

## Westhampton Board of Health Meeting January 7, 2021

Call to order: 1:02 PM

Attending: Board - Robby Armenti (RA), David Blakesley (DA), Mark Bushee (MB)  
Health Agent, Tom Martin (TM) Chair. Guest - Kristen Smidy (KS)

### 1. Minutes from Dec. 15, 2020

- TM notes a change in item 4. RA makes change.
- DB moves to accept Minutes with change, 2nd by TM, all approved.

### 2. HRHS Basketball Safety Update

- KS reported Safety Team met and discussed mitigating factors after Board of Health mtg.
  - School Committee met in late December
  - The outcome was that for the winter there would be no competition games, practices only.
  - Both Safety Team and School Committee will reevaluate moving basketball to be a Fall 2 sport (March 10 - April 22)
  - School Com. would like to see how other schools are doing as far as transmission goes.
- KS says she has some questions for the Board
  - Can teachers keep doors open when meeting with only one student?
    - TM and Board members concur that the school is mostly safe and the “safety” of a one on one meeting between a staff and student with an open door comes first.
  - What outdoor events can be planned for students?
    - TM and RA feel that plans should be done on an “event by event” schedule as COVID situation is fluid.
    - TM says Board will be glad to hear input and RA agrees that we would be happy to also observe events if needed.
    - TM notes that BoH parameters are already in place and events can be guided by those.
    - RA and TM question holding a Prom, but possibly with some creativity, something can be thought of.
    - DB asks if events will be held on HRHS site
    - KS does not know if all events would be, but sledding, yes!

### 3. Status of COVID in Town

- TM reports there are 4 cases in 2 households as of this meeting.
- One household came off, one new case.
- Southampton has fifty cases.
- Westhampton Elementary School staff member tested positive; one other staff member was identified as a close contact. Neither lives in Westhampton.
  - TM touched base with Deane Bates
  - This all happened over Christmas break
  - The union wants to review the metrics and possible closure with WES School Committee on Friday.
  - The lines of communication between school nurse and public health nurse are working smoothly
  - From Deane: many families have kept their children home voluntarily after school vacation after seeing family.
  - TM visited WES; all recommendations are in place.
- Brad Morse has reached out to Connie about close contacts concerning his staff.

### 4. Health Agent Report

- MB says he has stopped by 69 Northwest Rd and has not seen anything to report.
- DB reports that the property has changed hands, the new owner wants to put a mobile home on the property while work is being done.
- MB says that a Title V needs to get done. There is evidence that, under the last owner, the leach field was damaged.
- MB checking on septic system installation on 271 Northwest Road.
- TM question for MB - TM is reporting for the Public Health Trust Fund Money. Is CARES included in that reporting?
- MB not sure.
- TM - will figure it out at Foothills Mtg. on Friday.

### 5. Budget

- TM reported that \$250 was spent on a computer for DB

### 6. HPHPC

- RA reported that she received an email from Loren Davine regarding vaccines for first responders, police, fire officers, EMT's, etc. She will forward it to them and the Selectboard.

7. New Business

- DB asked about the status of the house on 41 Loudville Rd., whether or not the house had been abandoned and if it needed a Title V. MB will call to find out.

8. Adjourn at 2:07 PM Next Meeting on January 21, 1 PM