

SUDBURY BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes of Board Meeting December 10, 2019

Attendance: Board Chair Carol Bradford, Board member Linda Huet-Clayton, Board Member Susan Sama, Health Director William Murphy and Admin. Beth Porter.

Meeting commenced at 4:00 pm.

4:00: Opening comments – No Public Comments Chair Carol Bradford calls meeting to order.

4:01 Bill Murphy – Director’s Report:

24 Church St:

- The court has recognized a nephew, as kinship, to accept legal executor for the property.
- Trauma Services, a specialized cleanup company, has completed their work. The company filled three 30-yard dumpsters of bio-hazard waste.
- A wildlife specialist will trap and remove rodents from the house and barn. Once animals have been removed, all open entry points (holes in the structure and foundation) will be boarded up to prohibit any animals from entering the structures.
- All locks have been changed.
- Plumber has winterized the property.
- “No Trespassing” signs have been posted.
- The Town will lien the property to recover monies spent on cleaning and securing it.
- **Acapulco’s:** Fire Department has approached the owner with concerns about the property. Inspections are past due and out of compliance. The board is considering a public hearing to discuss ongoing issues.
- **Tobacco Control:** The Governor’s vaping ban will be lifted on Dec. 11, 2019. The Governor signed into law the Act Modernizing Tobacco Control which includes the following:
 - Bans the sale of ALL flavored tobacco products, including e-cigarettes, menthol cigarettes and chewing tobacco.
 - Add an excise tax of 75% of wholesale on e-cigarettes, bringing parity with cigarettes in the state.
 - Requires private insurers, the Group Insurance Commission and MassHealth to provide coverage for tobacco use cessation counseling and all generic FDA approved tobacco cessation products with at least one product available with no out of pocket costs.
 - Restricts the sale of vapes/e-cigarettes with nicotine content greater than 35 MG per ML to adult only retail tobacco stores and smoking bars.
 - Increases the retailer fine for sales to minors from \$100.00, \$200.00 and \$300.00 for first, second and third violations respectively to \$1,000.00, \$2,000.00 and \$5,000.00.

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- **Tobacco Control Cont...**
 - Adds a penalty for retailers who have their vape/e-cigarette or tobacco license suspended or revoked for selling untaxed products requiring the state lottery director to suspend their license to sell lottery tickets or shares issued to the retailer.
 - Effective date for flavored vape/e-cigarette ban, increased retailer fines for sales to minors and insurance mandates is immediately upon passage.
 - Effective date for flavored tobacco ban is June 1, 2020.
- **Tobacco Control Notifications:** The Health Director will notify tobacco sale permit holders of changes.
- **Tobacco Symposium:** The Sudbury League of Women Voters held a symposium for parents at Lincoln Sudbury Reg. High School on Dec 4, 2019. The Health Department participated and brought informational materials for parents.
- **Mosquito Control:** The State is planning regional outreach and informational sessions in January. The Director has offered Sudbury as a location to assemble. The Health Department is looking for ways to decrease the risk of EEE and West Nile Virus. Options include additional surveillance and strategic adulticide truck spraying
- **Hazardous Waste Collection:** Was held on November 9th. 193 residents participated. Scheduling time slots for drop offs eliminated wait times and allowed for an efficient work flow. Beth Porter, BoH administrator, was credited and recognized for her extraordinary efforts to improve efficiencies for the event. Significant positive feedback was received.
- **Digitizing Health Files:** The Health Department is pricing out digitizing records that are filed by address. Digitizing records would improve office efficiencies, reduce office traffic and make documents available to the public on-line. As-built drawings are a priority.

Follow up from last meeting:

- **Stop the Bleed:** Training was conducted at the Police Department in November. Susan Sama expressed concern that there is no Stop the Bleed Kits or trained personnel at Lincoln Sudbury Regional HS. The Board considers LSRHS a high-risk location. The Health Department has, in the past, reached out to the appropriate representatives about the purchase and training of the kits at the High School and will reach out again to stress the importance of having them on-site.
- **Stow Fire Training Facility:** Mr. Murphy updated the Board of the detection of PFAS (Per-and or polyfluoroalkyl substances) at the Stow Fire Academy. The Board asked Mr. Murphy to request that the Sudbury Water District test the water supply for PFAS as a precautionary measure.

VOTE in support of requesting the Sudbury Water District to test the water to determine if PFAS is present in the supply. Motion made by Carol Bradford, Board Chair, Seconded by Linda Huet-Clayton and Susan Sama. Motion passed 3-0-0.

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2021 Health Department Budget:

- Possibility of hiring a full-time inspector.
- Any funds leftover in the Contractual Accounts can be used to hire a Camp Inspector.
- Most expenses will remain the same as 2020, with the exception of Mosquito Control (8.9% increase in 2021 for East Middlesex Mosquito Control (EMMCP) EEE and West Nile control measures.

Other :

- Susan Sama expressed concern in the sharp increase in diagnosed cases of Lyme Disease in Sudbury. The Health Director will contact the Massachusetts Department of Health to determine State efforts and response to a growing and serious problem.

Correspondence:

Letter from a Concerned Citizen

November 12, 2019 BoH Mtg Minutes

Board of Selectmen 2020 Goals

BoH FY21 Appropriation Request

24 Church St. Biohazard Remediation Invoice

November 18, 2019 – Youth Vaping Prevention Steering Committee Mtg

Exec. Office of Public Safety and Security (Dept of Fire Services) Briefing on PFAS Contamination at the State Fire Academy in Stow MA.

Sudbury Police Dept. Lockup Facility Inspection Report

Public Notification for a Permanent Solution Statement Vegetable Oil Release @ 426 BPR

DEP Notice of Responsibility for Vegetable Oil Release @426 BPR

Announcement by BOS to hold Community Discussions to Gain Citizen Input on Next Town Manager

Buddy Dog October 3rd 2019 Conference Notes with Sudbury Town Staff

Meeting Adjourned 5:29 PM