

Minutes
Northfield Board of Health
April 26, 2023
6:00 PM
Northfield Town Hall
69 Main Street, Northfield, MA
Board of Health Office 2nd Floor* Moved to Selectboard Meeting Room

Call to Order: 6:05 pm

Quorum Established: David Balk, Kathy Bridges, Allison Wahlstrom
Also Present: Pamela Veith, BOH Secretary, Lisa White FRCOG nurse

Business:

- Continuation of discussion on Campground septic system construction permit.
 - Board members present signed the previously approved septic system design for the campground.
 - Chair asked members present to review the conditions voted on at the last meeting. The permit with conditions will be given to applicant at the next meeting with all required signatures.
- Lisa White from the District came to give a report and update on the nursing services FRCOG has been providing to the town.
 - They are present on the 1st Wednesday of each month at the Northfield Senior Center for the past year. They provide general wellness assessments, Covid boosters and other health related information.
 - Follow up is also done with some seniors. Some requiring medication pickups or specific health related needs. Lisa stated that for some seniors, picking up their medications is often times problematic for them.
 - Lisa reports that since January 1, 2023 the nursing staff has seen 28 walk-ins at the Senior Center and done 11 home visits.
 - On May 28, 2023 FRCOG is hosting a training class on the use of Narcan at the Shelburne Falls Senior Center – This training is open to anyone wishing to attend.
 - On Fridays the newsletters are distributed to all and contain all pertinent, timely information.
 - Lisa stated that the state continues to have outdated, antiquated laws on their books and hopes to see these removed soon.
 - Phoebe Walker and Randy Crosier to attend the Board's next meeting, May 10, 2023 with an update of other FRCOG related services and activities being made available to the town.
 - Ali asked about new vaccines available by the state. Ali works in VT and states that new vaccines are being promoted there. Lisa states that the state of MA is not yet making those available and is not taking a stance of "should" but instead just letting people know they are available.
 - Lisa state that May 16, 2023 from 10 am to 1 pm the Erving Senior Center will be hosting a Wellness Fair – this event is open to Northfield residents.
- Kathy updated the Board on the April 19, 2023 District meeting. The District meeting concluded that DPH Capacity Assessments would be easier if all were using the same software, computers, tablets, etc. It was stressed at this meeting that all captured data is owned by each town.
 - As to Board of Health Training, DPH recommends all boards need training. Kathy is researching what our Board needs to take to meet requirements already set forth. A Board discussion of several of the training modules that are available online was held. David inquired as to how this training needs to be renewed. Kathy and David are looking into this.

Review and Approval of Minutes:

- March 29, 2023 Minutes- Revisions to the minutes were noted and will be presented next meeting
- April 5, 2023 Minutes - Revisions to the minutes were noted and will be presented next meeting

Citizen's Concerns:

NONE

Permit Applications:

- Urine Fertilizer Permit being formatted with specific conditions approved by Board at March 29, 2023 meeting. Not completed for Board signatures.

Reports:

- Regular yearly notifications from Eversource and the railways on vegetation control were reviewed.
- PVRs report reviewed
- 500 Pine Meadow Road wells decommissioned report was reviewed

Items Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair within 48 Hours:

- David to follow up with DEP on private wells concerning breweries. David will report his findings at next meeting.
- Board needs to discuss job descriptions connected to Board of Health next meeting.
- Board to discuss how to manage recycling/transfer station at next meeting.

Adjourn: 7:34 pm

Al J. Wallstrom

JP Heen

Kathryn L. Bridges

And C. Bath 5/10/23