BOARD OF HEALTH Topsfield Town Hall MINUTES 8 West Common Street, Topsfield, MA 01983 ***VIDEO/TELE CONFERENCE***

Date: Wednesday, October 19, 2022	
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ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS	
Sheryl Knutsen RN Chair	Yes
Mark Rizza	Yes
William Hunt Esq.	Yes
Ellen Eaton RN	No
Amy Lischko MSPH, DSc	Yes

STAFF MEMBERS	PRESENT
Health Director Wendy Hansbury	Yes
Susan Winslow, Minutes Secretary	Yes

VISITORS PRESENT: Boxford/Topsfield Cable Television, Julia Lobel RN, Mark Carleo REHS, William Mitchell, Daniel McLaughlin, Christopher Erickson, Topsfield Cable Television

OPENING

The meeting of the Topsfield Board of Health was called to order at 6:30 pm on October 19, 2022 by Chair Sheryl Knutsen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Sheryl Knutsen made the following announcements:

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting/public hearing will be conducted via remote means. Members of the public who wish to access the meeting may do so in the following manner: Zoom Meeting – see connection information below to join the meeting by Zoom videoconference or calling in by phone. Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation by members of the public and/or parties with a right and/or requirement to attend this meeting can be found on the Topsfield Town Website, at www.topsfield-ma.gov. You may also reach out to the Topsfield Board of Health at health@topsfield-ma.gov or 978-887-

1520 for information/assistance. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, and public participation in any public hearing conducted during this meeting shall be by remote means only.

The Recording Secretary is taking Meeting Minutes and this meeting is being recorded by Topsfield Cable Television.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Chair Knutsen led the Board and Visitors in a moment of silence.

APPOINTMENTS

69 Parsonage Lane – Variance Request for Irrigation Well

Homeowner Christopher Erickson presented the following information to request a variance from Topsfield R1:1 Rules and Regulations Relative to the Installation and Maintenance of Private Well Water Supply which states that a well must be 100' from the septic system:

- The proposed well is for irrigation purposes only.
- The proposed well will be 46' from the septic and will not be used for potable water.
- The proposed well will not be connected to the house.
- Mr. Erickson reported his sump pump ran well into the summer despite drought conditions and he believes the water table is high at his address.
- Health Director Hansbury confirmed that the property is most likely on a perched water table, and she has observed water running out of the ground and down the driveway even during summer months.
- Ms. Hansbury informed the Board that, at present, the Board of Health regulations pertain to drinking water wells, but she, Ms. Eaton and Ms. Lischko have been working on updating the regulations to include irrigation and geothermal wells in the future.

Chair Knutsen thanked Mr. Erickson for the presentation and asked if there were further questions from the Board or the public. Determining that there were none, the Chair called for a motion.

VOTE: Mr. Rizza made a motion to approve the request for a variance from Topsfield R1:1 Rules and Regulations Relative to the Installation and Maintenance of Private Well Water Supply from 100' to 46' to the septic system for the proposed well to be used for irrigation only at 69 Parsonage Lane. Seconded by Ms. Lischko.

Chair Knutsen called for a roll call vote:

Lischko – yes

Rizza – yes

Hunt - yes

Knutsen - yes

The motion passed in a vote of 4-0.





AMENDED CORRECTION ORDER

Issued under the provisions of
The State Sanitary Code, Chapter II, Minimum Standards of Fitness for Human Habitation
105 CMR 410.000

Date: September 14, 2022

Daniel and Rachel McLaughlin 204 Garrison Lane
Osterville, MA 02655

VIA RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED: 7022 0410 0002 2702 3664

An authorized re-inspection was made on September 13, 2022 of your property at the above address following the May 27, 2022, Correction Order and Condemnation.

This inspection revealed violations of the State Sanitary code, Chapter II, as listed below:

Regulation #	Description	✓ if conditions may endanger or impair health, safety or well-being	Time limit for compliance
105 CMR 410.500, 410.501, 410.480	Main Building has multiple locations that are not weathertight, not in good repair, and not secured, including windows, broken windows, roofs, heavy vegetation growth on roof, stairs, and entryways.		30 Days
410.500, 410.501, 410.480	Servants' building has multiple locations that are not weathertight, not in good repair, and not secured, including windows, roof, opening in roof, and entryways.		30 Days
410.500, 410.501, 410.480	Cottage building has multiple locations that are not weathertight, not in good repair, and not secured, including windows, roof, collapsed portion of roof, collapsed walls, stairs and entryways.		30 Days
410.500, 410.452,	Garage has multiple locations that are not weathertight, not in good repair, and not		30 Days

