

City of Greenfield Board of Health Meeting

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

20 Sanderson Street, Greenfield, Massachusetts 01301

5:00 – 6:00 pm

Zoom meeting

Present:

GUESTS:

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I. Review of November & December

Minutes- Approved

5 minutes

II. Updates

1) COVID/communicable disease update

(influenza and RSV)- Covid seems to be slowing

60 Covid cases this month and 10 flu

Hospitalizations are low but steady, a few clusters at long term care facilities.

Covid clinic today- 36 people

a) COVID wastewater testing

Low

2) LUNT property update-expanded the scope and the air testing was done on some properties, there were four that were not sampled. So far all air quality testing is ok, one may have tested high but they are looking to re test. Will be doing testing a few times a year.

15 minutes

III. Restaurant Updates

1) Applebee's

2) Village Pizza

3) Speedway

4) Kobe

5 min

IV. Housing Updates

5-7 Hayes (condemned) – follow up- looking for vendor to take care of property.

63 Meridian street – Condemnation- no answer from family who is helping clean up?

20 Abbott – Hoarding- is starting to go through her things and donating them.

59 East Cleveland St – Hoarding follow up- significant hoarding, and squalor, neighbor has been helping out with removal. Squatters need to be removed. Not a secure home

86-88 Conway St - Condemnation- vacant, unsafe structure

10 min

V. Tobacco Compliance

Harper's Package Store – 1 st violation – how

long they need to be suspended (1-7 days)

Motion to recommend a one day suspension for tobacco sales at harpers store- alyssa, sam seconded.

10 min

VI. Septic & Water Safety

1) Center School outdoor toileting program- bathroom facility is outside, peeing and pooping outside in a bucket called a lug a loo. Boys peeing over the bank near a culvert.

Alyssa Valbona motioned that the center school cease and desist the current toileting practice, going forward the students must use the toilet inside, porta potty, or getting a composting toilet that go along with the current regulations. Must follow all composting toileting and greywater guidelines in the commonwealth. Sam Mclver - Second

2) "The Pool" outside testing for lab

accreditation

15 min

Lab is not staffed or certified, a big difference from testing for drinking water and the pool water. The board of health will make the decision if the DPW can continue to test the pool water. Can we run the test in house without being certified?

There is a potential for the lab to get provisional certification, but they do not have the staff right now. The lab has been vacated since the first week of January.

Sam Mclver - Did the testing get sent out if something showed up?

Sam Mclver - Ok with the DPW still doing the testing for the pool.

Alyssa Valbona - Concerned about running stuff in a not certified lab, because we don't know how the summer is going to be. Does the DPW have the staffing to keep up with the pool?

Marlo- It is more expensive for the City to send out the testing then it is for them to take it to the lab. Least impactful sample that is being run.

Christy Moore - Staff is capable of reading the numbers and calculating the geomean. Confident that someone will take over the lab. We can do our best to work together to figure it out.

Marlo- We do follow up with samples when there is an e coli hit. Still have to follow the same protocol.

jennifer hoffman - The State wants tests to be re-opened, that were done last year. Crypto and giardia.

Alyssa Valbona, moves to carry this to the next meeting- Seconded Sam Mclver

Adjourned- 6:05pm

Next Meeting: Proposing March 1, 2023 at 5:00 pm