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## TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE

May 12, 2022 6:00 pm BOH MEETING

6:10pm Public Hearing: Minimum Standards of Fitness for Human Habitation 13 Benefit St  
Rice Conference Room

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Agenda #1- Open Meeting-6:01pm

Agenda #2- Roll Call-

E. Stephens  
A. Postale-excused  
N. Duffey  
D. Grabowski

Agenda #3- Accept Meeting Minutes

a. April 14, 2022- Motion to accept meeting minutes made by D. Grabowski; 2<sup>nd</sup> N. Duffey-

Roll Call

E. Stephens-yes  
D. Grabowski-yes  
N. Duffey-yes

Motion passes unanimously with those present 3-1 excused (Postale)

Agenda #4- COVID Update

a. Discuss current status and act on anything thereto- A. Pelletier reports the recent spike in COVID is related to the subvariant of the Omicron. All quarantine guidance's continues to remain in place. Close contact has been defined as 15 minutes accumulative in a day. A. Pelletier reports the Board requested comparison within our surrounding schools and research shows the schools have had significant lower cases than the public population. A. Pelletier states this week's COVID numbers within the schools did spike however, waiting on a trend to determine the next step.

Brief discussion on opinions related to the vaccine.

Open Public Hearing at 6:10pm: Minimum Standards of Fitness for Human Habitation 13 Benefit St- A. Pelletier explains this hearing is not as critical as it was however; the law requires a Public Hearing before it is determined as Uninhabitable. The owners/residents have since moved out and is no longer occupied thus dwelling is now vacant.

Brief discussion: Motion made by E. Stephens declaring 13 Benefit St uninhabitable until such time the Board of Health determines it meets the States Sanitary Code; Minimum Standards of Fitness for Human Habitation; 2<sup>nd</sup> by N. Duffey-

Roll Call

D. Grabowski-yes  
E. Stephens-yes  
N. Duffey-yes

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Member N. Duffey makes a motion to close the public hearing; 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Grabowski-  
Roll Call  
E. Stephens-yes  
N. Duffey-yes  
D. Grabowski-yes

Motion passes unanimously with those present 3-1 excused (Postale)- Public Hearing closed at 6:17pm

Agenda #5-Citizens Forum- None

Agenda #6- New Business

a. Discuss Leominster Board of Health Tobacco Control Alliance- A. Pelletier explains in previous years, the Town of Southbridge took part in a grant funded program through the Worcester Regional Tobacco Control Collaborative program. Unfortunately, approximately 4-5 years ago; Southbridge was no longer part of the WRTCC.

The Town of Leominster reached out to discuss the possibilities of Southbridge joining the Leominster Tobacco Control for compliance check and tobacco education. Without any hesitation, A. Pelletier settled to join the Town of Leominster Tobacco; regrettably this settlement fell through the cracks for a period of time then COVID struck.

A. Pelletier continues to explain recently the department has been receiving tobacco violation payments issued by the Town of Leominster hence the topic on the agenda tonight.

Brief discussion:

b. Vote to accept Tobacco Control Alliance as our Tobacco Education and Enforcement Division- Motion to accept is made by N. Duffey; 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Grabowski-

Roll Call

D. Grabowski-yes

E. Stephens-yes

N. Duffey-yes

Motion passes unanimously with those present 3-1 excused (Postale)

c. Discuss to appoint Joan Hamlett, Director as Agent to the Board of Health for Tobacco Control compliance- Motion to appoint is made by D. Grabowski; 2<sup>nd</sup> by E. Stephens-

Roll Call

E. Stephens-yes

N. Duffey-yes

D. Grabowski-yes

Motion passes unanimously with those present 3-1 excused (Postale)

d. Discuss to appoint Mary JoAnn Brighenti as Agent to the Board of Health for Tobacco Control compliance- Motion to appoint made by N. Duffey; 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Grabowski-

Roll Call

E. Stephens-yes

N. Duffey-yes

D. Grabowski-yes

Motion passes unanimously with those present 3-1 excused (Postale)

e. Discuss to appoint Rick Saudelli as Agent to the Board of Health for Tobacco Control compliance- Motion to appoint is made by N. Duffey; 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Grabowski-