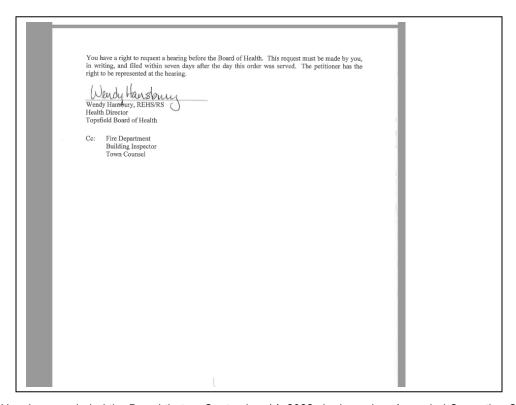
Order for Correction - 68 River Road September 15, 2022

410.480	secured, including windows, roof, stairs and entryways.	
410.500,	Kennel has collapsed roof and floor, is	30 Days
410.452	not weathertight, not in good repair, and not secured.	
410.500, 410.452	Pool house has collapsed roof, walls, and floor, is not weathertight, not in good repair, and not secured. Drain pool and keep dry.	30 Days
410.602	Broken glass, building materials, and debris in and around the Main building, Servants' building, kennel, garage, pool house, cottage house, and the property	30 Days
410.500,	Hazardous materials, led paint and	Prior to Occupancy
410.353	asbestos, may be present.	Allowed
410.482	No smoke alarms or CO detectors	Prior to Occupancy Allowed
410.500, 410.501	Rotted wood, deteriorated brick, stone, mortar, and foundations around all buildings	Prior to Occupancy Allowed
410.100, 410.180, 410.190, 410.350, 410.351	Kitchen does not function, no stove or fixtures, no potable water	Prior to Occupancy Allowed
410.150, 410.180, 410.190, 410.350 410.351	No water, potable water or hot water available, bathrooms do not function no intact fixtures. No plumbing connections.	Prior to Occupancy Allowed
410.300 310 CMR 15.00	No sewerage disposal; failed Title 5 on record in 2000	Prior to Occupancy Allowed
410.250, 410.251, 410.252, 410.253	Electrical, light fixtures, outlets are non-functional.	Prior to Occupancy Allowed

You are hereby ORDERED to correct these violations within the noted time limit. Failure to comply within the allotted time period, or subsequent violations, may result in a criminal complaint against

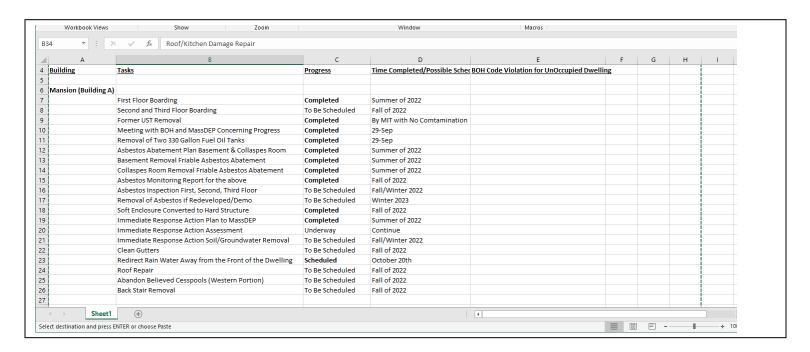
Compliance means meeting all the requirements of 105 CMR 410.000. It shall also mean correcting any violations of 105 CMR 410.000 in a work-personlike fashion and restoring all parts of the dwelling, or unit thereof, to the condition they were in before occurrence of any such violations. Compliance shall also mean in those cases where licenses or permits are required to perform work necessary to correct the violations, such as, but not limited to building, plumbing and wiring that the appropriate official certifies that the work has been completed in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

