



BOARD OF HEALTH

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September 12, 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 7:05 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
 - v. Nancy Perron (for minutes)
- 2) Review and approval of 8/22/2023 meeting minutes – approved with no corrections
 - a. Laurie motioned to approve the minutes as written
 - b. Judie seconded
 - c. All in favor
- 3) Covid 19/Flu/Maven update
 - a. Covid cases are up across the state with 16% hospital rate. Bivalent vaccine working well. Reports from South America state the vaccine is working well. Community Health Connection is cancelling Bivalent Covid vaccines. CDC and Mass DPH are not allowing the vaccines to be given. Covid clinics are being cancelled. Laurie will look into this. There are two versions of Covid.
 - b. Waterford Street School in Gardner will have a flu and shingles vaccine clinic on Wednesday, October 4th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. They are having a health fair sponsored by CHC.
 - c. Laurie heard back from Victoria regarding the Hubbardston flu clinic. It will be Thursday, November 2nd from 5:00-7:30 pm in the school gym. There will be no charge to the town. Victoria will be in touch one month prior to clinic.
 - d. Last week, Laurie gave Sue B. information on the vaccine clinic for the Hubbardston Senior newsletter.
 - e. There have been a couple of cases of EEE and three cases of West Nile in the state.
 - f. Information on the flu clinic will be put on the town website at the end of September; once it is confirmed that pediatric vaccines can be given. Ask the Town Administrator to do an e-blast as well as putting the information on both electronic signs.
 - g. There is a BOH webinar from 3-4 pm every other Tuesday. Anybody on BOH can sign in and participate.
- 4) Title V Reports/Perc Tests
 - a. 28 Old Westminster-reviewed
- 5) Water Tests/Well completion forms
 - a. DCR Central Region water reports for 8/23/23, 8/25/23, 8/30/23, 9/1/23 - reviewed
 - b. Cushman Pond test results for 8/28/23
 - c. 155 Williamsville Road – Well completion report - reviewed
- 6) Waste Water Tests
 - a. Hubbardston Elderly Housing 5/2/23, 5/26/23, 6/29/23 – reviewed – Judie will check to see why there are three tests
- 7) Permits to be voted on/signed - None
- 8) Open septic plans/Engineering plans review
 - a. 174 Williamsville Road – repair – reviewed and signed off

- 9) Old Business:
 - a. Nursing position – Re-send the email from Nate B. to the members for review as well as notify the interested person
- 10) New Business
 - a. Unexpected subjects
 - i. Emergency Evacuation Plan for the school. There needs to be a plan. The existing plan utilizes the baseball field at the back of the school but that is still too close to the school. Is the Unitarian Church in the plan? COOP does not have a plan. Judie has template for COOP plan. That may be used for school emergency plan. We would need permission to use the church to shelter in emergency. The school principal is coming up with a plan. QRSD is working with all schools to create a plan. Hubbardston will need to start from scratch. Laurie asked Judie to send her the template. BOH should also have a list of group homes for emergencies.
 - ii. Cathy did one food inspection for the Spice Company on Brigham Road. Cathy states it is a wonderful set up and passed inspection.
- 11) Complaints
 - a. Laurie drove by cannabis businesses and detected a very strong odor. Cathy asked that Laurie fill out an odor complaint form for record. Cathy did get a call regarding the odor and asked that they fill out the form and send it in to the BOH. The agreement with the cannabis businesses is that if/when we get complaints, that we have a discussion with the business owners.
- 12) Turnovers/Warrants for approval/Financial Reports
 - a. MPHN invoice \$600.00 membership
 - i. Cathy motioned to pay the \$600.00 membership
 - ii. Liz seconded
 - iii. All in favor
- 13) Next meeting date (Tuesday, September 26 at 7:00 pm meeting in Slade Building). Laurie will not be able to attend.
- 14) Adjournment at 7:59 pm.