Roll Call  
N. Duffey-yes  
D. Grabowski-yes  
E. Stephens-yes

Motion passes unanimously with those present 3-1 excused (Postale)

f. Discuss to appoint Michelle Powell as Agent to the Board of Health for Tobacco Control compliance-  
Motion to appoint is made by N. Duffey; 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Grabowski-

Roll Call  
E. Stephens-yes  
D. Grabowski-yes  
N. Duffey-yes

Motion passes unanimously with those present 3-1 excused (Postale)

g. Discuss to appoint Eric Jack as Agent to the Board of Health for Tobacco Control compliance-  
Motion to appoint is made by E. Stephens; 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Grabowski-

Roll Call  
N. Duffey-yes  
D. Grabowski-yes  
E. Stephens-yes

Motion passes unanimously with those present 3-1 excused (Postale)

h. Discuss to appoint Lisa Parker as Agent to the Board of Health for Tobacco Control compliance-  
Motion is made by E. Stephens; 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Grabowski-

Roll Call  
E. Stephens-yes  
D. Grabowski-yes  
N. Duffey-yes

Motion passes unanimously with those present 3-1 excused (Postale)

i. Discuss enforcement action of New York Deli aka A&M Deli Mart- A. Pelletier explains approximately 2 weeks the department received a complaint regarding illegal sale of flavored tobacco products. During an inspection, Food Inspector, M. Santos and A. Pelletier confiscate approximately \$3,000.00 worth of flavored tobacco including flavored cigarettes, flavored vape, flavored cigars. A. Pelletier continues to state the law states only a smoke shop may sell flavored tobacco products only to be used on the premises. A. Pelletier issued a \$1,000.00 fine to the owner of the business and if they wish, may petition for the return of their products. A. Pelletier request input from the board regarding these actions. Brief discussion. Consensus of the Board: all agreed proper protocol was taken.

#### Agenda #7-Old Business

a. Beautify Southbridge- A. Pelletier reports the department has advertised for this event throughout town. It is scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup>, with a rain date May 15<sup>th</sup>. We have received snacks from the Department of Transition Assistance and bags, grabbers, gloves will be provided. Volunteers may choose their areas or one will be assigned. Meet at the Town Hall at 8:30am.

b. Blight Update- A. Pelletier provides the update below

a. Brick Row and 215 Hamilton St- These two properties are top priorities. The Town will begin to action as soon as an Attorney is appointed to represent the case in court.

b. 361 Worcester St- This property continues to be in blight condition. Attempt was made to reach the Property Maintenance company to no avail however, they will have until July 10<sup>th</sup> to get the

property cleaned up once again. We will attempt to get this property back onto the receivership list without going through the entire process again.

c. 131 Dennison Cross Rd – This property has been abandoned and cited for violations seen from the exterior.

d. 743 Main St and 757 Main St- Two Orders to Correct were issued and both property owners have been unresponsive. The properties were boarded and secured twice however, will need to be boarded once again due to break-ins. Eventually the town will own these properties if deemed by the courts.

e. Vienna- Recently received the Planning Boards approval for 5 apartments.

Agenda #8- Chairman Announcements- None

Agenda #9- Health Director Announcements- A. Pelletier announces:

a. Beautify Southbridge on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-Noon

b. Curbside Leaf pick-up end concludes on May 27<sup>th</sup>

c. Leaf and Yard Waste disposal at the DPW is now open

d. Through a DEP Grant, compost Bins are available to Southbridge residents at \$25.00 each

e. Through a DEP Grant, Rain Barrels are available to Southbridge residents at \$25.00 each

f. Recycling continues to be mandatory in Southbridge

g. Effective November 1<sup>st</sup> textiles and mattresses will not be accepted as bulk. Residents are urged to use the donation boxes placed throughout town. The department continues to research alternative ways for disposal of mattresses

A. Pelletier reminds the Board of the 2022 MAHB Certificate Program available for new members.

Agenda #10- Board Members Announcements-

a. N. Duffey-None-

b. D. Grabowski- Extends an interest in attending the 2022 Certificate Program

Agenda #11- Schedule Next Meeting- Special Board of Health Meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm  
Monthly Board of Health Meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm

Agenda #12- Adjournment- N. Duffey motions to adjourn; 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Grabowski-

Roll Call

N. Duffey-yes

D. Grabowski-yes

E. Stephens- yes

Meeting is adjourned at 7:01pm.

Recording Clerk,  
M. Santos

