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**BOARD OF HEALTH
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, January 19, 2023**

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ATTENDEES: Deborah Kadar-Hull, RN, Chairperson
James Stepanian, Member (Absent)
David Greenbaum, RS, Member
Rosemary Decie, RS, Health Agent
Anita Wright, RN, Public Health Nurse
Lori Bentsen, Administrative Asst.

This Board of Health meeting was held in the Health Department at town hall.

Meeting Open: 6:39 PM

AGENDA:

First item on the agenda is public health nurse update. Anita said monkeypox is under control, influenza numbers are down, however, Covid numbers are steady. Anita presented a chart that she made for tracking Covid cases and Anita said the hospitalizations are very high which is very concerning. Anita told the Board that the numbers as of today are high, 1,056 in the hospital, 109 in ICU, 50 on ventilators. Anita said most of these cases are in the older age group and the preponderance are not vaccinated or partially vaccinated. Anita told the Board the variate circulating right now is XBB1.5 which is very transmissible but not more severe illness. Anita said people still need to take precautions, try to avoid crowded places when possible and if not, always carry a mask with you. Anita said it is very important to be fully vaccinated. A fully vaccinated person can still contract Covid but you won't end up in the hospital on a ventilator.

Next on the agenda is health agent update. Kadar-Hull stated she received emails regarding the Groveland Summer Recreation Program and she would like an update. Anita said, as the Board is aware, she and Rosemary have been working on this and they learned problems have arisen with obtaining their certification. Anita said there is a new interim director. Rosemary said she and Anita held two, two hour meetings with the interim director to discuss specifics on the state requirements for camps. The foremost requirement lacking for certification is to hire a healthcare consultant. Anita said the state requires the healthcare consultant to be a licensed nurse practitioner. Greenbaum asked if the interim director realizes the CORI and SORI is going to take time. Greenbaum stated the camp will have to be certified before they can request a CORI and SORI. Rosemary said there is also a fee for CORI and SORI. Greenbaum said she may be able to

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get a waiver from the CORI and SORI board because the camp is a town owned entity. Rosemary said she believes the status at the moment is the interim director is searching for a nurse practitioner for the healthcare consultant at the summer camp. Greenbaum said he wanted to mention that he knows the DPH holds a seminar in the spring for camp directors to review camp regulations, any changes to regulations and what their specific responsibilities are under these regulations. Greenbaum stated it would be very beneficial for the camp director and staff to attend. Rosemary told the Board that she was called to do an inspection at a house on Washington St. Rosemary said she met with the building inspector and fire chief. Rosemary said the dishwasher was leaking into the basement and flooded the basement. Water flooded the furnace and electrical panel so the building inspector had to shut them down. The fire department was called to pump out the basement. Rosemary said ServPro was called to do mold remediation. Pipes with flaking asbestos was also found so an environmental contractor had to be contacted. Rosemary said she has been doing restaurant inspections. Greenbaum asked if Riverside Pizza was changing ownership Rosemary replied yes and will be passing papers soon. Rosemary said she would like to attend a housing seminar being held in Devens, MA on February 7 and she would also like to attend the Granite State Designers seminar on March 14 in Manchester. The Board gave their approval to Rosemary to attend.

Lori told the Board that we are getting low on recycle bins and asked for the Board's permission to order more. Kadar-Hull said according to this month's expenditure ledger, we do have the money in our expense account to purchase more bins. The Board gave their approval to Lori to purchase recycle bins.

Third agenda item is vote to approve 2022 Health Department Annual Report. Greenbaum made a motion to approve 2022 Health Department Annual Report, Kadar-Hull seconded and it was voted to approve 2-0. Stepanian was not present at this meeting.

Fourth agenda item is vote to approve 2024 Health Department Budget. Kadar-Hull said she noticed errors on the ClearGov software spreadsheet for salaries. Kadar-Hull stated the public health nurse's salary is more than the allowed 2% increase and the health agent's salary is less than 2%. Greenbaum agreed. Greenbaum made a motion to approve 2024 Health Department Budget contingent upon corrections that need to be made at the Finance Board meeting on February 1, Kadar-Hull seconded and it was voted to approve 2-0. Stepanian was not present at this meeting.

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Last on the agenda is review minutes for approval. Kadar-Hull made a motion to approve meeting minutes of November 3, 2022, Greenbaum seconded and it was voted to approve 2-0. Stepanian was not present at this meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 8:09 PM

Next Board of Health Meeting will be scheduled as needed.
Meeting minutes transcribed by Lori Bentsen, Administrative Asst.
Board approved minutes 3/30/23