

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

March 1, 2022, 6:00 P.M.

LOCATION: REMOTE

PRESENT:

Chairperson Margie LaFleur, Member Stephen Themelis, Member Renee D'Argento, Health Agent Gendron, Assistant Laurie Lessard

Chairperson LaFleur opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. She announced that the meeting was remote participation only; meeting is being cablecast live and recorded by Pepperell Community Media.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Chairperson LaFleur presented the meeting minutes of February 15, 2022.

The meeting minutes could not be voted on due to an error in the posting.

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Health Agent Gendron said that a sieve analysis is done at point of testing and we will be discussing this agenda item at the next meeting.

Animal Inspector, Lisa Forbes, Stable Regulations/Manure Guidelines Discussion, Discussion of Timeline

Forbes told the Board that the Stable Regulations were updated in 2017 and are very vague. The Manure guidelines were last discussed at the May 1, 2021 meeting. Forbes said that other towns such as Groton, Littleton and Westford have regulations and guidelines. She is looking into voluntary livestock registry. The Avian Flu was located in New Hampshire and Forbes could not notify anyone by email and it would be better if she had their email addresses. She ended up going door to door to specific places that she felt would need to know. The inspections are done between October and December and are one year behind at this time. Forbes is working on the Stable Regulations and is shooting for May 1st for them to be ready.

Mosquito Spraying

Health Agent Gendron stated that the Board opted out of this at the last meeting. There is a State E-mail coming out soon and an article in Outreach.

HEALTH AGENT COMMENTS

Health Agent Gendron said that she will connect with the Town Social Worker and work on kinks with Sue McCarthy. There is new language regarding masks with Mass. Health. Staying in line with State. The Covid case count was way down. Rabies clinic will start in April along with Townsend and Ashby.

Gendron was asked about In person meetings and said that they had been extended until July of 2022.

DISCUSSION REGARDING TOBACCO/VOTE

Joan Hamlett was unable to attend.. The Board felt as if they should proceed to go over everything anyway. The Chairperson LaFleur explained to the Board that anything highlighted in yellow cannot be changed, only the language highlighted in green can be changed. The Board proceeded to review all the lines highlighted in green and made changes where they felt they would like them to happen.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Themelis to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by D'Argento, Motion Moved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.