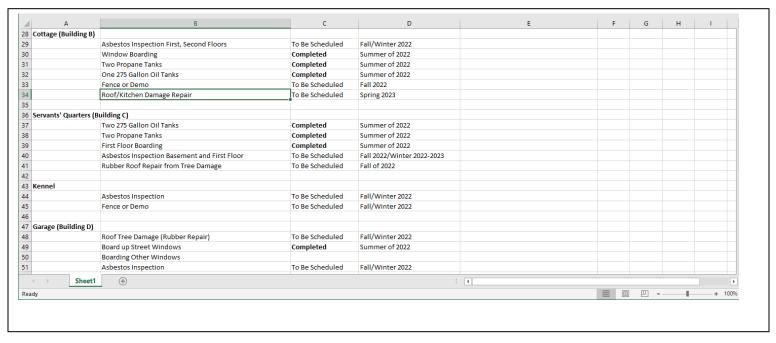
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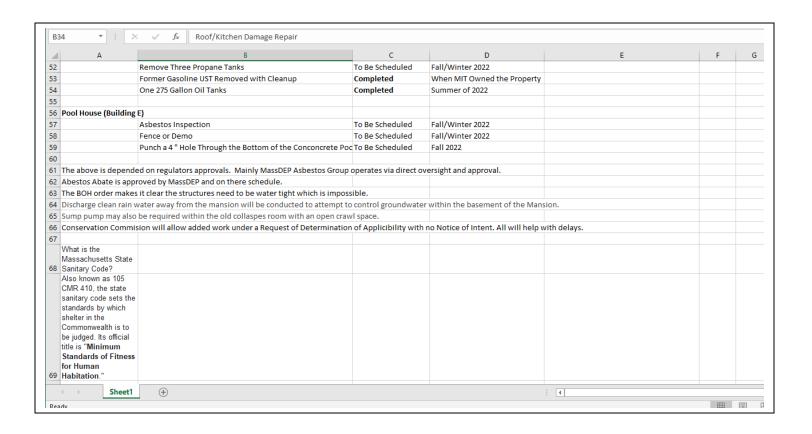


Health Director Hansbury reminded the Board that on September 14, 2022 she issued an Amended Correction Order for 68 River Road to Daniel McLaughlin and project manager William Mitchell (see above).

At the September 21, 2022 meeting, the Board voted to require Mr. Mitchell and Mr. McLaughlin to prepare a timeline to be presented at the October 19, 2022 meeting with specific dates for the completion of each item on the Order. In response, Mr. Mitchell and Mr. McLaughlin presented the following timeline to the Board:







Ms. Hansbury expressed concern that the dates submitted in the timeline from Mr. Mitchell were in general terms instead of specific dates requested by the Board.

Mr. Mitchell explained that the 30-day timelines were impossible to meet due to the extensive and long term damage to the property, but they are making progress.

Mr. Mitchell informed the Board that they will be going before the Topsfield Conservation Commission at the October 26, 2022 meeting with an RDA Request to continue the oil spill clean-up at the site.

Mr. McLaughlin addressed the Board to inform them of the following:

- He has paid taxes on the property for twenty years.
- The conditions at the property have been present for a long time and he wanted to know why the Board of Health was involved at this point.
- Ms. Hansbury informed Mr. Mitchell that the Board of Health was contacted by the Topsfield Police Department after complaints about vandalism at the property, and the Board of Health responded to the complaint.
- Ms. Hansbury explained that the State requires that the building must be structurally safe and water-tight.
- Mr. Mitchell informed the Board that he was going to include the state statutes in the timeline, but in his opinion, the housing
 code refers to properties for human habitation and he doesn't believe the Massachusetts State Housing Code statutes pertain
 to this particular house because it is not currently habitable.
- Mr. McLaughlin informed the Board that he originally purchased the property without a pre-purchase inspection, and subsequent inspection of the brick façade indicated that power washing had damaged the structural integrity of the bricks.
- Mr. McLaughlin informed the Board that he considered demolishing the property at that time, but 'entities in Town' told him he
 could not do that. When Board Members asked if Mr. McLaughlin had approached Town Boards or Commissions with that a
 demolition request, he replied that he had not and he did not specify who the 'entities' were.

