

Westhampton Board of Health Minutes March 5, 2022

Attending: Robby Armenti (RA), Katch Bachellor (KB), Tom Martin, Chair (TM) Mark Bushee, FHD Health Director (MB), Doug Finn, Westhampton Town Administrator (DF)

Call to Order: 9:03 AM

1. Approval of Minutes

- Minutes of Feb.5, 2022
 - a. Motion made to approve and seconded
 - b. Passed unanimously
- Minutes of Feb.15, 2022
 - a. Motion made to approve with amendment and seconded
 - b. Passed unanimously

2. Review of Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan for Westhampton

- KB reviewed document that she had sent to Board
 - a. Discussion of fire hazards in wooded areas in our town.
 - b. KB noted that the document looked at the Hazards Plans.
 - c. Cited various grants available and ones that might be looked at.
 - d. Discussion of priorities of natural hazards and mitigation strategies in our community.
- TM saw little that the Board could be involved with at this point.
- RA wondered why the Municipal Vulnerability Project (MVP) was not included in report.
- DF cautioned Board to remember its role and not as an “emergency” board.
- MB – remember sanitation, water quality, disease, etc. that fall in the Board of Health purview.
- TM – feels that the document needs to show the impacts of public health in climate change.
- MB – will write a document highlighting public health impacts within the context of climate change assessment.

3. Masking

- MB would like to remain cautious, even though the numbers are coming down.
- TM – schools will decide if masks on buses are necessary.
- Discussion on Town Building masking.
- Discussion of pandemic vs. endemic
- Discussion of test procurement.

4. Masks from Todd

- TM has asked for 500
- Has not yet heard from him

5. Health Director Report

- Discussion of Housing Issues
- FHD has a possible candidate for Health Agent
- Personnel Subcommittee has finished working on the Personnel Policy for the FHD

6. Avian Flu and Hampshire Public Health Preparedness Coalition Notifications

- Avian Flu notifications have been posted on Town website
- RA will send any pertinent HPHPC notifications

Next Meeting: April 2, 2022

Adjourned: 10:02 AM