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TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE

August 4, 2022 6:00pm BOH Meeting
Veteran's Room

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TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE
MASSACHUSETTS

Agenda #1- Open Meeting- 6:01pm

Agenda #2- Roll Call-

Nicole Duffey
Anthony Postale
Daniel Grabowski

Anthony Postale

Agenda #3- Accept Meeting Minutes

- a. July 7, 2022- Motion to accept minutes by A. Postale; 2nd by D. Grabowski-
Roll Call
N. Duffey-yes
D. Grabowski-yes
A. Postale-yes

Motion passes unanimously of all present.

Agenda #4- COVID Update

- a. Discuss current status and act on anything thereto- Chair Duffey explains communication made to the Regional Nurse for stats related to COVID and immunization rates from June 1st through July 22, 2022. The documents are provided to the Board for their review.

Agenda #5-Citizens Forum- None

Agenda #6- Discuss and Vote to appoint to appoint Maritza Portalatin, Admin. Asst./Food Inspector as Agent to the BOH for Food & Tobacco related purposes; specifically, signatures. Member Postale requests added details regarding agenda item. M. Portalatin explains local establishments such as the restaurants, schools, bars and convenient stores are required to apply for and obtain an annual food service license. These licenses require a signature however; with the recent Town Council vote the department does not have a Health Director to sign these licenses. Currently, there are a minimal of 20 licenses that need signatures prior to issuance. In addition, the tobacco licenses expire December 31st of each year. This is a temporary appointment until a Health Director comes on board.

Motion made by A. Postale to appoint Maritza Portalatin as Agent to the Board of Health is made by A. Postale; 2nd by D. Grabowski.

Roll Call
N. Duffey-yes
A. Postale-yes
D. Grabowski-yes

Motion passes unanimously. M. Portalatin is appointed temporary Agent of the Board of Health for signatory purposes.

Agenda #7- New Business-

a. Discuss Autumn Clean Up- Chair Duffey explains this cleanup is similar to the spring clean up held annually. The department is interested in a fall cleanup event. Inspector Quinn joins in on the meeting offering this as an opportunity to get families as well as businesses together for a fall cleanup. Some ideas include a costume contest without monetary prizes rather recognition by posting on the website/social media. Quinn suggests a tentative date as October 8th (raindate 9th) for a cleanup before the streets get covered with all the leaves from the trees. The intent is to have a fall/Halloween theme to concur with the season. Members of the board agrees with the idea for an Autumn Clean Up and will be volunteering when its time for the event.

b. Autumn Fest Participation- M. Portalatin explains the board has an opportunity to promote public health by participating in the Autumn Fest on September 17. With the board's blessings the registration fee of \$25.00 will be paid out of the Advertising and Promotion budget line item. M. Portalatin displays some materials provided by the Central Mass Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) for distribution include totes, hand sanitizer and individual, sealed face masks. M. Portalatin states the department has all the necessary materials to set up table, chairs, EZ Up tent. Chair Duffey agrees with promoting public health and claims the board should also include information on mental health. Board is in agreement to participate in the Autumn Fest.

Agenda #8-Old Business

a. Blight Update- 495 South St- Health Agent, Quinn reports the building has been demolished with the lot maintained leveled.

- D. Grabowski inquires about the lot located on Coombs St that's become a dumping ground. E. Quinn to review file and follow up with complaint.

- A. Postale requests compliance letter be prepared and mailed to owner of the vacant, overgrown lot on the corner of Worcester St. and Henry St.

Agenda #9- Chairman Announcements- None

Agenda #10- Board Members Announcements-

a. A. Postale- None

b. D. Grabowski- None

Agenda #11- Schedule Next Meeting- In-person on September 8 @ 6:00pm

Agenda #12- Adjournment-Motion to adjourn made by Chair Duffey; 2nd by D. Grabowski;

Roll Call

A. Postale-yes

D. Grabowski-yes

N. Duffey-yes

Motion passes unanimously of all present.

Meet adjourned at 6:15pm

Recording Clerk

M. Portalatin

NOTE: See Southbridge Community Television for video recording