- Ms. Hansbury pointed out that each of the violations listed on the original Condemnation and Correction Order as well as the Amended Correction Order includes a reference to the applicable Massachusetts State Housing Code violation.
- Ms. Hansbury informed Mr. McLaughlin that the State mandates damaged and deteriorated buildings such as the mansion and the structures on the property must be made water tight and secure, or demolished.
- Mr. McLaughlin took issue with the description of one structure described as a kennel. Ms. Hansbury informed him that the
 structure has the attributes of a kennel, and has a hole in the floor that could be a danger.
- Mr. McLaughlin took issue with the requirement that the pool must be drained. Ms. Hansbury informed him that abandoned
 pools are required by the Northeast Massachusetts Mosquito Control to be empty, as the pool could be a breeding ground for
 mosquitoes during mosquito season.
- Mr. McLaughlin informed the Board that his plan for the property is to demolish the house and rebuild it to look the same on the outside, so he doesn't want to spend a lot of money on the issues listed in the Amended Correction Order. However, he has not, as of this meeting, submitted an application to the Building Department for demolition.
- The Board responded that future plans do not change the current situation at the property, and the items in the Amended Correction Order must be addressed.
- Mr. McLaughlin questioned the Massachusetts Housing Code citations for the violations listed in the timeline submitted. Ms.
 Hansbury informed Mr. McLaughlin that the Correction Order and Amended Correction Order contain citations from the
 Massachusetts Housing Code for each violation noted.

Chair Knutsen asked if there were further comments or questions from the public or Board Members. The Board determined that, in response to Mr. McLaughlin's concerns about the applicability of the Massachusetts Housing Code to the condition of the property and Board of Health response to the complaint at 68 River Road, Mr. McLaughlin should speak directly with a representative from the State. Ms. Hansbury will send Mr. McLaughlin the contact information for the State. Chair Knutsen called for a motion:

VOTE: Mr. Rizza made a motion that Mr. McLaughlin will work to contact the State to figure out how state regulations apply to the case as it relates to the Correction Order issued by the Health Department and come back to our Board at the next meeting.

Seconded by Ms. Lischko

After determining that there were no further comments or questions, Chair Knutsen took a roll-call vote:

Mr. Rizza - yes

Mr. Hunt – abstain

Ms. Lischko - yes

Ms. Knutsen – yes

The motion carried in a vote of 3-0-1

Mr. McLaughlin requested that Ms. Hansbury send him a copy of the Motion on October 20, 2022. Ms. Hansbury will do so along with contact information for the State.

Report from Mark Carleo

Tri Town Public Health Inspector Mark Carleo presented the following information to the Board:

Good evening, I'm Mark Carleo the environmental health specialist for the Tri-Town region.

I'd like to begin tonight by talking a little bit about what I've been doing for Topsfield and the region.

The majority of my time since starting has been taken up by Perc Testing and Soil Evaluation. Title 5 is not new to me per se, but I'm certainly not steeped in it the way Wendy has been. She's been a great teacher and I can always reach out to her for answers when something unusual comes up. I'm getting to know the engineers working in the area, and building a rapport with them. Perc testing creates an interesting challenge in scheduling other activities. You never know how long a perc test will take. I've had some that took 7 to 8 hours, and some that take 2 minutes.

I recently conducted a plan review for a replacement system serving a single family dwelling. This was my first plan review for Topsfield and I'm hoping there will be more of those. It's the only way to prepare for the inspections that come during and after the install.

In sum, I'm learning a new language, that is Title 5, and I'm looking forward to more.

Summer Inspections

We got through our summer activities, that includes pools and camps. We had no compliance issues here and inspections all went smoothly. I was able to rest easy this summer knowing that the camps and pools are well versed in health and safety requirements. That's likely due to years of outreach prior to permitting.

Food Safety

I've only taken a very early look at the FDA Program Standards for the Town. I have some ideas for where to go next that I've discussed with Wendy. This involves conducting a self assessment of where we stand with all 9 standards. There is grant money which we'll be applying for when it becomes available next fall. Once the self assessment is done we will start a comprehensive strategic improvement plan that will guide us along our path to success.

As for the food inspections, these are ongoing. My goal with the initial round of inspections is mostly to meet and greet, begin building a rapport and then I evaluate for major food safety hazards. So far, in general, I've met some wonderful people who genuinely care that the food they serve is safe. I've not had one adversarial inspection so far.

Topsfield Fair

What an event that was! We started off with applications. Booth owners provided us with applications. I reviewed these for completeness including a food protection manager certification and an allergen certification.

Next were the pre-operational inspections. Booth owners are required to get their booths opened and ready to serve in the days prior to the fair. Assisting me on these inspections is Erin Hull. She worked with us last year as well. She is an REHS, has a masters in public health from Northeastern and has years of experience in local regulatory programs. We conducted just shy of 100 pre-operational inspections. Everyone who needed an inspection, got one.

