

Westhampton Board of Health Minutes April 8, 2021

Attending: Robby Armenti (RA), David Blakesley (DB), Mark Bushee, Health Agent (MB), Tom Martin, Chair (TM) Guests: Lauren Hotz (LH), Karen Milch (KM)

Call to Order: 1:05 PM

1. Minutes

- Motion to Approve – TM
- Second – DB
- Approved unanimously

2. Schools

- LH reports that one member of the Football team tested positive
 - a. All quarantined – no transmissions
 - b. All have returned with clearance from the Contact Tracer and the School Nurses
- LH reports that the schools are back to 85% capacity at half days
- There are 2 minutes between classes in hallways
 - a. Not always able to keep 6' distance in hallways, but only 2 minutes
 - b. Students are trying.
 - c. TM asks if air is refreshed between classes (LH – yes)
 - d. Able to keep 6' distance in classrooms, just a problem in hallways
- TM asks about transportation
 - a. LH notes that buses are under capacity
 - b. Students are transported from home in “pods.” These are not maintained in school and are done out of necessity.
- TM asks if summer school plans are in place – yes
- TM asks if all staff are vaccinated.
 - a. LH will check on kitchen staff, otherwise, yes.
 - b. LH is appointment Ambassador for school.
- Prom
 - a. DESE guidance is advocating no proms this year
 - b. School is planning a Banquet and different events
 - c. They will get back to us.
- Question about morning before students entering school
 - a. Students are milling at the entrances for about 10 minutes before school opens
 - b. Should they stay outside or be let in? Teachers and staff are not yet “officially” at work.

- c. Board feels it is better, then, that they stay outside in the fresh air and caution them about keeping the 6' distance and masks.
- Elementary School
 - a. Paraprofessional tested positive
 - b. Second grade quarantined
 - c. Has been resolved – all back with no in school transmission
 - d. There is now a second case
 - A fully vaccinated teacher's spouse tested positive
 - Waiting results

3. COVID

- 4 cases in 4 households
- A fifth case is possibly coming up with 1 leaving.
- There have been 68 cases in total in Westhampton
- The CTC does not work on weekends (!)
- FHD did apply for the Excellence Grant and is waiting results.
- HPHPC also applied unilaterally.
 - a. Asked at meeting if anyone else had applied.
 - b. RA said FHD had applied
 - c. HPHPC said they thought 60 had applied, where we thought there were 30 applicants
- RA reported on the COVID Ambassador program
 - a. Not much response
 - b. There will be a link sent for Wednesday, April 21 at 6:30 PM

4. Title V Matters

- 134 Kings Hwy
 - a. There was an inspection, but it was done without Mark
 - b. The seller hired Southampton Environmental – Kevin Kuehner
 - c. MB has been talking with the buyer.
 - d. MB spoke with the owner last week
 - He said the sale went through on March 31st.
 - Said the inspection had already been done.
 - e. The Board discusses the difference between a voluntary inspection and an official witnessed inspection.
 - It's an old system
 - It was "failed" by the report
 - There is an issue as to whether it is an "evaluation" or "inspection."
 - MB is debating on whether to file a complaint on Kevin Kuehner with the DEP.
 - f. MB emailed new owner about concerns about Kuehner.

- g. Told him about the perc test.
- h. After closing, the previous owner canceled the perc test.
- i. The buyer will speak with Todd Alexander about his options
- j. Should Mark write up Kevin Kuehner?
- k. RA would like MB to document his complaints – TM and DB concur.
- l. MB says he will and present them either at next meeting or in email.
- 69 Northwest Road
 - a. Looks okay
 - b. No evidence of PVC pipes being crushed
 - c. Did not see camera report
 - d. MB will inform the Building Inspector that renovations to the property will take place.

5. Public Safety Complex

- We have not received a reply from the Selectboard
- RA notes we should get a reply at the next Selectboard meeting.
- TM would like DB to look at plans.
- Health Agent has not yet seen the design.
- TM has seen all site plans.
- DB reiterates the will need a perc test.
- DB has seen the deep holes and they are all sand.
- Just a note, RA would like to see the plans, too. Needs to get more familiar with these.

Adjourned 2:20 PM