

**BOARD OF HEALTH
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, November 2, 2020**

**ATTENDEES: Deborah Kadar-Hull, RN, Chairwoman
Bonnie Murray, Member
Joseph Tevald, Interim Health Agent
Claire Walsh, RN, Public Health Nurse
Lori Bentsen, Administrative Asst.**

Meeting Open: 4:35 PM

AGENDA:

First agenda item is to welcome new Board member, Bonnie Murray.

Second agenda item is interview Anne Rundle for COVID contact tracing. The Board reviewed her resume. Anne told the Board that she is the school nurse at the Donahue Elementary School. Kadar-Hull said the Board talked to Diane Dardeno in West Newbury and Diane said she is willing to help us but she is just so busy so she recommended you. Kadar-Hull asked Anne if she is willing to do MAVEN training. Anne said yes and I may be on the list for training at the DPH because I thought I was going to be doing contact tracing for Merrimac but it never materialized. Kadar-Hull asked Lori to send an email tomorrow to Scott Troppy at the DPH asking if Anne is on list for training. Kadar-Hull said we have 5 active cases that we have to do contact tracing. Kadar-Hull asked Anne what hours she works and Anne replied 8:00-3:00. Kadar-Hull said as long as Anne can do the contact tracing for us after her work hours. Kadar-Hull made a motion to hire Anne Rundle for COVID contact tracing after Anne has successfully completed DPH MAVEN training at \$40 per hour maximum 10 hours per week, Murray seconded and it was a unanimous vote.

Next the Board addressed health agent update. Joe told the Board that we received a letter from the tenant at 165 School St. notifying us that he will be moving out on December 1st. Kadar-Hull asked Joe to inform the building inspector because the house cannot be rented until items on the Correction Order have been repaired and the mold remediation completed. Joe told the Board he did COVID compliance inspections at all food establishments and businesses the week of October 26th. Joe said he found no issues and all were compliant. Joe said that Jeff from Jeff & Maria's is asking if the Board would allow him to have eight (8) people seated inside just for this month until he closes for the season at

the end of the month. Kadar-Hull and Murray said adhering to the Governor's restrictions, the Board will allow six (6) people to be seated inside. Unfortunately, if there are more customers they will have to eat in their cars or take-out.

The Board asked the public health nurse for an update. The Board stated that we have hired a contact tracer in addition to Claire's efforts and we should now be able to get the information that the school district requires expeditiously. Kadar-Hull said moving forward she would like more open communication between the Board of Health and the superintendent. Murray agreed and said she would send an email to Dr. Bartholomew tomorrow stating that the Board would like more open communication and ask him to contact the Board with anything he may need. Claire told the Board that we have 5 active cases and 4 houses in quarantine. The Board stated that they would like to start posting active cases on the town website because they have seen information on social media that is false. The Board asked Lori to ask the Selectmen's administrative coordinator how we may post information on the town website.

Next the Board addressed the third agenda item 6 Governor's Rd. septic system. Jon Tilton, PE, Williams & Sparages, 189 North Main St., Middleton, MA was in attendance. Jon said the owner is proposing a duplex addition to the existing house. Jon said this addition is allowable according to Groveland zoning by-laws. Kadar-Hull said the issue is the existing septic system is the original from when the house was built in 1962 and we have no idea where it is or what is actually there. Kadar-Hull said we contacted Claire Golden at the DEP and was told that the proposed addition constitutes new construction and all systems serving the facility need to be brought into full compliance (including reserve area) with 310 CMR 15.000. On this property this could be accomplished through either installing two separate and complete systems with reserve area for each or a system in which all or some components are used in common (not to be confused with a shared system, since this is a single facility). Jon asked if he could have a copy of the correspondence from the DEP and said he will inform the homeowner and see if the homeowner wants to move forward with this project. Jon told the Board, if so, he will be submitting a revised septic system plan.

Meeting adjourned: 6:12 PM

Next Board of Health meeting will be scheduled as needed.

Meeting minutes transcribed by Lori Bentsen, Administrative Asst.