

MINUTES of the Foothills Health District Board Meeting May 13, 2022

Present: Tom Martin, Fran Fortino, Robby Armenti, Mike Archbald, Mike Kurland, Mark Bushee and Donna Gibson.

Meeting began at 10:02 AM

1. Minutes of the meeting of April 22, 2022 we accepted unanimously.
2. MA reported on COVID cases in towns: Goshen: 4, Whately: 5, Westhampton: 7, and Williamsburg: 8.
RA brought up concerns about people experiencing “long COVID.”
MA talked about functions PHN could start doing in towns such as BP clinics to make people aware of his role even if only to listen to their medical concerns then to be a resource for referring them to help. The Board discussed supplies needed for privacy in town spaces (sound-proof screens, e.g.) and equipment like a sphygmomanometer and stethoscope.
3. Personnel Policy: FF is sending around the last draft for Board members to be able to vote to finalize it at the next meeting if agreed.
4. MB reported: Still working on scanning records process/pricing, finding best option of companies; cost likely between \$50,000 & \$60,000. Need to coordinate funds with the grant specifics. He is working with Gina McN. on permitting camps. Mosquito spraying opt-outs done for all towns. Another person applied for the health inspector position, R. P.; MB will send around his resume to all. We need to look into how to cover current higher gas prices with travel compensation.
5. Town updates: DG brought up coming town meetings with needed precautions; she needs to find a third-party inspector for Burgy’s closed old wood waste landfill, suggestions given.
6. Elections of officers done with Donna Gibson remaining “clerk” (TM/FF) and Fran Fortino being “chair” (RA/DG) and Robby Armenti being “pro tem chair” if needed. All passed unanimously with FF abstaining on vote for chair.
7. Next meeting to be in-person June 22, 2022 at 5:30 PM at the Williamsburg Town Office possibly outside with a time for recognizing Tom Martin’s ending his term as the Board Chair after a very long, busy, grueling and dedicated term due to the pandemic

Meeting ended at 11:45 AM.

Submitted by D. Gibson