Once the fair opens, we have a goal of each booth receiving at least one inspection while operational. We believe we reached that goal as well. During our inspections, we noted some violations. I combed through the inspection reports and compiled them into categories. They are:

Improper Cooling Methods

Handwashing at improper sinks

Dirt floors

Handsink Obstructed/inaccessible

Water service turned off

Blue Boy full

Failure to wash hands

Improper hot holding temperatures

In use utensils in stagnant water

No lab report for frozen dessert machine

Waste water improperly disposed of

Unapproved menu expansion

Delta 8 offered for sale

PIC not knowledgeable

Excessive flies

When we note violations, we work with the Person in Charge of the booth to make immediate corrections whenever possible. Sometimes, that isn't possible, and a booth must be temporarily closed. This happened twice during our inspections, and fortunately was short term.

I'm still working on recommendations for next year, but one idea I thought of while sorting through the applications – There are organizations running multiple booths, 12 in one example. There is one food protection manager certified individual overseeing all 12 booths. I say no way is that possible, its beyond their manageable span of control. We want more educated food handlers. So perhaps a policy which allows multiple locations sharing a CFPM certification to do so if they provide one or two certified food handlers in each booth in return. This is an early thought, I haven't fully vetted this, but it would certainly help reduce conditions which lead to foodborne illness. Also I wanted to leave you all with some food for thought.

And with that, I'm happy to answer any questions.

Board Members thanked Mr. Carleo for his fine work and presentation.

Report from Julia Lobel RN

Tri-Town Public Health Nurse Julia Lobel RN presented the following information to the Board:



Topsfield BOH Update from Tri Town Public Health Nurse / PHE Grant

COVID update:

Thinking back to early in the pandemic, we are at the point now we talked about wanting to be in at the beginning of the pandemic.

Disease severity has lessered overall

Vaccines are readly accessible, and can now be updated to target circulating variants

Testing is readily accessible variants may confirm to a ready accessible variants may confirm to a rate, omicron (BAS strain) is the predominant strain now, which has shown to be more transmissible, but the seventy of disease continues to decrease. The SARS component of COVID will likely dictate fluxing edization. Otherwise COVID is being traded like other repriatory illnesses. COVID is not ever "going away"... COVID is here to stay with us long term and we will continue to see waves.

Over 1 million total deaths from COVID in the US, long covid continues to affect heart, lungs, and neurological

TTU / Masco Schools: Spotford Pond Elementary had its first cluster in third grade in September. The nurse used a notification process when Z cases came through in a 5 day period, then sent out additional notice provided by LBDH (just more detailed) when 30% of the class was positive. Overall, parents seemed much calimer this year with the mortelication, some parents tested sidentis when the first notice was sent without prompted more positive tests, headache and low feer was the most common complaint. Letter gives my contact into in addition to schools and I parent did reach out at night with questions and was thankful to each mice, for yelling or senseringly

Hand, Foot, and Mouth disease is going around, and have received reports from Fuller meadow in Middlel Daycare in Topsfield and Masco Middle School of several cases. Not reportable to public health, but we har been contacted about all of the cases because of the relationships we have developed through the pander Schools sent out general notifications to families.

We are back to seeing all the various / regular viruses and illnesses without the primary prevention strategies in place that were routinely used during the pandemic. IE masks, hand hygiene, social distancing, cleaning,

COVID Vaccination Updates

- COVID vaccination updates:

 OCD recommends environe stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccination, including all primary series doses and boosters for their age group.

 Inclividuals up over 6 morths of age should get all COVID-19 primary series doses.

 Individuals ages 5 years and older should get all primary series doses, and the updated BIVALENT booster dose recommended for them by CDC, if eligible.

tent Boosler was approved by the CDC and FDA 10/12/22 for pediatric 5-11 age groups. GCACC wed updated standing orders and received vaccine shipment 10/14/22 in time for use at Masco HS no clies: 123 decis uses a statistics.

Refer people to town websites for links, or direct link for clinics:

Everyone is eligible for boosters - current thought is COVID vaccines will be annual like Flu vaccine - need to determine individual risk factors for people to get vaccinated, but vaccination is a sale and wasy way to reduce the severity of the filess and reduce the spread of disease. Another bought is divariants do not mutate long term immunity may exist with vaccination and natural immunity. Still to be determined... We just don't know how long current vaccines last yet.

I created an FAQ document for distribution to health directors, schools, public safety, COA, etc. based on numerous questions I was receiving from everyone. (See attached)

MA Vaccine Data link to data:

nfo-details/massachusetts-covid-19-vaccination-data-and-updates#weekly-covid-19-mu

Tri-Town Specific Data (See attached)

Low numbers for first booster for 5-19 age group Low numbers for second booster for 50+ age group Consistency & visibility with public health outreach / clinics is important.

