

Westhampton Board of Health
Minutes to Meeting of July 17th, 2020
Meeting called to order @1:02 pm and adjourned @ 2:15

Present: Robby Armenti (RA), David Blakesley (DB), Tom Martin (TM), Mark Bushee (MK), Ray Martin (RM), present remotely; Ginny Curtis (GC), Shirley Morgan (SM), Kurt Heidinger, Biocitizen and Our Place Camp, (KH).

- 1) DB moves to approve minutes of June 25th meeting with RA seconding and the motion approved unanimously
- 2) TM introduces RM to Board explaining that RM expressed interest in helping the Board when and if possible. RM notes that he is a Nurse Practitioner with 11 years of experience and currently working for Baystate in the area of employee health. TM thanks RM for his desire to serve and notes that the Board is currently looking for someone to cover public health nursing responsibilities for the Foothills Health District. RM not interested in this position. TM notes Boards of Health in general are often in need of medical expertise and that some of this is available with the Foothills Health District with a former doctor and three nurses on the District Board. Board thanks RM for coming forward and will keep RM in mind should circumstances arise where additional medical expertise is required in Westhampton.
- 3) KH remotely before the Board to update on activities of Our Place Environmental Day Camp for Children. KH notes that the Army Corp of Engineers has agreed to issue a permit to the Our Place for its camp activities at Indian Hollow in Chesterfield which was the subject of recent news article in the Daily Hampshire Gazette. KH notes that the Summer Camp is going well and that Covid Safety procedures required for camp activities are being followed and that teachers, staff and students are adapting to new conditions around Covid.
- 4) GK before the Board to ask for a copy of recent inspection report of KOA campground and to inquire about dumpster placement on the property. MB to provide inspection report to GK. MB notes owners are working to change placement of dumpster. GK notes that the dumpster is to close the stream that runs through the property. DB notes that the Board does not have authority over dumpster placement on property and suggest that GK contact Conservation Commission of Westhampton that would likely have authority over the placement. TM notes that KOA is compliant with its Title V septic with all required paperwork submitted.
- 5) SM before the Board to inform the Board that kitchen personnel at Outlook Farm (OF) are not wearing facial covering or practicing physical distancing as required. MB notes that he has been informed that some employees at OF have invoked the medical exemption to facial coverings. MB notes that owner of OF has submitted information required by the State to the Department of Labor Standards in a timely manner. MB notes as well that OF has voluntarily scaled back its allowed annual outdoor festival activities (and cancelled some events

- due to weather concerns). MB notes that the communication with OF is satisfactory and that been fielding questions about indoor dining by the owner.
- 6) GK before the Board to inquire about the possibility of passing a Town Ordinance requiring facial coverings at all commercial operations in Westhampton noting that other communities have done so and that it would be prudent given that the Town does have visitors from other States. TM notes that the State does have a self-quarantine order of 14 days from visitors from outside of New England and NY State. GC wonders about enforcement of this order. MB wonders if Westhampton may legally write ordinances that are more stringent than State orders.
 - 7) Sara Bartholomew of Kent Hicks Construction before the Board for sign offs on a building permit for new construction at 33 Edwards Rd. MB to provide and explains that Kent Hicks has been slow to provide required information about potable water testing for the project that has an existing well previously associated with barn on the property.
 - 8) Board discusses acquiring PPE. DB notes that having additional face masks on hand would be advisable. RA notes more sanitizer and face shields would be advisable. TM notes the Foothills will be using remaining grant money (\$5000) to purchase PPE for the district and this money must be used by August 31st. The PPE will be shared throughout the District. TM notes that some PPE is still available for earlier purchase for use where necessary. TM notes that the PPE demands have changed significantly in the last few months as understanding of Covid transmission has evolved.
 - 9) Board discussed developing recommendations for HVAC systems in Town Buildings. DB to make contact with company that services Westhampton Elementary for more info. TM notes that he has provided the Board with Info from ASHRAE ,an organization of HVAC engineering professionals that seems legitimate and seems to have some technical information that may be of use. DB notes that after reading over this information it seems that MERV 13 filters in HVAC systems seems to be the takeaway. TM notes that also it may be recommended to change the fresh air intake settings on systems when that is possible even though this may alter efficiency.
 - 10) MB seeks Boards advice on failed system at 25 Pine Island Lake, where the SAS has been compromised by tree roots. MB has asked the engineer of the system to contact DEP about the viability/legality of a specific proposal to deal with the problem (i.e. cutting out the tree roots).

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