



BOARD OF HEALTH

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August 22, 2023 Minutes for Hubbardston Board of Health
Meeting time: 700 pm
Meeting location: Slade Building, 7 Main St., Hubbardston, MA

- 1) Call to order at 7:04 pm. This meeting is taped and broadcast.
 - a. Attendees:
 - i. Cathy Hansgate, Chair
 - ii. Laurie DeMalia, Vice Chair
 - iii. Judie O'Donnell
 - iv. Liz Putelis (via Zoom)
 - v. Nancy Perron (for minutes)
- 2) Review and approval of 8/08/2023 meeting minutes are approved with no corrections
 - a. Cathy motioned to approve minutes as written
 - b. Laurie seconded
 - c. All in favor
- 3) Covid 19/Flu/Maven update
 - a. Laurie stated Covid is still up, but not bad. There are a few hospitalizations. Laurie states few vaccinations are coming from the state. Judie suggests they get them from the federal government. Three dates were offered for the flu clinic from MPH; two in October, one in November. Cathy suggested November 2nd from 5:30 – 7:30 pm date was still early enough in the fall and prior to the holidays. Laurie will check with school to schedule. Judie suggests using the cafeteria but the afterschool program does not end until 6:00 pm. Judie also suggests notifying the Seniors of the clinic so they can take advantage of it. Also, will they be using MRC nurses? Laurie states they will be using all their own staff. Cathy wants to be sure there will be no cost to the Board of Health for the flu clinic. Has Joyce Green been contacted for a table for Field Day on September 16th to pass out the flu kits. Cathy will contact Joyce. Judie has 80 flu kits available. Field day is from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm on September 16th.
 - b. Officially, Judie is covering for Maven. Judie states she is having issues with her account. Once she is able to get in to her account, she will have a better report.
 - c. The flu vaccination currently being used is effective for the strains of flu that they are seeing in Brazil right now.
- 4) Title V Reports/Perc Tests
- 5) Water Tests/Well completion forms
 - a. DCR Central Region water reports for 8/9/23, 8/15/23 - Reviewed, no issues.
 - b. Cushman Pond test results for 8/16/23 - Reviewed
 - c. 149 Worcester Road - Reviewed
 - d. The question came up if Brigham Pond does testing? Cathy will look into this. Concern is that people fall in to the pond while attending the Dingy Dash event.
- 6) Waste Water Tests - None
- 7) Permits to be voted on/signed
 - a. Baked All Day – One day permit for Alpaca Farm event on September 2nd
 - i. Cathy motions to approve
 - ii. All in favor
 - b. Hubbardston Scholarship Committee – One day permit for Field Day on September 16th.
 - i. Cathy motions to approve

- ii. All in favor
- 8) Open septic plans/Engineering plans review
 - a. 5 Navajo – Revised plan approved by Phil Leger, reviewed by BOH
 - b. 19 Abenaki Street – Repair – Reviewed by BOH
- 9) Old Business:
 - a. Nursing position – Table until September 12th meeting
- 10) New Business
 - a. Rabies lab report – Reviewed, raccoon tested positive on Thompson Road
 - b. Fall Vaccine Clinic – discussed under Covid 19/Flu/Maven update
 - c. Unexpected subjects – Our Town Administrator, Nate Boudreau, is going to offer all boards a workshop on Open Meeting Guidelines. Look forward to an email from Nate on this subject.
- 11) Complaints – No new complaints. Statement from Cathy regarding 50 Dogwood Road North saying there is no problem at this address and the case is closed. Cathy also mentioned the complaint forms (general and odor complaint forms) are available on the town website. Residents are urged to complete the form instead of calling in to the Board of Health.
- 12) Turnovers/Warrants for approval/Financial Reports
 - a. Turnover amount of \$1,540.00, dated August 17, 2023 was reviewed
 - b. W5 for \$260.00 for mowing landfill
 - i. Cathy motioned to pay
 - ii. Judie seconded
 - iii. All in favor
- 13) Next meeting date (Tuesday, September 12 at 7:00 pm meeting in Slade Building)
- 14) Adjournment at 7:44 pm