

Town of Shelburne

Board of Health

Meeting Minutes

February 22, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 9:11 a.m. on Monday February 22, 2021, by member Ron Kelter. The meeting was held via Zoom due to the Coronavirus- COVID-19 Pandemic.

Board of Health Members Present: Ron Kelter, - Chair, Jody Stetson, Fred Vohr (Fritz)

Others Present: Randy Crochier (CPHS Health Agent), Jennifer Morse (BOH Clerk), Phoebe Walker, Tracey Rogers, Anna Meyer.

Minutes – February 8, 2021

A motion was made by Jody and seconded by Fritz to approve the meeting minutes of February 8, 2021, as corrected. VOTE 3-0

COVID-19

Phoebe and Tracey joined the meeting to discuss the Mohawk Clinic and the reasoning for the numerous calls to the Board of Health and Town line from residents outside Franklin County about the Mohawk Clinic. A “robot” picked up the available appointment slots and all persons registered except for 15 were from outside Franklin County. The staff was able to work quickly to cancel the clinic and get a new link for Franklin County residents which booked in a two-hour time frame. There has been a shortage of vaccines and FRCOG has set aside 150 does for the Greenfield Clinic which was 300 shorts. There are two clinics coming up in Bernardston and Montague both will be posted to the frcog.org website after vaccines have been verified with a private link. Phoebe said that Thursday mornings are a good day for residents to search for vaccine availability on the state sites. Messaging should relate for people to be patient. Those 15 residents who had successfully signed up for the mohawk clinic and were then cancelled will be rescheduled and put to the top of the wait list if they did not get an appointment. Those who signed up for Mohawk outside the county were contacted via email that the appointment was cancelled there is no need to contact them. Locals should be called back and given information on how to sign up. There is a COVID roundtable at 4 p.m. and there will a lot of updating and discussion about vaccines.

Phoebe and Tracy left the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

Ron shared his concern that he was not getting the FRCOG situation reports or did not see them in his email. When he was contacted over the weekend about the Mohawk Clinic residents were upset and frustrated with the system.

Jody shared her concern that clinics now needed to be able to distribute 750 vaccines per day to be open.

COVID cases remain unchanged at two in the last two weeks, both people from the same household.

Health Agent Updates

Anna Meyer joined the meeting to discuss her project “Franklin County Community Fridge” which is a mutual aid project putting fridges into public areas. She explained that these are popping up in cities and towns. Keystone has given permission to put a weather protected fridge on property. Signage will be very clear as to what foods are allowable and COVID protocols will be apparent. Anyone can donate and take food from the fridge, and it will be open 24/7. Residents will not have to prove financial eligibility and the program will run with volunteers they are partnering with Common Good. It will be the first fridge in

Franklin County and will be permitted. There was question about Zoning and Building Permits. Randy recommended that the board move forward with allowing the project.

A motion was made by Jody and seconded by Fritz to fully back the project with the only concern being location and permitting. Vote: 3-0

Anna will follow up with Randy as she moves forward to permit the project.
Anna left the meeting at 9:42 a.m.

There was further discussion on how to contact residents who had called the Board of Health number about vaccines. Jenn highlighted and sent the list of voicemail calls to all Board members. There was further discussion on how to reach the most vulnerable seniors in Town, Randy recommended getting the list to the Senior Center and local Church to help with outreach. The LifePath number is also a good resource for assistance for seniors especially the homebound.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 a.m. Vote: 3-0

Submitted:

Jennifer Morse
Board of Health Clerk
February 23, 2021