

Sudbury Board of Health Virtual Meeting

Tuesday April 11, 2023

Attendees: Carol Bradford-Board Chair, Linda Huet-Clayton-Board Member, Susan Sama-Board Member, Patty Moran-Interim Health Director, Rob Lazo-Health Inspector, Jen Roberts-Select Board, Kay Bell-COA

Meeting Commenced at 4:00 PM

Public Comment: None

Sudbury Household Hazardous Waste Collection: on April 1, 2023 Sudbury held it's annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. It is estimated that there were close to 400 households that were processed thru the event. We will have more precise numbers once Clean Harbors reports back to us with invoice and processing sheets. It was difficult to read sheets prepared by the Health Department because of the rain. Sustainable Sudbury held their Styrofoam collection event the same day. Both events proved to be successful.

Body Art Presentation by Health Intern, Amanda Rosen: Presentation cancelled. Patty Moran discussed the need for regulations based on the amount of inquiries for opening body art businesses in town in the past few months. There are two new Body Art establishments projected to open in May. There is currently one Body Art establishment open in Sudbury. Both Amanda Rosen and the Great Meadows Shared Services Grant has put together regulations for the Board of Health to review. Susan Sama would like regulations to align with similar surrounding towns. Review of the proposed regulations will take place at a later date.

Stable Regulations: Rob Lazo discussed an error in the regulations that repeats the same setback twice. By removing the word "not" in a sentence for dwelling setbacks, the problem will be corrected. Also, the current regulations have the storage of manure piles as close as 25 feet to open water, standing water and wetlands. The Health Department has collaborated with Conservation and has come up with 75 feet setbacks.

VOTE: Carol Bradford motioned to make correction to typo in the regulations and to increase setback distance from manure piles to open water, standing water and wetlands from 25 feet to 75 feet. Motion seconded by Susan Sama. Motion passed 3-0-0.

Patty Moran – Directors Report

Septic: Rob Lazo reported that he has been extremely busy with inspecting full septic installations, repairs and soil tests. In addition Septic Plans continue to come into the office for review. There seems to be no signs of this part of the business slowing down.

Social Worker: A work space has been created in the DPW Conference Room for Bethany and her Interns.

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Patty Moran – Nurses Report

MIIS Changing of Recording COVID Vaccines: the Massachusetts Immunization Information System will be updating the recording of COVID vaccines. It will have 3 categories for COVID Vaccines; Primary dose, Primary Series Vaccines and Up to Date.

State Health Department to change reporting of COVID related deaths: The reporting of deaths related to COVID will be updated. If a person who is deceased has not tested positive for COVID in more than 30 days prior to death, the cause of death will not be listed as COVID.

COVID Vaccines: There has been no news on a new booster. Also, no news on the booster being combined with flu or other vaccines.

COVID Cases: Fewer cases are being reported. Adults are getting very ill from COVID. The demographic aged 18 and under are testing positive prior to medical procedures. Even though these cases are asymptomatic, they still need to quarantine and postpone medical procedures.

COVID Test Kits: The Goodnow Library has distributed 24 cases of COVID tests in the past 2 months. We would like to thank Esme Green and her staff for getting these tests out to the general public. Patty has saved 320 COVID test kits to be distributed to camps and the public out of the Health Office.

Other Business:

VOTE: Linda Huet-Clayton motioned to nominate Jennifer Condon and Donna DeWallace as Animal Inspectors for the upcoming fiscal year. Motion seconded by Susan Sama. Motion passed 3-0-0.

VOTE: Susan Sama motioned to approve Board of Health Meeting Minutes for February 14th and March 14th as edited. Carol Bradford seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0-0.

Interim Health Director: This position will no longer be needed as of April 24th. At this point Vivian Zeng will be starting as new Sudbury Health Director. The Board would like to thank Patty for stepping up and running the Health Department as Interim Health Director for the past 4 months. She has done a spectacular job.

Public Health Nurse Retiring: Patty Moran will be retiring on June 30th of this year. Patty will stay on part-time to inspect camps and work on Flu Clinics. The Board thanked Patty for all of her hard work and stepping into the position once vacated in February of 2021. Kay Bell and Jen Roberts also thanked Patty for all of her hard work as the Town's Public Health Nurse and as Interim Director.

Meeting adjourned at 4:31 PM.