



**Town of Southborough
Board of Health**
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Minutes of the Southborough Board of Health

Meeting Minutes

February 14, 2023 – Board of Health – Hybrid Meeting – McAuliffe Meeting Room (Town House - 17 Common Street) & Virtual – 9:30 am

Present:

Board Members Chelsea Malinowski, Dr. Safdar Medina, Nancy Sacco; Public Health Director, Dr. Heather Alker; Public Health Nurse, Taylor West; Business Administrator, Barbara Spiri

Opening:

The meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 9:33 AM by Ms. Malinowski.

Topic: Public Comments

Discussion: Public comments were not brought before the Board.

Topic: Approval of Minutes from the 1/17/23 and 1/30/23 Meetings

Action: Ms. Malinowski made a motion to accept the minutes from the 1/17/23 and 1/30/23 meetings as amended. Dr. Medina seconded the motion. 2-0 - All in favor.

Topic: New Interim Tobacco Inspector – Marissa Morello

Action: Ms. Malinowski made a motion to approve the hiring of Ms. Morello as the Interim Tobacco Inspector through June 2023. Dr. Medina seconded the motion. 2-0 - All in favor.

Topic: Tobacco Violations

Discussion: Dr. Alker informed the Board there are currently 2 establishments with tobacco violations. One has a 3-day suspension with a \$1,000 fine and the other 7 day suspension and a \$2,000 fine.

Topic: Northborough-Southborough Substance Abuse Coalition

Discussion: Their goal of the group, with help from many sectors in the two towns, is to help decrease substance abuse.

Topic: Melanoma

Discussion: Ms. West said sunscreen dispensers will be placed around the town in high volume areas between the spring and fall. They will be a mobile station for events in town. They will also

be placed at Fayville Park, Neary's tennis and pickleball and tennis courts, and Finn's tennis court & baseball field. The Health Department is partnering with DPW to keep the dispensers full. Money from the MetroWest grant is being used to fund the project.

Topic: Best Practice Grant

Discussion: The Collins Center will be conducting interviews and deliver a recommendation at a public Board of Health meeting.

Topic: Capacity Assessment

Discussion: On Monday, March 6, 2023, the State will hold a Zoom presentation on their findings from the data they gathered from Health Departments across the Commonwealth.

Topic: Algonquin Turf Field

Discussion: On 1/30/23, the Southborough BOH met with the Northborough BOH and the School's Team and heard an informative presentation about the proposed new turf for the Algonquin field.

Action: **Ms. Malinowski made a motion the Southborough Board of Health approve to support and move forward with the turf project at Algonquin. Ms. Sacco seconded the motion. 3-0 - All in favor.**

Topic: Isabella Caruso – Shared Services Coordinator

Discussion: Ms. Caruso, Regional Epidemiologist, will now be the Shared Services Coordinator for the Greater Boroughs. She will be available to write grants and assist with programs.

Topic: Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, March 14, 2023 – BOH Meeting - Hybrid – 11:30 am

Saturday, March 25, 2023 – Annual Town Meeting – 1:00 pm

Tuesday, April 11, 2023 – BOH Meeting – Hybrid – 9:30 am

Tuesday, May 23, 2023 – BOH Meeting – Hybrid – 9:30 am

Ms. Malinowski made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 am. Ms. Sacco seconded the motion. 3-0 – All in favor.

Respectively submitted by Barbara Spiri, Business Administrator and edited by Chelsea Malinowski.

Documents:

Preliminary Scope for the Town of Southborough for a Public Health Regionalization Assessment