkey Pox is spread by direct contact with the pustules of an infected individual.

Tony took the opportunity to express his admiration for the First Responder special awards presented at the recent Board of Health Dinner that highlighted the extraordinary dedication and amount of time spent by those healthcare professionals in their fight against the COVID-19 Pandemic.

NEW BUSINESS:

Claudia raised the issue of the problematic trailer a family is living in on Cone Hill Rd. that has aroused several inquiries. Val was looking into the situation and Tony will contact her for any update that may be available.

Next Meeting: As the first Tuesday in September will be an Election Day and no meetings are permitted on that day, the next meeting of the BOH will take place on Wednesday September 14, 2022 at 5:00 PM in person at Town Hall. Andy plans to resume his duties as Chair of the Board at that time.

There being no further business before the Board Andy moved that the meeting be adjourned at 5:15 PM. He was seconded by Laurence and the motion was passed by unanimous vote.