

Thursday, March 16, 2023

Via Zoom

Agenda

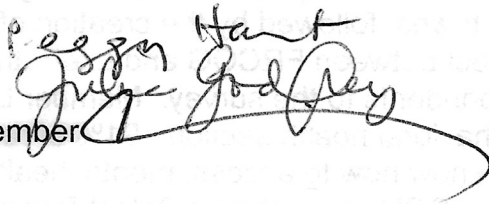
1. Open the meeting
2. Review/approve February minutes
3. Review/process mail, email, and website
4. Health Agent Report
5. Age-Friendly report; Link to info:
<https://lifepathma.org/resources/age-and-dementia-friendly-program>
6. Opioid dollars
7. COVID-19: Cases, updates, regs/guidance
8. Any other items not reasonably anticipated by Chairman 48 hours prior to meeting
9. Public Comment.
10. Adjourn the meeting.

Attendees

Peggy Hart, chair

Julia Godfrey, member

Carmela Lanza-Weil, member



Items

1. Chair Peggy Hart opened the meeting at 4:02 pm
2. Minutes of the February 16th, 2023 meeting were reviewed. Member Carmela Lanza-Weil moved to approve the minutes; member Julia Godfrey seconded; all voted in favor.
3. Mail and Communications
 - Chair Hart reported she had forwarded some voicemails to Randy Crochier at CPHS
 - Member Godfrey reported there has been a lot of email, much of which is about house inspections, etc. and needs to be forwarded to Randy. Is it possible to develop some kind of boiler-plate response that directs email inquiries to CPHS, and/or rotate roles amongst the BOH members? This would have the added

benefit of everyone on the board seeing what's coming in as business. Going forward, in order to provide timely responses to inquiries, member Godfrey will check email on weekends, and member Lanza-Weil will check during the week. Information will be added to the webpage to direct relevant inquiries directly to CPHS.

- Member Lanza-Weil reported on conversations with Town Administrator Heather Butler about posting on the BOH's page on the town website. As the mask mandate has expired, members agreed that information can now be removed, and a link provided to the CDC website for ongoing COVID-19 guidance. Events will be removed once they are over. A FYI section will be developed for "forever" items, i.e., well water testing, link to FRCOG website, etc. Information will be provided to explain the relationship between Buckland's BOH, FRCOG and CPHS.
- Member Lanza-Weil did some filing into an empty file drawer in the office.
- BOH members are still searching for minutes recorded by previous BOH members.

4. Health Agent Report

Neither Randy Crochier nor Kurt Schellenberg were in attendance.

Member Lanza-Weil will attend the CPHS meeting on March 23, 2023.

5. Age-Friendly report

Member Lanza-Weil attended the Buckland Select Board meeting when a presentation was made about the Age-Friendly report, which is focused on how to make Franklin County more supportive to residents as they age and wish to stay at home. This is a multi-part project, starting with the survey, then presentations to towns, followed by the creation of recommendations. It is a cooperative project between FRCOG and LifePath. There were a small number of Buckland respondents to the survey. Member Lanza-Weil was particularly struck by the behavioral health section: 91% of respondents indicated a lack of access, or don't know how to access, mental health services. This is an opportunity for the BOH, more than a Select Board issue, and member Lanza-Weil encouraged BOH members to read the report and discuss it at the next meeting. Member Godfrey commented this would be a good conversation to have with the Senior Center leadership.

6. Opioid dollars

Following a CPHS presentation to the Select Board, the next step is recommendations from the BOH for expenditures. Buckland will receive \$12,000, which will be established in a separate fund. \$6,000 has been received by the town, with the balance to come. Suggestions included:

- Partner with other towns (Shelburne, Colrain, Ashfield ...)
- Education at the elementary school level
- Increase supply and training of Narcan
- Consult with Phoebe at CPHS to learn what's already in place that could be supported

- Add to the agenda of the next BOH meeting, which will be after the March 27th CPHS meeting when more details will be shared
7. COVID-19: Cases, updates, regs/guidance
There was no report received from Maureen, though it is clear little about positive tests is being reported publicly. There is a vaccination clinic on March 25th
 8. Any other items not reasonably anticipated by Chairman 48 hours prior to meeting
Herb Guyette will come to the April BOH meeting to discuss emergency and medical response.
 9. Public Comment
There were no public comments
 10. Adjourn the meeting
Member Lanza-Weil moved to adjourn the meeting; member Godfrey seconded the motion; all voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 4:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Alison Cornish, Boards Clerk