The regular meeting of the Board of Health was held on Tuesday, July 28, 2020. Michael LaFever, Chairman; Adrienne DeSantis, Secretary; Carolyn Rogowski-Duarte, Member; and Andrea Crete, Health Agent were present. Minutes are being recorded by LCTV video and are being transcribed from the video. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Mr. LaFever. **This meeting was held during the 2020 COVID-19 outbreak.**

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Board members signed the meeting minutes of July 14, 2020.

Board members signed departmental bills.

Health Agent Report

Ms. Crete discussed with the Board that the nurses have returned to full time. The nurses are increasing compliance checks in local businesses. One of the main complaints is stores like Pride and Cumberland Farms allowing self-serve drinks. It has been witnessed at Pride on several occasions and brought to the managers attention. The store still will not comply and the owner was issued a $300.00 fine. The State is currently taking action against Cumberland Farms. Board members have seen numerous complaints spoken about on social media. The Board of Health will not take complaints in that fashion. All complaints must be addressed directly to the office or to the Massachusetts Dept. of Public Health.

There was discussion of the nurses performing site visits in the schools. Kristen Bunten is the Director of Nurses for the schools. Ms. Bunten has contacted this office and is taking full responsibility for COVID compliance in the schools. Any complaints will be forwarded to her.

The Board of Selectmen have approved inhouse appointments for pedicure services. Ms. Crete discussed with the Board a temporary increase in cost for patients. This is due to the increase in supplies needed for each appointment. Ms. Crete would like to increase from $15 to $30 for residents and $20 to $40 for nonresidents. Ms. Rogowski asked what would happen if a person could not afford this amount. Ms. Crete explained that people have other options to have a pedicure done. Ms. Rogowski thought that the increase was a little much since the fee was raised within the past year. Ms. DeSantis would like an increase to $25 and $35 respectively. Motion made by Ms. DeSantis to temporarily increase the rates to $25 for residents and $35 for nonresidents. This increase would be only during the COVID pandemic. Seconded by Ms. Rogowski. All in favor 3-0.

Ms. Crete discussed the possibility of charging town employees/departments $10 for a TB test. Currently we lose about $400 per year in providing the Fire Department with the test for free. It currently costs about $10 per test for the Tubersol. The fee would only be to cover the cost of the medicine. Board members will table this topic to a future meeting.

Jose Pereira, 224 Holy Cross Circle, came to meet with the Board regarding a complaint received. The complainant states Mr. Pereira is slaughtering animals in his yard at 12:00am-1:00am causing a lot of noise. It also states that there are chickens and roosters. Mr. Pereira has received a special permit from the Board for 10 chickens and 10 rabbits. Mr. Pereira currently has 3 rabbits and 13 chickens. Six of the chickens will be removed in the upcoming month. Ms. Crete informed the complainant that a noise complaint at that time of night should be forwarded to the Police. Ms. Crete performed an inspection of the property and found no odors, no flies, and no staining of where the animals are being processed. All the animals on the property look healthy. The cages are clean. The complaint is not validated at this time. On occasion, the homeowner will bring in a pig or goat. Those animals are not being housed on the property. Board members do not feel this is in violation of the special permit. No action will be taken at this time. Ms. Crete will send letters to both parties.

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Motion made by Ms. Rogowski to adjourn the meeting with Ms. DeSantis seconding the motion. All in favor 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Adrienne DeSantis

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Secretary