

**Minutes**  
**Northfield Board of Health**  
**December 13, 2023**  
**6:00 PM**  
**Northfield Town Hall**  
**69 Main Street, Northfield, MA**  
**Board of Health Office 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

**Call to Order:** 6:10

**Quorum Established:** David Balk, Karen Boudreau, Ruth Potee  
Also in attendance – Pam Veith, Board Secretary, Phoebe Walker

**Business:**

- Phoebe Walker came with a summary of nursing activity for our residents. She reported on vaccine clinics as well as private visits by our nurses. There have been some challenges with the vaccine vendors and the Franklin County Regional Council of Governments is looking into having the local EMS personnel or Sheriff's Department medical personnel handle this in the future.
- Phoebe reports that the Northfield Senior Center is working on a Dementia Clinic/Workshop.
- Phoebe informed the Board that regionalizing Food Truck licensing is in the "thought process" for the future.
- Phoebe stated that Opioid Settlement Money is coming in with each town in the state receiving a set amount. She suggests the Board determine how this money will be best used. She further suggests that combining different towns' money allotments might prove beneficial to all. Suggestions of an online event or an in-person event held at Dickinson Library to be open to all Northfield residents would be the best way to find out how our residents believe the money could be put to the best use. Mostly the Board agreed that people in our town who have been personally impacted would be the ones who should give us their thoughts. Some suggestions for the money's use were mass mailings with contact information for recovery coaches, supporting those in recovery, stigma prevention trainings, put some money aside to train a teacher, funding for an elementary school program. Phoebe stated that Narcan training is continually available. She also stressed that people should be made aware of how to safely store cannabis away from children and pets.
- Phoebe also stated that the Franklin County Regional Council of Government is investigating software for all Boards and agents to use on tablets – tablets to be equipped with printers. She stated that we are getting closer to digital permitting.
- Review of emails and photographs as well as letter from the town's attorney to be taken up next meeting.
- 33 Lower Road discussion – Minutes concerning this variance will be put in the property file.
- Motion by Karen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ruth and unanimous vote that David would work up and submit the budget information with Bob McEwen to Andrea.
- Invoices Reviewed:

Baker Equipment – copier repair – approved and submitted for payment

**Review and Approval of Minutes:**

- November 29, 2023 Minutes- approved

**Citizen's Concerns:**

- None

**Permit Applications:**

- Septic Hauler 2024 Permit – Houghton Sanitary Service - approved
- Food Truck 2024 Permit – Chapincito - approved

**Reports:**

- Septic pumping reports – reviewed



- Title V Inspection Report – 152A Mt Hermon Station Road – Dave to follow-up – Conditional Pass
- Mount Hermon Old Laundry site regular monitoring report - reviewed

Items Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair within 48 Hours:

- None

Adjourn: 7:31 pm

Next Meeting January 10, 2024

*Paul Bonduan 1/10/24*

*Patricia 1/10/24*

*David P. Ball 1/10/24*