

# Sudbury Board of Health Virtual Meeting

## Tuesday January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025

Attendees: Carol Bradford – Board Chair, Linda Huet-Clayton – Board Member, Vivian Zeng-Health Director, Katie Betts-Public Health Nurse, Nina Lurie-Social Worker, Kirstin Wilcox-Social Worker, Beth Porter-Health Coordinator, Dennis Mannone-Park & Rec Director

11:00 AM: Carol Bradford read Open Meeting Laws

11:01 AM: Public Comment – None

### **Director's Report - Vivian Zeng:**

**Update on Atkinson Pool:** The pool remains closed. Closure was based on water levels testing out of range and complaints of air quality during peak hours of pool use. The pool has been shocked but chlorine levels remain above state limits. The State requires that the combined chlorine range remains between 0.0 – 0.2 PPM (particles per million). The lap pool is currently testing at 0.6 PPM.

The indoor air exchange evaluation has begun. The New building around the existing pool has caused the ventilation in the pool area to change. Certain factors, like swimmers having difficulty breathing and new pool equipment corroding prematurely, indicate the probability of high levels of Chloramines.

Another difficulty of getting water testing within range is the continuous leaking of the pool with water being added to maintain pool levels, contributes to the constantly changing pool water chemistry.

The Town is looking to replace the ventilation system and to move the Pool Pack to a better location. Pool Packs remove moisture from the air and create a temperature-controlled environment. The Board would like to review the evaluation of the UV and HVAC systems once the plans have been submitted.

Carol Bradford asked what would be required to get the pools reopened. Vivian Zeng believes that a new air quality exchange system would assist in alleviating the current issues.

The Board of Health put forth that the following measures need to be taken for the pool to be re-opened.

- Recommended that the pool water tests at 0.00 ppm
- Daily logs detailing water test results
- Evaluation and rebalancing, if needed of the existing HVAC system
- Installation of a new air return system (part of August renovations)
- Swimmers must shower before entering pool, as required by the state code
- A CPO Certified pool staff member must do afternoon testing of the pool water
- Do a slow opening of the pool by limiting bather load.

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### **Director's Report - Vivian Zeng Continued:**

**Staffing At Health Department:** The search for a new Sudbury Health Inspector continues.

**Reporting Due by End of January:** Annual Town Report, FDA Grant Expenditures, Town Warrant Articles for Vaccine Revolving account (with \$50,000.00 limit) and Public Health Excellence Grant Revolving Account.

**VOTE:** Linda Huet-Clayton motioned to set the annual spending limit of the Vaccine Revolving Funds at \$50,000.00 for fiscal year 2026. Carol Bradford seconded the motion, Motion passed 2-0-0.

**Food:** There are 2 establishments poised to open in Sudbury. Pinterest has been progressing very slowly. Zayith Tapas and Bar has had several inspections and is close to opening. A vendor has proposed opening an Asian Grocery Store at Sudbury Crossing. This is in the beginning stages of planning. Most 2025 Food Permit Renewals have been submitted. Late submissions will incur double fees. This is incentive to get the applications, documents and payments in on time. The Health Director is waiting for 2025 FDA Grant updates.

**Septic:** Repairs and installations are ongoing. The Health Director is considering suspending soil tests in the months of January and February due to the thick permafrost layer.

**Office Renovation:** On going. Living through the renovation has allowed the Health Department to connect with other town departments by using space in the Police Dept. and the Library.

**2.0 Digitizing Program:** The Health Director is pursuing updating Open.Gov to allow vendors to apply for Health Permits online.

### **Public Health Nurse Report – Katie Betts:**

**Flu, COVID, RSV, Norovirus:** have all been on the rise and many people are ending up in Emergency Rooms and Urgent Cares across the state. Many of these viruses can cause dehydration. It's important to drink plenty of fluids at the onset of symptoms. As always remain vigilant by washing your hands, cleaning surfaces and stay home when feeling sick.

### **Social Worker Report – Nina Lurie and Kirstin Wilcox:**

**Holiday Programs:** Many residents benefitted by taking advantage of the programs and services offered through the Health Social Workers' Office and partnering organizations. After the holidays, direct contact with residents declined, but working with partnering organizations has continued.

**Schools and Camps:** The Social Workers are turning their attention to the schools and camps for the new year. They are securing space for camps and working on developing programs with school aged children.

**VOTE:** Linda Huet-Clayton motioned to approve December 18<sup>th</sup> 2024 Board of Health Meeting Minutes as edited. Carol Bradford seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0-0.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:13 PM