The regular meeting of the Board of Health was held on Wednesday, January 26, 2022. Michael LaFever, Chairman; Adrienne DeSantis, Secretary and Andrea Crete, Health Agent were present. Kelly Lamas, Member was absent. Minutes are being recorded by LCTV video and are being transcribed from the video. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mr. LaFever.

The meeting was joined by Angela Kramer, Public Health Nurse.

Ms. Kramer provided the Board with COVID updates. From 1/1/22 – 1/26/22 there have been 1508 cases. Ms. Kramer provided the following breakdown for the number of cases:

- <10 years old – 130 cases
- 11-19 years old – 208 cases
- 20-29 years old – 259 cases
- 30-39 years old – 270 cases
- 40-49 years old – 210 cases
- 50-59 years old – 248 cases
- 60-69 years old – 102 cases
- 70-94 years old – 81 cases

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Of the 1508 cases, 871 were vaccinated. There were 3 deaths from COVID within the town during this time.

Ms. Kramer is starting to see a downward trend in the number of cases. Currently there is a lot of stress on mask wearing after the 5 days of required quarantining. Derek Debarge, Selectman, spoke with Ms. Kramer about the possibility of a testing site being located in Ludlow. Ms. DeSantis thinks it would be a good idea. Ms. Crete asked that the Chairman and herself be involved with any upcoming meetings or decisions about the testing site.

Ms. DeSantis asked if Ms. Kramer has seen any of the new variants in the data from DPH. Ms. Kramer stated that information on the newest variants has not been in MAVEN.

The meeting was joined by Melissa McArdle, owner of Antrim Cosmetic Tattooing. According to the town Body Art Regulations, any new practitioners must show proof of a 2-year apprenticeship when they apply for a license. There was a license that was issued for a new practitioner that did not show proof of the apprenticeship. There is also a recent application that has been submitted without the 2 years' experience. Both of these applicants work for Ms. McArdle. Massachusetts does not regulate body art establishments or practitioners. It is left up to Local Boards of Health. The State does provide model regulations for the local boards. In the model regulations, there is no requirement of a 2-year apprenticeship needed. Ms. Crete would like to amend the Town of Ludlow Body Art Regulations (Section 12E #5) to include language to allow someone with no experience to work under a licensed owner. Board members would decide the number of hours required. Ms. DeSantis feels that if the word apprentice is used, there would have to be written parameters. Ms. DeSantis would like to change the language to "supervision under a licensed clinician with at least 2-years' experience" for a certain number of hours. Ms. DeSantis recommends 100 hours. An applicant could also furnish a letter from a former employer stating that the applicant worked 100 hours when applying. Board members agree to amending the current regulations to "supervision under a licensed clinician with at

least 2-years' experience for a period of 100 hours". A letter of recommendation would come from the clinician to verify that the time was complete. Ms. McArdle is willing to work with the new applicants to obtain the 100 hours of experience. Ms. Crete will revise the regulations for approval at the next meeting.

Ms. Crete spoke of the purchasing of Covid test kits. The Selectmen approved the purchase of 1 pallet of test kits. Mr. LaFever asked when these would be received. Ms. Crete feels that with the availability of residents to order free kits online, along with health insurance reimbursing for kits purchased in-store, it would be best to wait on ordering the test kits. Board members agree with waiting on ordering the test kits. If Covid case counts begin to trend upwards, this will be revisited.

There is a request from Antonio & Maria Eusebio, 90 Letendre Avenue, to house up to 8 chickens on their property. Ms. Crete does not see any reason to not allow for the chickens. The Animal Inspector will be going to perform an inspection of the property. Motion made by Ms. DeSantis to allow for up to 8 chickens pending the outcome of the inspection. Seconded by Mr. LaFever. All in favor 2-0. A letter will be sent to the homeowner upon approval.

There was a letter received from Fred Pereira, Town Collector. The mobile home park located at 229 Miller Street was sold in June 2021. Normally the trailer bills are processed at the end of each month. The June bill was mistakenly left off the municipal lien certificate during the sale of the park. Mr. Pereira is asking for the Board to abate bill #689 in the amount of $984.00 in the name of KFF Asset Management LLC as uncollectable. Motion made by Ms. DeSantis to abate bill #689 in the amount of $984.00 for KFF Asset Management LLC as uncollectable. Seconded by Mr. LaFever. All in favor 2-0.

Motion made by Ms. DeSantis to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m. with Mr. LaFever seconding the motion. All in favor 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Adrienne DeSantis
Secretary

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