

RICHMOND BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Tuesday July 5, 2022 – 5:00 PM – in person

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

PRESENT: Tony Segal, Chair; Peter Cohen; Andy Fisher; Louise Maron; Laurence Cohen, M.D.; Valerie Bird, Agent; Phyllis LeBeau, Recording Sec'y.; Claudia Ryan

Review and Approval of the Minutes of the June Meeting: Hearing no questions or comments, Peter moved to approve the Minutes of the June Meeting as read. He was seconded by Andy and the motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Rick Bell's Apology Letter: (See attached). Tony will write an acknowledgement of Mr. Bell's letter.

Rotation of Chairmanship: Andy will step in beginning after this meeting (July) and chair the meetings for the next six months.

Camp Russell Meals: It was announced that the annual donation of meals for Camp Russell provided by the Pittsfield Public Schools will take place from June 27th through August 19th.

CHA Report – Final: The Community Health Association is now extinct. The Berkshire Health Alliance has taken over the services previously provided by CHA except for home visits.

NEW BUSINESS:

Contracts: The contract for the Public Health services from the Alliance was signed by the Town Administrator, Danielle Fillio. The Health Inspection contract was also signed by Danielle.

Agent's Report: See Attached. Valerie expanded on the listed items. The Boys' Club has been inspected by the new Food Inspector at the Alliance.

Topics Not Previously Anticipated: There was a discussion of the recent spike in the number of cases of COVID infection in Berkshire County. The consensus was that, although the Omicron variant is highly contagious, particularly among family members living under the same roof, the symptoms are far less severe than those caused by the original virus and was, therefore, not of undue concern. No deaths have been reported and a vaccine is being created.

Mosquito Spraying: There have been no reports of Triple E disease West of Worcester and the few cases of West Nile Disease have not been in Berkshire County. Herbicide application is being done via low-pressure spraying in non-sensitive areas.

Richmond Pond is being tested weekly and no issues have been reported.

Next Meetings: Tuesday August 2, 2022. In September, due to the upcoming State Primaries, and in order to accommodate Valerie's vacation time, the September meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday September 14, 2022.

There being no further business before the Board, Andy moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 PM. The motion was seconded by Peter and adopted by unanimous vote.

Signed:

Tony Segal, Chair