



**Town of Southborough
Board of Health
9 Cordaville Road, Lower Level
Southborough, MA 01772-1662**

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Minutes of the Southborough Board of Health

Meeting Minutes

July 12, 2022 – Board of Health – Virtual – 9:30 AM

Present:

Board Members Chelsea Malinowski, Nancy Sacco, Dr. Safdar Medina; Public Health Director, Dr. Heather Alker; Public Health Nurse, Taylor West; Sanitary Inspector, Dennis Costello; Administrative Assistant, Barbara Spiri

Also in Attendance: Engineer, Peter Bemis; Food Inspector, Michael Seager; Intern, Bill Christian; Fitzgerald’s Market Owner, Vinnie Patel

Opening:

The meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 9:30 am by Ms. Malinowski.

Topic: Public Comment

Discussion: No public comments were brought before the Board

Topic: Vote to Approve the Minutes from the June 21st Meeting

Action: Ms. Malinowski made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 21st meeting. Ms. Sacco seconded the motion. Vote to approve the meeting minutes: Ms. Malinowski – yes, Ms. Sacco – yes, and Dr. Medina – yes. All in favor.

Topic: Vote to Approve the Executive Minutes from June 21st Meeting

Action: Ms. Malinowski made a motion to accept the executive session minutes from the June 21st meeting. Ms. Sacco seconded the motion. Vote to approve the meeting minutes: Ms. Malinowski – yes, Ms. Sacco – yes, and Dr. Medina – yes. All in favor.

Topic: Abutters of Ken’s Warehouse – Sound Barrier Update

Discussion: Dr. Alker was present when the sound testing was done the previous night. Sound receivers were placed at 4 houses (3 on Flagg Road and 1 on Eastbrook Farm Lane). Ambient noise was measured as 20 refrigerated trucks were turned off and on. The sound was measured at 26 feet (to estimate if the sound would be loud going over the wall). Sound receivers were placed at 4 houses (3 on Flagg Road and 1 on Eastbrook Farm Lane). More information about the proposed sound barrier will be discussed at a future Board of Health meeting.

Topic: Appointment of New Food Inspector



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Discussion: Michael Seager, the new Food Inspector for the Boroughs, was introduced to the Board. For the past five years, Mr. Seager worked for Ecolab and conducted food audits and staff training – mainly in grocery stores. Prior to Ecolab, he spent 25 years working in restaurant and cafeteria management.

Action: **Ms. Malinowski moved to appoint Mr. Seager as a Southborough Health Agent. Ms. Sacco seconded the motion. Vote: Ms. Sacco – yes, Dr. Medina – yes, and Ms. Malinowski – yes. All in favor.**

Topic: **Meadow Lane**

Discussion: Mr. Costello presented information to the Board about the proposed septic system for the 4 single family home condominiums. Sufficient soil testing was conducted on the land. The plan meets Title 5 regulations and Southborough regulations for a traditional system. Certain required documents that need to be created and recorded at the Worcester Registry of Deeds are a Master Plan and Operation & Maintenance manual. Easement Deeds are also needed as part of the septic system will go through Lots 3 and 4. Septic systems over what is required for a traditional single-family house need approval from the Board. Mr. Bemis is required to have the Board’s approval prior to going to the Planning Board.

Action: **Ms. Malinowski made a motion to approve the plans for Meadow Lane. Ms. Sacco seconded the motion. Vote to approve the meeting minutes: Ms. Malinowski – yes, Ms. Sacco – yes, and Dr. Medina – yes. All in favor.**

Topic: **Fitzgerald’s Market**

Discussion: Dr. Alker told the Board some things have been completed but not all. Pest control inspects the store two times/month. The tall grass has not been cut, screens need to be put on doors, the staff needs to clear out food that has expired. The Board told Mr. Patel they were not satisfied that there was no progress or effort and feel the repairs could have been done easily and quickly. Mr. Patel said the grass would be cut today and the screens should arrive soon. The Board will re-visit this topic at the August meeting.

Topic: **Bill Christian - Intern**

Discussion: Bill Christian was introduced to the Board. Mr. Christian is a Preventive Medicine and Public Health resident at UMass. He will be working with the Dr. Alker on projects. The Board asked to make the noise regulation a priority.

Topic: **BOH Duties: Reporting 3-Month Numbers Update Three Month**

Discussion: Dr. Alker stated septic is the main focus right now. Houses are being sold and some systems are failing. Bill Murphy will be able to cover for Dennis while he is away. Ms. West said



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there are four summer camps this year and all inspections had been good so far. St. Mark's is hoping to add more camps next summer.

Topic: Community Health Assessment Update

Discussion: A survey for the Boroughs will be sent out to all four towns. Some of the questions will include topics like housing and mental health.

Topic: Nurse Report

Discussion: Ms. West stated Covid vaccinations for children under the age of five has been approved. Pediatricians are able to administer the vaccine. The Greater Boroughs is not planning to hold a clinic.
The State has stopped reporting the daily number of covid cases. They will now post the numbers weekly.

Topic: Meeting Schedule
Tuesday, August 16, 2022 @ 9:30 am
Monday, September 19 @ 7:00 pm – Tobacco Regulations

Topic: Public Comment

Discussion: Public comments were not brought before the Board.

Ms. Malinowski made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:44 am. Ms. Sacco seconded the motion. Ms. Malinowski – yes, Ms. Sacco – yes, and Dr. Medina – yes. All in favor.

Respectively submitted by Barbara Spiri, Administrative Assistant and edited by Chelsea Malinowski.

Documents:

Pictures from Fitzgerald's Market

BOH Duties: Reporting 3-Month Numbers Update

Proposed Septic Plan for 4 Units on Meadow Lane