



Dudley Board of Health Meeting Minutes September 21, 2021

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Dudley Board of Health was called to order at 4:41PM by Jennifer Cournoyer, Chairman and the pledge was recited.

Members present: Jennifer Cournoyer -Chairman, Roberta Johnson - Public Health Nurse, Lorri Ducharme
Also Present: Anthony Matondi of 95A Mason Road

95A Mason Road – Upgrade of Septic System

Jennifer Cournoyer explained that they are looking for a variance of the required setback which is 4feet and only 2 feet is provided. She explains that this is not uncommon, and the board has approved this for several other properties in the past.

The board reviews the plans submitted

Lorri Ducharme make a motion to approve the variance to 310 CMR 15.212. The proposed SAS does not meet the required setback to seasonal groundwater. 4ft required, 2ft provided.

Roberta Johnson seconds the motion

Board votes- passes unanimously

Bicycle Rodeo Event Recap

Jennifer Cournoyer – The event ran from 1-3PM on September 11th. The fire department brought a fire truck, ambulance, and the safe house. Every kid that went through had a great time. We gave out some helmets and the Ice Cream Pharm gave out some ice cream. Overall, it went very well for the first year. We will be looking to make this a bigger event in the years to come. The boy scouts and girl scouts can be involved and have booths for signups, if we do it earlier in the summer. I'd like to see us pick a date now so we can plan and make this bigger and better. I was thinking possibly the 18th or 25th of June. We will throw those dates around to see what else is going on in town.

Lorri Ducharme- If we know the date a head of time children's hospital can also come be apart of the event as well.

Roberta Johnson – I think we should change the time to 2-4PM to allow more volunteers to make it to help.

Jennifer Cournoyer- We will consider a change of venue that is bigger and has less traffic. Shepherd Hill or the middle school is an option. I think we have some great ideas to get started with for next year.

Accept Minutes from July 29, 2021, and August 17, 2021

Roberta Johnson makes a motion to accept the minutes as they are written

Lorri Ducharme seconds the motion

Board votes – passes unanimously

Flu Clinic

Roberta Johnson – It's only 19 and under and those who don't have insurance that would be free. So right now, it wouldn't work to do a clinic in town. I will reach out to some contacts and try to find a vendor.

New Health Agent

Jennifer Cournoyer – We have a meeting with the town administrator and the new health agent on Friday. She is a shared health agent with the town of Webster. We would like her to be in the office twice a week. All calls and issues will still be filtered through the BOH office here in town.

COVID Protocols/Discussion & Public Health Nurse Report

Roberta Johnson – Cases are still climbing. We are now in the 40's for number of active cases in town. We are seeing a lot of cases in kids at the elementary level. Everyone still has the choice to wear a mask if they want to. We are not going to force it unless the state does. There are no changes as of right now.

West Nile is active in Massachusetts but so far not Worcester County. It's important to remember protection from that. Wear long sleeves and use bug spray. Also try to take care of any standing water because that is what attracts them.

Health Agent Report

Jennifer Cournoyer – George Slingo our Title V agent is doing a wonderful job. We also look forward to now having a health agent for the other side of things in the department. She will be starting on Friday and will begin working on the complaints and issues we already have waiting.

Public/Board Comments

Jennifer Cournoyer- October 28th from 4-7PM we are holding our annual Spooktacular. We need volunteers for this event. There will be more info coming out. Last year they did a scarecrow contest and this year they would like to do it again but have everyone bring the scarecrows to the town hall to be put on the front lawn. I am again putting the challenge out there to all other boards in town to come out and volunteer so we can put on a good event for these kids in town. They deserve to have some fun.

November 9th will be the next meeting at 4:30PM

Adjourn

Lorri Ducharme – makes a motion to adjourn

Roberta Johnson – seconds the motion

Board Votes - passes unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:12 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Jacobson

Board of Health Clerk

