

**Town of Mansfield**  
**Board of Health**  
**July 8, 2021 Minutes**

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Mission Statement: The mission of the Mansfield Board of Health is to protect, preserve and improve the public health, environment and wellbeing of our citizens through the enforcement of federal, state and local statutes and regulations, education and promotion of sanitary living and working conditions, and protection of the environment from disease and pollution.

**Present:** Antonia Blinn; Chair, Michael Healey, Leah Gillespie, Graham Wilson, Amy Donovan-Palmer; Health Agent

**Guests:** None

**I. Meeting Called to Order**

The meeting of the Board of Health (BOH) was called to order at 6:06pm by Antonia Blinn.

**II. Moment of Silence**

Moment of silence was observed for past Board of Health member, John Chartier

**III. Consent Agenda**

- Motion to approve the consent agenda made by Ms. Gillespie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Wilson.
  - VOTE 4-0 Passes

**IV. Acceptance of Minutes**

May 20, 2021

- Motion to approve the minutes from May 20, 2021, made by Mr. Healey, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Gillespie.
  - VOTE 4-0 passes

June 3, 2021

- Vote on meeting minutes from June 3, 2021 postponed until next Board of Health meeting.

**V. Xfinity Center**

Kevin Duquette is still Food Safety Inspector

Xfinity opens this upcoming Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup>

Amy states there is still work to be done at Xfinity Center, but they have a good plan in place. Xfinity used to have over 100 food permits, but that has been consolidated down to 5.

Amy is performing inspections of food trucks at Xfinity Center in conjunction with Mansfield Fire Department.

**VI. COVID-19 Updates/Community EMS Program Updates**

**Chief Desrosiers Update**

- Chief Desrosiers not present at meeting, report provided electronically.
- No current cases in Mansfield.
- Mansfield vaccination rates are above state averages.
- Mike Healey would like too previous years data alongside current data on Program Report
- Antonia Blinn commented that with the summer, it is important to think about ticks and mosquitoes
- Amy commented that discussions about sun safety would be beneficial
- Family Fun Night – there will be a Board of Health booth

## VII. Liaison to Select Board

- No Update

## VIII. Food Establishment Violations

- Food inspection contract has been put out to bid; Kevin Duquette has been re-upped for 2 years.
- Mike Healey states that due to the progress with COVID and relaxing of guidelines that it is time to consider having food safety violators appear before the Board of Health in person again.

## IX. Housing Inspections

- One minor situation that was closed out today (July 8, 2021)

## X. Jail Diversion Program

- MPD reached out to gain Board of Health support for a grant for which they are applying.
- Grant application requires local Board of Health to provide letter of support.
- Mike Healey has aided MPD in the past, and likes the program ideas

## XI. Milk & Cream Permit Removal

- Question came up as to whether the milk & cream permit on the books is necessary anymore
- Mike states the permit goes back a long time to when there were more concerns around pasteurization, and that the permit no longer seems necessary.

## XII. Department Updates

- FOG – Amy reached out to Chipotle, heard from Jeff at Elge plumbing. Jeff wanted water tested to see actual level of FOG in trap. Test allows 100 mg/L, and Amy states test results showed 3400mg/L.
- PFAS – None
- Social Media – Health Department has a new page regarding water fluoridation on the website. Kayley made graphics for it. Kayley will be at Family Fun night. She wants to get a survey up and wants to set up a QR code to make it easy for people to access the survey.
- EEE/WNV and Bristol County Mosquito Control Update – Arbovirus reports have begun. Amy is planning to provide information about EEE/WNV, ticks, etc., at Family Fun Night.
- Family Fun Night – Health Department will have a booth and will be providing information regarding mosquito and tick-borne illnesses as well as other important health information.
- Grant Applications
  - Amy is working with Easton, Foxboro, Norton and Sharon on a grant to secure regional inspectors for housing and food safety (1 housing inspector, 1 food safety inspector). Mike asks if we are planning on training people about the food code. Amy states that providing training on specific topics would be a good idea, and that Foxboro has put on a training for people in the aforementioned towns. Mike asks if Kevin Duquette will continue to be using e-reporting on his inspections as part of this. Amy states that the Easton Health Agent also uses an e-reporting system that works quite well. With online permitting for food permits, comes online reporting.
  - DPH Grant – Grant is about contact tracing for COVID, Amy states the state is building infrastructure in case of another pandemic to find epidemiologists and public health nurses. The Police Chief has a spot for people at MPD. The grant application has been submitted. Antonia states this helps towns to improve public health

services. Mansfield has had a great spot in doing contact tracing.

- Toxic Use Reduction Institute – Builds off SAPHE grant. Focuses on toxic item use reduction. Amy is working with Rick Ribstein on this grant. The grant focuses on having educational opportunities to discuss toxic use reduction. This can be done first with a survey that can be used to provide follow-up education. Antonia asked how many people in town use private wells for drinking water. Amy states about 150 people. Antonia states that is a group worth reaching out to regarding toxic use reduction.

**XIII. Visitor Comments**

No visitors or pre-submitted questions or comments.

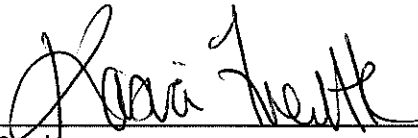
**XIV. Items not known 48 hours prior**

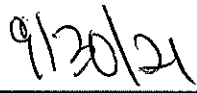
No items

**XV. Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn at 7:12pm made by Mr. Healey, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Wilson.

**VOTE 4-0 PASSED**

  
Clerk

  
Date