

BOARD OF HEALTH
Minutes for Wednesday, January 24, 2022, 7:00 PM
Remote Participation

- 7:00 Minutes: 1/12/22 (tentative)
Board of Health Communication
- 7:15 COVID-19 – discussion
- Community Status
 - Revised Guidance
 - Community Events
 - Gleason Library (Martha Patten-Feeney)
- 8:00 Clark Farm Stand – Water Supply Question

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Liaison Reports
- PFA's status report
- Fern's Country Store – Well update

NEW BUSINESS

The meeting agenda lists all topics reasonably anticipated by the Board of Health at the time of posting. Additional topics not anticipated may be discussed at the meeting under the agenda item New Business.

Attendance members: Tony Mariano Chairman, Jean J Barry, Patrick Collins, David Erickson, Catherine Galligan
Attendance nonmembers: Fantasia Health Agent, Martha Feeney-Patten, Geoff Freeman, Margie Findlay, Sarah Hart (Mosquito), Meg Howes, Joey LaPointe, Gary LaPointe

1. Minutes

Minutes for 1/12/22 were tabled until the next meeting. In the future, I will BCC the draft minutes to all members of the BOH.

2. Covid-19

Fantasia reported that cases have spiked, there were 263 cases reported in January 2022, about 40% of the 646 cases reported to MAVEN since January 2020. The Fire Department has been doing a fantastic job, especially since a lot of tests they do are negative. People are also increasingly using rapid at home tests, so the numbers are in fact higher than being reported to MAVEN.

Due to the surge in local COVID cases in January, Fantasia has been unable to keep up with the MAVEN follow up calls, so it is necessary to prioritize the calls based on age, family clusters and school connections. Fantasia said that 99% of the responses she gets were from people who weren't seriously ill and who were aware of the guidelines. What we have seems to be working well in Carlisle and the Fire Department will continue testing, at least for a while. Trisha McGean was not present but reported 143 cases from 1/5-1/12 and 103 from 1/13-1/19; she is tracking it through the school but none of these numbers reflect at home tests which are not reportable in MAVEN.

There was a discussion of test availability, and it seems that tests are now more readily available, so it was suggested that we hold off on purchasing tests. The BOH did not revise its mask guidance at this time but asked Fantasia to check on state recommendations.

3. Gleason Library

Martha Feeney-Patten said the library would like to get back to having events and would like to have a reception, with snacks, in March. After some discussion the BOH agreed that it seemed reasonable to plan the event assuming people would be masked (assuming the mask mandate is still in place) except when eating or drinking.

4. Clark Farm Stand

Fantasia got feedback from the state that the proposed septic system will not trigger a public water supply if there are no public restrooms. The proposed grey water system will serve as a handwashing sink for employees only. After some discussion the BOH agreed and said that Fantasia can issue a Title 5 construction permit with conditions prohibiting the installation of a restroom or changes in operation without BOH prior approval. The Farm Stand is inspected annually by the Health Dept and the private well is tested annually as required under the Food Code. Portable restrooms will be provided for private catered events and caterer notification must be submitted to the Health Dept. for each event.

5. PFA's status

There is nothing new from the State on PFAs testing in Carlisle nor on the status of the treatment plans for a local household with extremely high levels. It was noted that the library had a quote of \$10,000 to design a treatment system. That seemed high and Mariano suggested they get other estimates. There was also a discussion of waste from water treatment--there seems to be no good resolution on how to treat such waste. Mariano would like to see the State do an open presentation to talk about what they are doing.

6. Fern's Country Store - Well update

Fantasia said they are still trying to get a new water source but there is no clear timeline. They currently are using bottled water for potable use but well water general household use.

7. New business

Benfield Farms - According to the residents, Benfield has an indoor air quality issue, possibly due to lack of maintenance of the air filters in each apartment. The residents are conducting a survey to see which apartments are affected. At this point it is hard to know what should be before the BOH as an enforcement issue and what should be before NOAH as owner of the facility. The residents are currently tabulating survey results, so we hope to have more information in the future.

Garrison Place - Collins agreed to look at the Garrison Place O&M manual. Stamski and McNary put the manual together and Fantasia thinks it is adequate but would like Collins to review it.

8. Adjourn

Next meetings are set for 02/09/22 and 2/23/22.1

Galligan moved to adjourn, Collins seconded, meeting adjourned at 20:42

Respectfully submitted,

David Erickson,
Recorder