Senior Group Age	75+, Proportion of Town with s	econd booster dose
Bexford	19%	
Middleton	24%	
Topsfield	27%	
Senior Group Age	85-74, Proportion of Town with	second booster dose
Bexford	28%	
Middleton	31%	
Topsfield	29%	
Pediatric Group Ag	e 5-11, Proportion of Town with	booster dose
Boxford	13%	
Middleton	11%	

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Accine fallign raises concerns for the upcoming COVID & flu season and the need for boosters does exist within our communities.

We need consistent messaging from public health and community leaders, encouraging vaccines and making sites readily accessible to the public. As CVSWalgreens and PCP's are not readily available to residents in Topsfeld & Boxford, making public health sites vital. More CVS type sites are available in the Middleton area, but still imitted.

We added vaccine clinic signage to Masco HS Sign. Working on more consistent messaging through schools, COA, TTC, Town websites, etc.

Overall, towns that are part of GCACC have higher vaccination rates then those that are not part of regional community collaboratives.

Upcoming Tri-Town COVID Vaccine Clinics:
Clinics are scheduled to run through December at this time, COVID vaccine funding from the federal and state ooverment will determine CACOC future.

Bosford:
Masco High School Caleteria , 2 Friday attemoons per month Sept / Oct, 3pm to 6pm
Fin- September 15th (64 people vacconated)
Fin- September 22nd (100 people vacconated)
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Fin- October 14th (77 people vacconated)
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Fin- November 15th
Fin- December 16th

Middleton:
Fire Library, Conference rooms A&B, fourth Thursday of each month, 3pm to 6pm.
Thur -Aug 25th (17 people vaccinated)
Thur -Seg 25th (16) people vaccinated)
Thur -Seg 27th (50) people vaccinated)
Thur -Oct 27th (27) registered as of 1017)
Thur -Nox 17th
Thur -Nox 17th
Thur -Dec 27th

Topsfield:
Tonn Hall, Public Hall, third Thursday of every month, 2-5pm
Thur - August 18th (31 people vaccinated)
Thur - Sept 15th (67 people vaccinated)
Thur - Oct 20th (136 registered as of 10117)
Thur - Nov 10th
Thur - Dec 15th

nomenound residents: Topsfield 10/12/22 - 11 visits 14 COVID vaccines, 9 flu vaccines administered Boxford 10/19/22 - 3 visits 4 COVID vaccines, 2 flu vaccines administered Middleton 10/26/22 - 2 visits planned

Tri-Town Vaccine Data for Infant Group (6 months - 4 years)
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| Beverly
Salem
Lynn
Georgetown

COVID test Nas:

More free test sits have been made available to local public health - we have PLENTY!

#Health COVID self-tests expiration dates have all been extended 3-6 months and will likely be extended again based on more reacard on stability.

DPH states tests kits may be used off-label for children under 2 years

Influenza Vaccine Clinics:

minimum avoccine cultures:
Southern hemisphere is experiencing the worst flu season in the past 5 years, which should serve as a warning for the northern hemisphere.
Vaccination and primary prevention remain the best protection for both flu and COVID.

Middleton Public Health Flu Clinic Howe Manning Sat 10/15 ages 5+ (Vaccinated 60 people) Middleton Public Health School Staff_ (vaccinating 10/24 - approx 40 people)

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Topsfield Fair:

Chief Coline-Brown / Topsfield Fire department requested assistance through the Public Health Department staffing a triage table outside of the Public Safety Bullding at the Topsfield Fair. The goal was to have volunteers who would be the first point of contact and identify what the need was from the person and activate BUS if needed. The magnety of people that come to the table on the reper EMS. The was done last public was very haphazard, not fully staffed, as there were a lot of moving parts at the fair, especially during a pendernic. Last year there was a vaccination outsides both in the trade center and many volunteers related to the and produce the staffed of the staffed of the staffed outside the staffed of the staffed outside the s

Topsfield Health Department is looking for MRC and student volunteers to assist at the Triage Station at the Topsfield Fair. This role will support the Topsfield Frie Department and Topsfield Police Department by offensi

