

RICHMOND BOARD OF HEALTH  
ZOOM MEETING TUESDAY September 8, 2020

**Members present** Tony Segal-Chair, Louise Maron, Peter Cohen, Fred Schubert, Andrew Fischer, Emilee Jarret- community nurse, John Olander-Agent, Claudia Ryan-recording secretary  
**Others present** - Rick Bell, Kristin Smith-Librarian

Dr. Segal opened the meeting at 5pm. He stated that he did not have the minutes to review so their approval will be at the October meeting

**Old Business**

Tony Segal stated that the school is scheduled to open remotely for students on Sept 14<sup>th</sup> and that all state mandated procedures seem to be in place.

The town beach is now officially closed for the season. Emilie Jarrett stated that she thinks that for next year if there still is an issue with Covid19 then the town should have a better system for monitoring the amount of people on the grounds and the grouping of people, to make sure there are not large group gatherings. Many of the board members were in agreement with her on these issues. They felt that at times there were groups that were too large, especially around the picnic tables and grills. That people were not always socially distant when sitting on the grass. There was a suggestion of marking off squares on the grass to delineate proper social distancing. She was asked if there were any cases in Richmond of Covid that could be associated with being at the beach and she stated that no cases that she is aware of were related to being at the beach.

Tony Segal stated that all summer the ecoli readings from the town beach were within the acceptable range. John Olander stated that the last notice he received showed the ecoli level at Camp Russell was high but the camp is now closed for the season.

The Hydor residence septic system was brought back up for discussion. John Olander stated the he felt that the board should give the Hydors the two years that are allowed by the state to fix their septic system or in two years have it retested. They are replacing the tank with a newer bigger one and the field hasn't been active since the fire in February 2019 so it should be good. Fred Schubert made the motion that 2 years from the time of occupancy of the new dwelling the status of the septic system will be reevaluated. It was seconded by Peter Cohen and passed unanimously.

John Olander brought up the issue of Mr. Mason's well and the testing of it. John Olander stated that he has spoken with the state and they are looking into the issue. Some of the board members thought the selectmen should decide what to do since the board of health doesn't have a budget to pay for the testing. Fred Schubert stated he felt it was an issue of health so the Board of Health should make the decisions.

Rick Bell who owns a home whose water was tested 9 years ago would like the board to speak with Daniel Hall of the DEP. He is their well specialist and Rick Bell has spoken with him. Tony Segal asked John Olander to speak with Daniel Hall and to find out what he thinks is an appropriate response to the problem. John Olander stated he would.

**New Business**

Sandra Martin will be conducting a table- top plan organizational meeting via zoom for Covid 19 vaccination plan for the Berkshires.

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Emillie Jarret stated that she spoke with the director and school nurse from the Community Church School that is located in Richmond. They have reopened within school students. They are following the strict guidelines set out by the state, 6ft distancing and everyone wearing a mask. They had been open all summer without any issues. Tony Segal said he would contact the school as a follow up call.

Emillie Jarrett stated that starting the end of September she will be holding flu clinics. The first one will be at the school in the gym on Sept.28 from 5pm to 7pm. Then she will be having them on Thursday mornings at the church. She stated that if someone doesn't feel comfortable to come out for a vaccination, she would do home visits. She will be having a flu clinic at the school for students and staff as per the order of the governor that everyone attending school must be vaccinated.

She stated that in August there were two confirmed cases of Lyme disease. There will be a zoom lecture by Dr. Doyle (Pulmonary& Critical Care Specialist) on Sept. 24. This is being done jointly with the Richmond Library. Information can be found on the Richmond Library website.

Kristen Smith had asked John Olander about having the air quality of the Library tested but has since decided it is not a problem.

**Agents Report**

John Olander read his report of the work and hours he has put in during the past month. He also stated that he put in twelve hours last but is only being paid for 4. When the board asked him why the Alliance isn't doing more inspections, he told the board that he was told they are too busy. The board decided that they need to speak with the Alliance about taking on more of the work and that they thought that is what the town is paying the Alliance for.

John Olander said he would speak to Danielle Fillio about ordering more recycle bins, since she is now the town's procurement officer.

The next meeting will be Tuesday October 6<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

Fred Schubert made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:06pm, it was seconded by Peter Cohen and passed unanimously.

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Tony Segal-Chair

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Date