

Board of Health
City of Greenfield Board of Health Meeting

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

20 Sanderson Street, Greenfield, Massachusetts 01301

5:00 – 6:00 pm

In-person

Present: Jennifer Hoffman, Samantha McIver, Dr. Romano

Guest: Dan Nietzsche

Chair Statement: This meeting is being recorded by the City of Greenfield. If any other persons present are doing the same you must notify the chairperson at this time. The chairperson reserves the right to remove or have removed any person/persons for profanity, threats, or any continued disruption during a meeting.

I. Review of previous month's minutes- Samantha McIver motioned to approve last months minutes. Dr. Romano seconded. Passed

II. Guest speaker (10 minutes): Dan Nietzsche (Public health Emergency Preparedness Planning): MAPHCO after action review – plans for EDS as we move forward- Documents attached.

After Action Report

III. Nursing Updates

- COVID/communicable disease update

New Strane of Covid, with symptom of conjunctivitis.

a) COVID wastewater testing

- Aunt Flo – Menstrual – schools placed (HS and Middle school). Town hall
- Medical supplies in town hall- Miralax and items for the homeless put out. Been working with City Hall janitor with needs over there.
- Narcan Fentanyl test strips, as well as Nicotine urine test strips. These items are given by the nurse, and are not just for the taken on her shelves.

IV. LUNT (10 minutes)

Property update

Dept. wrote letter to person on Kenwood St. who need further testing on the property. And to date have not gotten a response from them. OTO recommends 3rd testing, with lower ground water.

V. Restaurant Updates (10 minutes)

1) Food Truck permits-Many!

2) Restaurant Permits- Are complete.

3) Ice Cream Alley – (passed)

4) Taco Bell/KFC (passed) Brought Dr. Romano because that is one of his favorite restaurants.

5) Murphy Park Concessions (passed)

6) St. James Kitchen (passed)

7) Bostrom Farms (butcher - USDA - Passed)

8) **ALL** School Kitchens were inspection (passed)

9) New Sushi at Stop and Shop (passed)

10) HACCP plan notification- Notified all businesses that sell fresh pressed juices, sushi, rices that are held, ciders, fresh cut fruits, and other fresh cut items that could possibly be used for foods need to have a HACCP.

11) Food Truck permitting for events (policy change) * vote *

\$100.00 for first event

\$35.00 Subsequent

This will take effect in year 2024

Samantha McIver motioned to approve new policy change for food trucks starting in year 2024. Dr. Romano seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

VI. Festivals (10 minutes)

Extravaganja Cannabis Themed Event 4/15 (no issues)

Greenmind Event/Toast and Jam: 4/23, 5/14, 7/1, 9/3

Wormtown 5/26-5/28, 9/15-9/17

Green River Festival 6/23-6/25

VII. Housing Updates (15 minutes)

- 20 Meridian Street – Request to demolish

- 116 Elm st. – condemned

Unit 1&2 Unit 3 we inspected and It passed for min standards.

- 231 Hope st. – deemed unsafe by buildings

- 237 High st. – OTC

-Second inspection has been set up, have not had response from owner, but tenant stopped in and the landlord is upset and wants to sell.

- 6 Chapman st./204 Main street – Apt above Vic - OTC

Waiting on the electrician, everything else completed.

- 54 High Street (The Weldon) – mold. Emailed property manager (Domenica)

This issue has been resolved.

- Greenfield Gardens – 45 Pray Drive was taken over by the police, due to threats to our dept.

- Four homes are placed into receiverships through courts (100 Fairview, 186 Conway, 216 Elm

and 42 Cleveland)

- 10 Pierce Street - OTC (Black mold)- open case working with an air quality company to try and remediate this problem. Mold was found in the basement but not in the living space. Air purifiers recommended.

VIII. Unhoused Update (10 minutes)

- Homeless shelter inspections: Wells street and Women's shelter.

With the new code that came out on April 1st 2023, we have to inspect all shelters. All shelters in Greenfield have been inspected, and orders have been written.

- CSO now owns Wells St Shelter and will be building a temporary structure during

construction.

- Meeting 5/1 with CSO and City Department heads to discuss plans for upcoming season

IX. Perc & Title 5 (5 minutes)

Canada Hill (Perc)

Oak Hill (8 percs)

453 S. Shelburne Rd (new tank)

436 Country Club Rd (Final for replacement)

330 Leyden Rd. (Title 5 passed)

36 Plantation Circle (Title 5 passed)

X. Academics & Grants (15-20 minutes)

1) *Athena Bradley: Present update on PHE Excellence Grant (10 minutes).*-Tabled

2) Greenfield can now offer Lead Determination inspections. It is considered part of the general sanitation code (410CMR 750). It is recommended for any home prior to 1976 with children under 6 years old.

3) FDA Standardization class (Nicole and Jenn). Registered to take other FDA classes for dept. to be FDA certified/standardized

1) Inter-municipal Grant

Positions are posted on the HR website. *Hired a 19 hour/week nurse for Shutesbury and Leverett. Hired a 10 hour/week clerk for the grant. Still looking for a 1 regional health inspector. - Still in need of another nurse also.

2) CDBG Block Grant: Awarded \$25,000 to assist extremely low-income elders with very limited means (no transportation, family) when there is a complaint/concern of rodents or hoarding. Will be collaborating with a social service agency for a social worker to follow these clients closely. There will be no money until late summer. Will be working with Life Path and will be held accountable and reporting to jennifer hoffman .

3) EPA Grant: EPA research grant (submitted by PIP group) on possible health concerns stemming from environmental hazards at the Lunt property (*this grant is in the application process right now – Susan Worgaftik is the lead). Jennifer Siegel (Graduate Student) and Jack Sullivan (epidemiologist) from Greenfield will be assisting the Health Dept. with research. Had two meetings with Susan and new team. Jenn will be meeting with Graduate Student weekly to discuss project and items to do

XI. Parking Lot (10 minutes)

Permit approvals (Portable toilets, trailers)

Samantha McIver motioned to approve permission fees for portable toilets, and mobile trailers and Rv's. Dr. John Romano seconded the motion. Passed and will take effect immediately.

This will help the dept. Know who is living in temporary housing such as rvs and will help to let people know why and who owns portable toilets. The concerns of where the sewage is being dumped will no longer be an issue because they will have to provide where they are dumping.

Homeless Shelter Inspection Form approval

Samantha McIver motioned to approve the new Homeless shelter inspection form. Dr. John Romano seconded the motion. Passed and will take effect immediately.

Greenfield HS update – bathrooms

Bathrooms are now open.

Center School update

Jennifer Hoffman wrote a follow up letter for toileting practices.

XII. Public Comment

Maryann Griswold has concerns about the smell that she is getting when she goes outside of her residents on Hastings St. Aeromatic Fillers is a neighbor and she feels whatever she is breathing in is not safe.

Glen Ayers- Hired new LSP with the grant they received and he will be a good resource for the Health Dept. to use. That way the Health Dept. can get more involved in the situation.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 31, 2022, 5:00 pm

Meeting Adjournment at 6:30 pm.