

## Westhampton Board of Health Minutes September 4, 2021

Attending: Robby Armenti (RA), Katch Bacheller (KB), Tom Martin (TM), Chair Guests: Charlene Bishop (CB), Morley Cleary (MC)

Call to Order: 9:02 AM

1. Introduction of new Board member, Katch Bacheller to other Board members.  
Introduction of guests.
2. Minutes of June 3, 2021
  - Motion to approve – TM
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> – RA
  - Pass with one abstaining.
3. Fall Festival
  - MC describes Fall Festival as a Town Festival and also a joint fundraiser for the PTO and the Friends of the Library
  - It has been tentatively approved by the Library, Board of Health, the Select Board, and Health Director with many conditions.
  - Food by volunteers is no longer permitted.
  - Food may be prepared in the Church kitchen which is inspected, but is too much work.
  - First thought of hamburger lunch followed by food trucks after Pumpkin Roll.
  - The feeling now is for only food trucks.
    - a. This would keep the Festival going
    - b. Would not make money for the sponsors.
  - Checking now to see if event needs to be canceled.
  - Discussion of masking requirements, children distancing for the Roll, whether or not it can be enforced, and whether or not people would come if there were a masking requirement.
  - Will meet to decide on Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>.
4. Update on Green Burials
  - TM - Green Burial site on 1051 Chesterfield Rd. – mostly in Westhampton and part in Northampton.
  - Affordable by selling green burial plots.

- Gathering on site on September 16<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM to witness soil testing.
- This will be a two year project.

#### 5. Update on Covid Response

- Discussion on mandate vs. recommendation
- KB thinks there might be a possible mandate in the future.
- Motion made by TM to keep in place Board of Health's safety protocol to Select Board. 2<sup>nd</sup> by KB. All in favor.
- There are now two cases of COVID in town.
- There are seven in the FHD, three are breakthrough.
- Discussion of "Mu," but not much information is known as of yet.

#### 6. FHD Update

- RA working with Donna on Personnel Policy
- PHN update
  - a. We are about to offer the position to someone.
  - b. If accepted, this person will need much training on MAVEN before defining position
- Update on FHD for Katch
- At next FHD meeting, we should speak with Mark, as Health Director, about taking minutes and setting the next meeting's Agenda.

#### 7. Composition of Board

- We will rotate taking Minutes.
- Board will revisit composition of the Board in the future.

Next Meeting: September 18, 2021 9 AM

Adjourn 10:17 AM