

Board of Health

City of Greenfield Board of Health Meeting

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

20 Sanderson Street, Greenfield, Massachusetts 01301

5:00 – 6:30 pm

In-Person

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Meeting recorded by Glen Ayers

I. Review of previous month's minutes & September meeting minutes

II. Voting and Transition for Board

1) Welcome and Introduce new BOH Member. Member should state her goals for the BOH and why chosen to join this volunteer Board.

2) Alyssa Valbona stepped down and election of New Chair – Samantha McIver (welcome Samantha in new role) -Nurse Mimitz

3) Resignation of Jennifer Hoffman, Health Director. Need to create an Interview committee – Chair needs to be involved? Goals for the health department moving forward? Organization of the Health Department.

Agenda: Up to the chair how they would like that directed. Up to the health director, how they would set the agenda. It takes time organizing, sending and reviewing. Would like the incoming chair to take on the role of the agenda until there is a new director. Weekly emails. Folder of items that we have done.

Board Speaks about Jens role in the City of Greenfield.

III. Nursing Updates (5 minutes)

- COVID/communicable disease update- following nine covid clusters, the wastewater is up, doing a lot more testing in the office, because the public didn't have access to the at home tests. Have sent most of the tests to school and to some families. Still limited on how many at home tests.
- Limited test supplies
- Have done flu clinics with Cataldo. Nationwide problem with the new covid vaccine. There are vaccine clinics at the High school and Newton School. Gave supplies to the homeless, and unhoused.
- Surveys to access to resources, would like to see them filled out.
- Doing well with the Narcan program, partnering for the grant, and the dpw. Narcan program is amazing, doses and lot numbers are documented, when Narcan goes out.
- GCC students are doing Narcan training for service learning.
- Anaplasmosis and lyme numbers have gone way down.
- **IV.LUNT (5 minutes)**

Property Update- Dept of Environmental protection site work, looking at ground water, looking at wells, testing, looking at them at different times of the year. Catch basins. Storm sewer evaluations. Increasing testing at testing sites, up stream. There were some things missing, they are looking for additional things missing and they are looking for them at those other sites.

V. Restaurant Updates (5 minutes)

1) Food Truck/Restaurant permits- El Chapincinto, Tractor supply wants food trucks on weekends to bring in customers.

- 2) McDonald's – Mohawk Trail (water) Sewage in the bathroom
- 3) McDonald's – Federal Street (death) Spoke with them how to do a bio cleanup.
- 4) McDonald's – Federal Street: monitoring Coliform in milkshakes.
- 5) Domino's: Compliant
- 6) Public Schools in Greenfield have been Inspected for the School year.

VI. Festivals (<5 minutes)

- Halloweed- All vendors were previous vendors, no problems with any vendors.

VII. Housing Updates (20 minutes)

- Coombs Ave update. (Invited Roger Reid re legal) What do we want to spend to demolish the building?

Mayor- There is funding available to demolish the building.

Documents- stating that the letters were sent out to the landlord notifying him.

- Greenfield Gardens: Ongoing/multiple rodent concerns (4 Pray Drive, 13 Pray Drive, 39 Pray drive, 58 Pray Drive, 31 Forbes Court, 35 Forbes court, 26 Riverside Drive, 33 Riverside Drive, 49 Riverside Drive, 75 Riverside Drive, 2 Harris Court, 14 Harris Court, 16 Harris Court: **BOH recommendations??**

It doesn't seem to have an effect on where or how the person lives, the mice are in all of the courts. The level of infestation is out of control. They are trying to take care of the orders at this point, but it doesn't seem to be working. They are hiring exterminators.

Next Meeting-Research on extermination. Next meeting add to the agenda. Invite board members from Greenfield Gardens.

- 28 Davenport Way: Storage containers of unknown substance. Condemned

- 31 Champney Road: Water in basement, storage containers of unknown substance. Condemned
- 123 Davis Street – OTC issued- Unsanitary conditions, removed animals, condemned, animal feces, trash, urine.
- 306 Wells Street – OTC issued- Order Corrected
- 11-15 High Street – OTC issued- Not Corrected Tenants Incarcerated

VIII. Unhoused Update (10 minutes)

- 1) Days Inn: Outstanding Order to correct (not completed)- Not maintaining the dumpster, the ice machine has mold, waters that can be wiped off, falls under hotel guidelines.
- 2) Preparation for houseless in Greenfield – warming shelter, CSO shelter- We don't have any warming shelters. The Transit Center for a warming shelter?

IX. Perc & Title 5 (<5 minutes) Tabled- for Gina

- Research into 172 Highland Avenue Ext. Well and septic
- 158 Log Plain Road – Title 5. Passed.
- 974 Colrain Road – Title 5.
- 335 Green River Road Plan review for 1 bedroom accessory dwelling unit. Will need a deed restriction.
- 31 Lovers Lane – Repair perc and soil evaluation.

X. Academics & Grants (5 minutes)-

- ***Medical Resident Public Health rotations:*** Health Dept. is working with Baystate for the second year in giving medical residents exposure to public health and how it affects their patients. These 5 Residents are scheduled from October 2023 through 2024.

- **Inter-municipal Grant:** \$487,044. Working with IT to get their own Google package. Working on getting a website for the group. I pads should be delivered imminently.
- **Covid 19 Grant:** \$125,000. Dollars currently used to support contact tracing and research for epidemiologists. When COVID is low we use dollars for public health programming.
- **CDBG Block Grant:** \$25,000 awarded. Writing out phasing of project
- **EPA/PIP Grant:** Paused due to elevated COVID numbers.
- **Naloxboxes** to be put: 1 in Energy Park, 2 in City Hall and 1 in Hillside Park (partnering with OTF (Grantee), Tapestry, Rec Dept and the Mayor's Office

XI. Parking Lot (10 minutes)

- Welcome Regina McNeeley – Inspector for inter-municipal grant. - No here
- Donations for Days Inn- New and Like New
- Walk with a Doc Update – Dr. John Romano- 15 plus people
- Creation of list for all landlords with grading system – creation of bi-annual/annual inspections to follow up on those who have offended multiple times. Goal for compliance and removal of properties (if not compliant). This is being proposed again by Housing Greenfield and Councilor Ginny DeSorgher. -Tabled
- Hillside Park Sharps container was replaced. – Tabled
- Reopened Sharps container at 20 Sanderson street- Tabled

Adjourned- 6:33 PM

Next Meeting: November 29, 2023 5:00 pm