

# Sudbury Board of Health Virtual Meeting

## March 14, 2023

Attendees: Carol Bradford-Board Chair, Linda Huet-Clayton-Board Member, Susan Sama-Board Member, Patty Moran-Public Health Nurse, Rob Lazo-Health Inspector, Beth Porter-Health Admin., Jen Roberts-Select Board, Lynn Puorro-Sudbury TV, Kay Bell-COD Liaison, Cliff McGann-Sudbury Resident

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**4:00 PM** – Carol Bradford motions to open meeting

**Public Comment:** None

**Bethany Hadvab: Social Worker Update:**

**Grant Subsidized Social Worker Position:** Bethany posted the position for an additional Social Worker. This position will be paid thru a grant obtained specifically to fund a temporary Social Worker position.

**New Intern Hired:** A new intern has been hired. She will begin work on March 20, 2023. This Intern will work thru the summer.

**Patty Moran: Public Health Nurse Update:**

**COVID:** There have been very few reported cases. PCR testing has declined considerably. Carol Bradford commented that she has seen a significant uptick in COVID, Strep and GI illnesses in the schools.

**Flu:** There was a surge in Flu cases in the fall. There has recently been a resurgence in cases.

**Tics:** There have been more cases of tic borne illnesses this year than in previous years. It is feared that this may be an indication that there will be big numbers in cases this summer.

**Office Space for Social Worker:** Patty is working on setting up space for the Social Worker and the Interns.

**Office Space For Director:** Desk has been ordered and space is being cleaned up for the new Health Director.

**Patty Moran: Sudbury Interim Health Direct Update:**

**Septics:** Septic Plan Reviews and Repairs have set a record in February. Soil tests and Trench permits coincide with repairs and Septic Plans.

**Hazardous Waste:** The Health Department has scheduled April 1, 2023 as a date for Household Hazardous Waste. The event has been posted for signups for Sudbury Residents on the Sudbury Town Website. The Health Department projects that record numbers of residents will participate.

**Fee Schedule:** Changes in fee structure/additional fees to the board. An example would be Re-Inspection Fees for camps that are non-compliant.

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### **Patty Moran: Sudbury Interim Health Direct Update Continued:**

**VOTE:** Susan Sama motioned to add a Camp Re-Inspection Fee of \$75.00 to the Fee Schedule. Linda Huet-Clayton seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0-0.

**Body Art:** There have been recent inquiries directed to the Health Department about Body Art in Sudbury. Many are established businesses in other parts of the state and some from out of state. The Health Department does not currently have local regulations in place for permitting these establishments. An intern from Boston University has been researching regulations from surrounding municipalities and will present a model to the Board at the April Meeting. Susan Sama would like to compose and implement regulations that are consistent with regulations from towns that parallel Sudbury in Size, economy and structure. The Board and Patty Moran would like to have a draft of the regulations ready to present to the new Health Director.

**New Health Director:** The position of Sudbury Health Director has been offered and accepted by Vivian Zeng. Vivian comes from the Wellesley Health Department. Vivian's start date will be April, 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Remote Meetings Law:** The state has not yet declared the status of remote meetings moving forward. We will continue to communicate with the Sudbury Town Clerk and monitor the state website for any updates.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:35 PM.