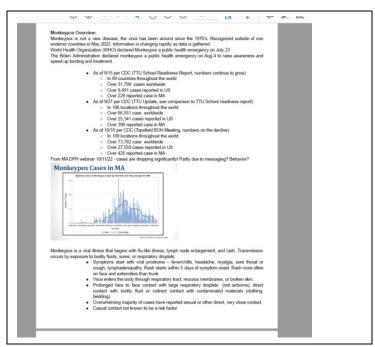












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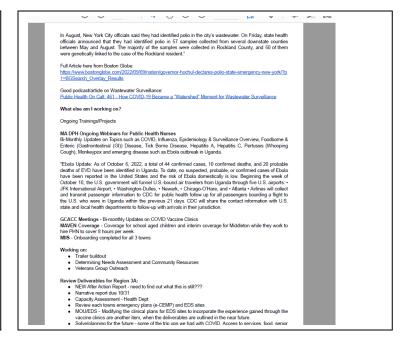
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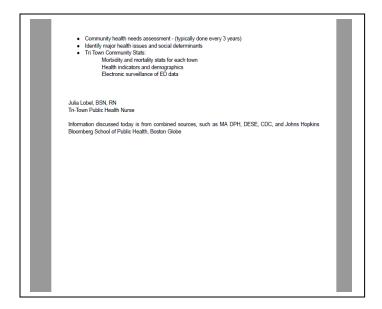
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The Board thanked Ms. Lobel for her hard work and comprehensive report.

MEETING MINUTES

September 21, 2022

Chair Knutsen asked the Board Members if there were any corrections/comments/questions regarding the Meeting Minutes of September 21, 2022. There were none.

VOTE: Mr. Rizza made a motion to accept the Meeting Minutes of September 21, 2022 as written. Seconded by Ms. Lischko. After determining that there was no further discussion, Chair Knutsen called for a roll-call vote.

Rizza – yes

Lischko – yes

Hunt - yes

Knutsen - yes

The motion was approved in a vote of 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

PHE and ARPA Grants

Director Hansbury reported the following:

- The first quarter PHE Reporting has been accepted.
- A Tablet and software for food inspections have been purchased with PHE funds.

- The Tri-Town agreement requesting Middleton to add Mark Carleo as an employee will be heard by the Middleton Select Board on November 1, 2022.
- ARPA funds have been approved for the landfill irrigation well and it is hoped that they will also be used for any repairs
 required for the irrigation system when it is tested in the Spring of 2023.
- Information on the use of ARPA funds may be found on the Topsfield town website at <u>www.topsfield-ma.gov</u>.

Landfill

- Charles Rollins Well Drilling Company of Boxford, MA has been awarded the well drilling project at the landfill.
- The irrigation system will be tested in the Spring of 2023 to determine if/where repairs will be required.
- The post-closure Landfill Monitoring Plan included changing flares to passive vents.
- The application to DEP to remove private well testing on Wilmor Road from the monitoring plan and change the location of the groundwater monitoring wells was submitted in January, 2022. It has taken an unusually long time for a response and the possibility exists that it is being held up at DEP due to future regulations on PFAS testing.

Trash Information

- The next meeting of the Trash Committee will be November 4, 2022. Because Ms. Hansbury will have left Topsfield, she has
 asked Conservation Agent Heidi Gaffney to attend the meeting, and she requested that a Board of Health member attend as
 well.
- The Town is hoping to extend the existing JRM/Republic contract by one year.
- The online Compost ticket program has been successful. The compost facility will close for the season in mid-November.
- 'Trash' will remain a standing Agenda item.

NEW BUSINESS

Board of Health Chair Sheryl Knutsen RN to be Honored

Chair Sheryl Knutsen has been awarded the 2022 Curtis H. Hilliard Award from the MHOA. The Topsfield Board of Health nominated Ms. Knutsen for her many years of service to the Town of Topsfield as well as the greater Public Health and Public Health Emergency Preparedness communities. Ms. Knutsen will be honored at the MHOA Meeting during the week of November 24, 2022. Board Members congratulated Ms. Knutsen on this prestigious award.

Health Director Wendy Hansbury REHS/RS Resignation

Ms. Hansbury announced to the Board that as of October 14, 2022, she has submitted a letter of resignation to Town Administrator Kevin Harutunian. The Board expressed regret at this news, but wished Ms. Hansbury well in her new position in Manchester-By-The-Sea.

