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BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

Agawam Town Hall, Health Department

36 Main Street

June 14, 2023 at 4:15 P.M.

Roll Call – Present were Chairwoman Gladys Fernandez—Largay, Mary Lee Bertrand, Lauren Kennedy Health Agent, Pam Franco Acting Health Nurse and Michelle Day Administrative Assistant. Member Vice Chairwoman Mary Jo Stafford is excused.

Handouts- Information for Rental Property Owners & Occupants, Immunizations Non-Compliance Letter

Meeting called to order: 4:19 pm

Citizen Speak Time –None present

Approval of April Meeting Minutes –Gladys Fernandez-Largay motion to approve, unanimous approval for those who are present.

New Business

- Housing Code Changes - Health Agent Kennedy shared that the State adopted a revision of the Housing Code and she has begun using the new code in her enforcement orders. Included in the revision are updated guidelines for pest control and mold. The state put together guidance documents for owners and occupants on Mass.gov. These documents can support occupants and landlords on how to improve situations when it comes to leaks and moisture. Additionally, if the bathroom or area of the home has natural ventilation that is not enough to remove moisture, then the landlord may be responsible for adding mechanical ventilation (e.g. exhaust fan).

Old Business

- Health Department Staff – Lauren Kennedy has accepted the position of Health Agent effective July 1, 2023. Pam Franco has become interim Community Nurse while Sherry Petrucci is out on medical leave. Health Agent Kennedy stated that the new Sanitarian position will be posted once the budget has been approved by the city council.



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- Six Flags Season Opening – Waterpark opened in May 2023; Health Agent Kennedy inspected (4) four filter rooms that service the bodies of water located at the park. One section of the park, the Bonzai area (waterslide), will be decommissioned and at this time, there are no plans for what will be going in that area. Official plans must be submitted for approval for any future changes. Health Agent Kennedy did the food inspections for the water park area, there was one food stall that had no shutters and/or coverings for the windows. Shutters will be added to this area this summer and Health Agent Kennedy stated that she would be following up on this matter. Health Agent Kennedy also discussed how there must be a proper seal on the windows (e.g. weather stripping) to prevent entrance of insects and pests. Additional areas in the park need window coverings as well and hopes Six Flags will add to their capital plan for next year.

School Nurse Activities

- Staffing – Pam Franco informed the board that they are fully staffed with the exception of Pam’s school nurse position at the Doering Middle School. The full time float who was hired in February is currently filling the spot at Doering Middle School and will take that school nurse position for the 23-24 school year. Will still need to hire a float nurse for 23 -24 school year and are seeking to hire an additional sub nurse to alleviate agency use.
- Updated Nursing Forms –New PE/Immunization form updated and approved by Superintendent and school Principals in an effort to gain compliance. The Nurses are to make and Document (3) three attempts to gain compliance prior to the letter being sent with the Principal signature.

Public Health Nurse Activities

- End of Covid State of Emergency – 5/11/23; universal facemask use for all individuals including Health Care Provider terminated. Health Care Provider/Urgent care for testing recommended PPE. The Government will no longer be providing Covid Test Kits.
- Blood Pressure Clinics at Senior Center – Pam Franco would like to resume the blood pressure clinics on the 2nd and 4th Thursday in July, 2023 at the Agawam Senior Center.

Adjournment- Gladys Fernandez-Largay motion to adjourn; unanimous vote to adjourn at 5:15pm.



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