Financial Update

- Board Members reviewed Revenue since the September 21, 2022 meeting in the amount of \$31,045.15. Of this, \$17,380.00 was due to Fair food permits and \$8,828.00 was due to COVID vaccine reimbursement.
- Board Members review bills paid since the September 21, 2022 Meeting.
- The Board extended thanks to Mark Rizza for his continued assistance with the finances related to vaccine reimbursement.

Topsfield Elementary Schools Teacher-Parent Organization (TESTPO) Request for Temporary Food Permit Fee Waiver

The Board reviewed a temporary food permit application and letter requesting a fee waiver from TESTPO for the Trunk or Treat event on October 29, 2022. They will be selling bagged popcorn. The Board determined that, due to the fact that the organization is a registered 501 c3 charitable organization, they meet the criteria for a fee waiver.

VOTE: Mr. Hunt made a motion to grant a fee waiver for the Temporary Food Permit for TESTPO for the Trunk or Treat event on October 29, 2022. Seconded by Ms. Lischko. After determining that there were no further questions or comments, Chair Knutsen called for a roll-call vote:

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Rizza – yes
Lischko – yes
Hunt – yes
Knutsen – yes
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The motion was approved in a vote of 4-0.

FY24 Budget Planning

Health Director Hansbury reported the following:

- Ms. Hansbury extended thanks to Mr. Rizza for his assistance with the FY24 Budget.
- The Board of Health now has two Capital items: the Emergency Preparedness Trailer and the LED Mobile Sign
- The FY24 Budget season will get underway mid-November.
- Grant salaried positions must be accounted for in the FY24 Budget Narrative.
- Mr. Hunt offered to present a request for a Board of Health Revolving Fund to the Select Board for FY24 consideration.

HEALTH DIRECTOR REPORT

- Health Director Hansbury responded with Fire Chief Jenifer Collins-Brown to a housing/hoarding/elderly situation at 13 Ross Road. The elderly residents were transported to the hospital. Ms. Hansbury and Julia Lobel RN will be following up with the Senior At-Risk Task Force.
- The next reporting for the PHE Grant deliverables will be in December, 2022.
- Meetings continue with Department Heads, Public Safety Committee, 3A Coalition, GCACC.
- The FY22 Annual Report is underway.
- Building permit reviews, Title 5 Inspection Report reviews, soil testing, system installations and repairs continue.
- The Inspectional Services Department has hired a new Administrative Assistant.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board of Health has received the Chapter 40B Comprehensive Permit Application that was submitted to the
Zoning Board of Appeals for 10 High Street. The binder is available for public review at the Board of Health office
and is posted on the Zoning Board of Appeals web page on the Town website at www.topsfield-ma.gov.

ADJOURN

VOTE: Mr. Hunt made a motion to adjourn at 9:40 pm. Seconded by Mr. Rizza. Chair Knutsen called for a roll-call vote:

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Rizza – yes
Hunt – yes
Lischko – ves
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Knutsen – yes

The motion was approved in a vote of 4-0 and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Susan Winslow.

Per the Open Meeting Law, the documents that were either distributed to the Board of Health before the meeting or introduced at the meeting were:

- October 19, 2022 Agenda
- September 21, 2022 Meeting Minutes
- 69 Parsonage Lane: Letter from Christopher Erickson requesting Variance for Irrigation Well
- Topsfield Board of Health Regulations Chapter R:1 Rules and Regulations relative to the installation and maintenance of private well water supply
- 68 River Road: Amended Correction Order dated September 14, 2022
- 68 River Road: Timeline submitted by Bill Mitchell of Clean Soils
- 68 River Road: map of buildings submitted by Bill Mitchell of Clean Soils
- Report: Julia Lobel RN
- Report: Mark Carleo
- Nomination of Sheryl Knutsen RN for Curtis H. Hilliard Award 2022
- Letter of Resignation Health Director Wendy Hansbury REHS/RS
- Letter requesting Fee Waiver from TESTPO
- TESTPO Temporary Food Permit Application for Trunk or Treat Event
- Bill Lists
- Revenue Sheet

These Meeting Minutes were approved at the November 16, 2022 Board of Health Meeting.

Pursuant to the 'Open Meeting Law,' G.L. 39, § 23B, the approval of these minutes by the Committee constitutes a certification of the date, time and place of the meeting, the members present and absent, and the actions taken at the meeting. Any other description of statements made by any person, or the summary of the discussion of any matter, is included for the purpose of context only, and no certification, express or implied, is made by the Committee as to the completeness or accuracy of such statements.